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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL), SAC, OMAHA, AND SAC, KANSAS CITY  
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 2)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE OMAHA TELETYPE APRIL NINETEEN, LAST, AND SPRINGFIELD  
 TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

RE EARL EVERETT RAY (DECEASED).

████████████████████ C.B.&Q. RAILROAD, GALESBURG,  
 ILLINOIS, STATED REVIEW OF EMPLOYMENT FILES LISTED FILE ON  
 EARL EVERETT RAY, SUBJECT'S UNCLE, ONE SIX FOUR SOUTH ACADEMY  
 STREET, GALESBURG, ILL. HE SHOWED A PREVIOUS ADDRESS OF ONE  
 TWO EIGHT NORTH FIFTH STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, AND LISTED  
 LOUISA RAY AS HIS MOTHER. THE FILE INDICATED HE WORKED FOR  
 THE RAILROAD FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR TO  
 NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, THIRTEEN DAYS. HE  
 LISTED FORMER EMPLOYMENT OF APRIL OF NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO  
 JUNE OF NINETEEN FORTYFOUR WITH SUNSET AMUSEMENT COMPANY,  
 EXCELLSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI, AND C.B. & Q. RAILROAD, OMAHA,  
 NEBRASKA. W.A. COLE, FELLOW EMPLOYEE, DOES NOT RECALL RAY.

1 - Bureau (AM)  
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NAME CHECKS AT THE GALESBURG PD, KNOX COUNTY SO, AND  
CREDIT BUREAU FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY INFO. FORMER RESIDENCE  
AREA OF ONE SIX FOUR SOUTH ACADEMY IS NOW A CEMETARY.

OMAHA AND KANSAS CITY ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK FORMER  
EMPLOYMENTS OF EARL RAY, FOR ANY INFO OF LEAD VALUE RE  
SUBJECT.

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS. P.

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Special Agent in Charge

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6:58 PM URGENT 4/30/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,  
AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION APRIL THIRTY INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AMONG HIPPIE ELEMENT, ATLANTA.  
THIS PHASE ALSO INVOLVED WITH INDIVIDUALS FAMILIAR WITH NARCOTIC  
AND DRUG TRAFFIC. NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE OBTAINED TO DATE.

CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CLOSED DURING PERTINENT  
PERIOD AT BANK IN AREA OF RESIDENCE WHICH HANDLES SAFETY DEPOSIT  
BOXES COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING, NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF NEWSPAPER WANT ADS AND FOLLOW UPS ON USED CARS  
FOR SALE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN CARS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD  
CONTINUING. NO SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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241PM URGENT 4/30/68 NJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 1P

MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL, APRIL TWO NINE, LAST.

INVESTIGATION REFLECTS [REDACTED] FAILED TO RETURN TO HIS APARTMENT ON APRIL TWENTY-NINE LAST. INQUIRY AT HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS ON THIS DATE WITHOUT IDENTIFYING AGENTS, ASCERTAINED THAT HE IS OUT OF TOWN AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN LATE WEDNESDAY NEXT. [REDACTED] WILL BE INTERVIEWED THURSDAY NEXT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: *WRL* SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
RE: *WRL* MURKIN

*WRL* Remytel 4/28/68; San Antonio tel 4/29/68; mytel  
calls to San Antonio and Dallas 4/29/68.

RE: Telephone Calls from Telephone BR 8-9048,  
Uvalde, Texas, Allegedly Made by Subject  
12/16/67

On this date one phone call was made to the Houston  
Division. This was to Houston telephone number ~~██████████~~  
12/16/67, 7:23 PM.

On 4/29/67 Mr. HARRY H. GROUNDS, sales engineer,  
Hart and Hegeson Electric Company to whom phone number  
registered, advised that on 12/16/67 he was in Uvalde, Texas,  
and called his wife during the evening to advise of whereabouts  
because of bad weather.

C. C. - Bishop

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- 1 - Memphis (info)
- 1 - Dallas (info)
- 1 - San Antonio (info)
- 1 - Houston

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511 PM URGENT 5-1-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 5P

MURKIN.

RE MOBILE TEL TO BIRMINGHAM APRIL TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT,  
SETTING FORTH NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FORMER INMATES MISSOURI  
STATE PRISON (MSP) AND CURRENTLY UNDER SUPERVISION STATE OF ALABAMA  
UNDER INTERSTATE AGREEMENT. TWO OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], REFORM, ALABAMA, UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE.  
[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AND STATES INMATE MSP FROM [REDACTED] NINETEEN SIXTY  
THROUGH [REDACTED] NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY  
WHILE IN PRISON. [REDACTED] FIRST MADE ACQUAINTANCE OF RAY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND CLAIMS HE HAD TALKED WITH RAY PERSONALLY  
AND HAD BEEN IN GROUPS WHERE RAY WAS TALKING ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.  
[REDACTED] RECALLS THAT RAY MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS GLAD WHEN JOHN F.  
KENNEDY WAS KILLED AND MADE SIMILAR STATEMENT AT THIS TIME TO THE  
EFFECT "THAT IS ONE NIGGER-LOVING S.O.P. THAT GOT SHOT." [REDACTED]  
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Long Thomas Room

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STATED THAT RAY DISLIKED NEGROES AND THAT DURING TIME MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS LEADING DEMONSTRATIONS AND MARCHES HE WOULD BECOME AGGRAVATED AND UPSET WHEN READING THIS INFORMATION IN NEWSPAPERS TO THE POINT THAT HE WOULD CURSE KING AND THE NEGROES. [REDACTED] STATED THAT RAY MADE STATEMENT THAT KENNEDY WAS RUNNING THE COUNTRY AND ESPECIALLY IN THE RACIAL FIELD AND THAT KING COULD GET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DO ANYTHING HE WANTED THEM TO. [REDACTED] SAID HE HAD HEARD PRISON RUMORS THAT RAY WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE KILLED THREE NEGROES WHILE IN THE MSP.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE FALL, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE, RAY MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS GOING TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING WHEN HE GOT OUT. [REDACTED] SAID HE HEARD RAY SAY SOMETHING ABOUT COOLEY (PHONETIC) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE KING DEAD. [REDACTED] SAID HE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS ORGANIZATION AND RAY DID NOT MENTION IT AGAIN IN HIS PRESENCE. [REDACTED] SAID THAT RAY SEEMED TO HAVE A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF MONEY AND THAT HE ALLEGEDLY GOT A CHECK OR MONEY REGULARLY FROM SOURCE OUTSIDE PRISON. HE STATED THAT RAY DID DRINK AND HE HAD DETECTED ALCOHOL ON HIS BREATH ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, POINTING OUT THAT CONVICTS MADE WHISKEY IN PRISON AND SOME OF THE GUARDS WOULD

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[REDACTED]

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SELL WHISKEY TO CONVICTS. [REDACTED] SAID THERE WERE NARCOTICS PASSED AROUND IN PRISON AND GUARDS WOULD BRING NARCOTICS AND SOME OF IT WAS BROUGHT IN BY VISITORS. HE SAID HE HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT RAY USED NARCOTICS. HE ALSO WAS UNABLE TO NAME ANY SPECIFIC GUARD WHO SOLD CONTRABAND.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT RAY WAS NOT OVERLY FRIENDLY, HOWEVER, IN GROUPS HE WOULD TALK. HE NEVER DISCUSSED HIS PAST LIFE IN [REDACTED] PRESENCE AND [REDACTED] HAS NO IDEA WHERE RAY IS FROM. [REDACTED] SAID HE HAS NOT SEEN RAY SINCE HE LEFT PRISON AND NOTED THAT RAY HAD TALKED ABOUT TUNNEL-ING OUT OF PRISON AND GOING TO VIRGINIA AND HIDING IN A CAVE. [REDACTED] SAID THAT RAY MADE STATEMENT THAT HE HAD A LARGE SUPPLY OF GUNS BEFORE HE WAS IN PRISON AND THE ONLY FOREIGN COUNTRY HE EVER HEARD RAY MENTION WAS LIBERIA, AFRICA AND RAY STATED HE HAD A BROTHER-IN-LAW WORKING THERE AND THAT HE WAS MAKING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF RAY WHILE IN PRISON WAS [REDACTED] (PHONETIC). [REDACTED] IS BELIEVED TO BE FROM BATON ROUTE, LOUISIANA AND [REDACTED] BELIEVES HE IS STILL IN MSP. [REDACTED] OFTEN SPOKE ABOUT MEXICO AND COULD SPEAK SPANISH. RAY STATED ONE TIME  
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HE WAS GOING TO VISIT A FRIEND OF HIS AND [REDACTED], THIS FRIEND'S NAME UNKNOWN, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON AND GOT MARRIED AND IS BELIEVED TO BE RUNNING A CAFE NEAR MOBERLY, MISSOURI. ANOTHER FRIEND WAS [REDACTED] WHO IS FROM THE KANSAS CITY AREA AND IS BELIEVED TO BE STILL IN PRISON AS HE WAS SERVING A TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE. ANOTHER FRIEND [REDACTED] SERVING FIVE YEARS MSP. ANOTHER FRIEND, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FROM WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI.

[REDACTED] WAS SHOWN I. O. FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO AND STATED THAT THE CENTER PICTURE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE HE REMEMBERED RAY IN PRISON AND OTHER PICTURES RESEMBLED HIM ALSO.

INVESTIGATION AT GADSDEN, ALABAMA REFLECTS [REDACTED] LAST EMPLOYED [REDACTED] GADSDEN, MARCH TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. [REDACTED] SISTER OF [REDACTED], ADVISED LAST TIME SHE HEARD FROM [REDACTED] WAS OVER ONE YEAR AGO AND HE WAS RESIDING [REDACTED] ILLINOIS. [REDACTED] STATE PROBATION OFFICER, ADVISED [REDACTED] PRESENTLY RESIDING [REDACTED] ILLINOIS.

TWO OTHER INMATES MSP INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED NOT ACQUAINTED  
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NOR COULD THEY RECALL JAMES EARL RAY AT TIME INCARCERATED MSP.

THESE INMATES ARE [REDACTED] BOLIGEE, ALABAMA, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE IF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS LISTED AS FRIENDS OF RAY STILL INCARCERATED MSP AND INTERVIEW. IF RELEASED, OBTAIN THEIR FORWARDING ADDRESS OF RECORD AND SET FORTH LEADS TO HAVE THEM INTERVIEWED RE RAY.

SPRINGFIELD, AT WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REGARDING RAY.

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FBI DALLAS

1039 PM URGENT 5-1-68 CBB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), INDIANAPOLIS, NEW YORK, BUTTE  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SUBJECT'S CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES EN ROUTE FROM  
LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. RE DALLAS TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

FOR INFO OF OFFICES NOT RECEIVING RE TEL, ON THE ABOVE TRIP  
SUBJECT RAY ALLEGEDLY MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN  
TELEPHONES WHILE IN TEXAS. A CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MADE FROM COIN  
TELEPHONES ALONG ROUTE-TAKEN BY RAY FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN,  
AND SEVENTEEN, OF SIXTYSEVEN, ARE BEING MADE AND THE FOLLOWING HAVE  
BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY  
OF SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY  
BY WHOM THE INSTANT TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM. IF RAY MADE  
CALL, OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE INFO CONCERNING HIM.

BUTTE.

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CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE AT SANDERSON, TEXAS, MAY 3 1968

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DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, EIGHT FORTYSEVEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MISSOUL, MONTANA:

INDIANAPOLIS

CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES AT SANDERSON, TEXAS

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, NINE NINETEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], RAMSEY, INDIANA:

DECEMBER FIFTEEN, NINE FOURTEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MILLTOWN, INDIANA:

NEW YORK CITY.

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE AT ALPINE, TEXAS.

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT EIGHTEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], BRONX, NEW YROK;

OKLAHOMA CITY

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE AT ALPINE, TEXAS.

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, TEN TWENTYFIVE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA:

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FBI LOS ANG.

7:50PM URGENT 5-1-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), DALLAS (44-2649), AND PHOENIX  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE TELEPHONE BOOTH, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

RE DALLAS TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] IS NON-  
PUBLISHED NUMBER REGISTERED TO FRANK L. BUTTERLY, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES (HOLLYWOOD).

BUTTERLY, W/M, AGE EIGHTY-FOUR, ADVISED "WOODY" (LND, W/M  
AGE ABOUT FIFTY, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE  
POUNDS, AN ITINERANT PAINTER, STAYED WITH HIM FOR SHORT TIME  
IN MARCH LAST. "WOODY" LEFT ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF MONTHS AGO  
AND SAID HE WAS GOING TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA WHERE HIS SITER HAD  
JUST DIED. WHILE HERE, "WOODY" DID SOME PAINTING FOR THE ST.  
FRANCIS HOTEL. NATURE OF ANY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM FORT WORTH  
UNKNOWN TO BUTTERLY.

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ROBERT KEELEY, DAY CLERK, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, ADVISED HARRY  
LUNSFORD, AKA "WOODY" DID WORK AS PAINTER AND STAYED AT HOTEL  
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cc by [signature] sh

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IN EARLY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. DESCRIBED "WOODY" SAME AS ABOVE AND RECALLS MAN TALKING ABOUT DAUGHTER IN PHOENIX AND OTHER RELATIVES, NAMES UNRECALLED, IN TEXAS, POSSIBLY DALLAS OR FORT WORTH. KEELEY HAS NOT SEEN "WOODY" FOR ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF MONTHS.

LA INDICES NEGATIVE RE LUNSFORD AND BUTTERLY.

DALLAS: INTERVIEW W.M. COWARD, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], FORT WORTH RE WHEREABOUTS OF LUNSFORD AND SET OUT LEAD TO INTERVIEW LUNSFORD FOR ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE RE THIS CASE.

PHOENIX: CHECK RECENT DEATH RECORDS UNDER SURNAME LUNSFORD IN EFFORT TO LOCATE "WOODY" AND SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED. FOR INFORMATION OF PHOENIX, SUBJECT RAY WAS GUEST AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL DURING SAME APPROXIMATE TIME "WOODY" LUNSFORD THERE.

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FBI MOBILE

2:07PM

URGENT 5/1/68 WGL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627) 1P

MURKIN. OO: ME.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, TEN THIRTYONE AM, APRIL THIRTY  
LAST AND SAN JUAN TELETYPE, MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT.

INVESTIGATION, MONTGOMERY, ALA., REFLECTS RUFUS RAY,  
[REDACTED], A RETIRED INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
EMPLOYEE, KNOWN TO SRA [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-  
THREE YEARS, ADVISED HIS SON, LT. COL. JAMES EARL RAY  
PRESENTLY SERVING WITH U. S. ARMY IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND  
GRANDSON, JAMES EARL RAY, JR., CURRENTLY IN U. S. NAVY IN  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. RAY STATES SUBJECT OF THIS CASE NOT  
RELATED IN ANY WAY TO HIS FAMILY AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIM.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED AT, JK AND SJ. P.

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Date: 5/1/68

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(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM *[initials]* SAG, ALBANY (44-493) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

*[initials]*  
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Charlotte airtel to Albany dated 4/18/68,  
Boston airtel to Bureau dated 4/22/68, and Bureau  
teletype to Albany dated 4/26/68.

Above communications of Charlotte and Boston  
were not previously answered because Albany desired  
direction from the Bureau or Memphis regarding the  
extent to which further investigation should be conducted  
re laundry marks.

The Bureau by referenced teletype advised  
that inasmuch as unequivocal identification has not been  
made by the laboratory identifying the laundry machine  
responsible for the laundry marks on the tee shirt  
and shorts specifically those bearing the code 02B-6,

CC: 3-Bureau  
1-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Boston (157-644)  
2-Charlotte (44-1365)  
2-Albany

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*[initials]*

Approved: **62 MAY 9 1968**  
Special Agent in Charge

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and the possibility still exists that a similar mark could have been produced by any such machine. Albany should continue to handle appropriate leads.

On 5/1/68, Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, advised that with regard to thermo-seal machine SN 33441 purchased by Talley Laundry Machine Company, Greensboro, North Carolina, this was ordered under their number 23050 dated 1/5/65 and billed under invoice number 49653 on 1/11/65. Their records show nothing regarding the laundry to which it was destined but showed that the machine had requisitioned "Johnson".

Regarding Thermo-Seal Machines shipped to Pantex-Prosperity Textile Marking Machine Company, records disclosed nothing regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

Serial Numbers 32146, 32151, 31992, 31430, 31437, 31331, 31656.

Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company advised that most of these machines were purchased in connection with sales of complete laundry facilities by Pantex-Prosperity and therefore their contract records should show what happened to these machines. Textile Marking Machine records which would show names other than Pantex-Prosperity on these machines have been destroyed because of age. These records show the following regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

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SERIAL #	PANTEX-PROSPERITY ORDER NUMBER	DATE	IDENTITY OF COMPANY FOR WHOM PURCHASED
32068	406	1/8/62	JESS A. HILAND
32307	544	4/12/68	T&C Cleaners, Huntington, (no state shown)
32368	688	7/27/62	Budget Cleaners
32440	753	8/15/62	Francine
32449	509	No date	Ron Hil, Plainview, (no st.)
32695	1154	5/3/63	Country Squire Drive-In Cleaners In addition, the name Meadowlark is also noted.
33495	1106	10/27/68	New-Clear

Mr. BROTON further advised that these machines may have been installed by Delta Cleaners and Equipment Company, 875 Prospect Avenue, Westbury, Long Island, who installed the majority of the machines for Pantex-Prosperity. He stated however that Delta Cleaners and Equipment Company is believed to be now out of business or in bankruptcy and those records particularly those prior to 1962 may not be available.

Mr. BROTON further suggested that if none of these avenues disclosed the locations of these machines he suggested contact with ANDY DOBOS, 301 Fycke Lane Teaneck, New Jersey, the Textile Marking Machine Company repairman who did the majority of repair work on machines installed by Pantex-Prosperity.

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CHARLOTTE

AT CROWFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

Recontact Telley Laundry Machine Corporation and furnish above information for identification of location of Thermo-Seal machine Serial # 33441.

BOSTON

AT SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

1. Recontact Amotec, Inc., and furnish the above information for location of machines set forth,
2. Review records suggested by Mr. BROTON if available regarding machines received in 1959-61 and set forth appropriate leads.

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FBI DALLAS

533PM URGENT 5-1-68 LMB

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 4P

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

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*McClure*  
*l. g.*

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES  
TO NEW ORLEANS. RE DALLAS TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES ALONG ROUTE  
TAKEN BY RAY BEEN DETERMINED AND INVESTIGATION IS BEING SET FORTH  
CONCERNING THESE CALLS. SHOULD BE HANDLED AS SET FORTH IN RE TEL.

CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT SANDERSON, TEXAS.

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, ELEVEN FORTYEIGHT AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DONNA, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, ELEVEN THIRTSIX AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MC ALLEN, TEXAS; 105 REC-23

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DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MC ALLEN, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE THIRTYSEVEN AM, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MERCEDES, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, ONE THIRTYEIGHT PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EAGLES PASS, TEXAS;

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DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, FOUR THIRTYTHREE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TWELVE FIFTYONE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHARR, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT TWENTYSEVEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DILLEY, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE TWENTYFIVE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BLANCO, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, EIGHT THIRTYNINE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE THIRTY PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE FIFTEEN AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT ALPONE, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT TWENTYTWO PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GATESVILLE, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT EIGHTEEN, AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DILLEY, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, TWELVE THIRTYONE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UVALDE, TEXAS;

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DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TEN TWENTYTWO AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PEAPSALL, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT FORTYFIVE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AUSTIN, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, NINE ZERO THREE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GEORGETOWN, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, SEVEN EIGHTEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ELGIN, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, THREE THIRTYSEVEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN ANTOINO, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TEN TWENTYSIX AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE TEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEL RIO, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE TWENTY PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEL RIO, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT ZERO THREE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AUSTIN, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE NINETEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LAKELAND AFB, TEXAS;

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DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT THIRTEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EAGLE PASS, TEXAS:

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, FOUR THIRTYEIGHT PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], UVALDE, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, ONE FORTYFOUR PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SABINAL, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TWO FORTYTHREE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TEN ZERO NINE, AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ROMA, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, FIVE FORTYTHREE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROWNSVELLE, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT FORTYONE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LA FERIA, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, TEN FORTYEIGHT PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LA FERIA, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, EIGHT FIFTYFOUR PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, ELEVEN THIRTYTHREE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HARLINGEN, TEXAS.

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FBI SPRNGFLD

431PM URGENT 5-1-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

McDonnell  
1 of 2

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

ILLINOIS DRIVERS LICENSE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ISSUED JUNE TWO SIXTYSEVEN TO  
[REDACTED], DALTON,  
ILLINOIS. THIS LICENSE WILL EXPIRE JANUARY THIRTY NINETEEN  
SEVENTYONE AND DESCRIBES [REDACTED] AS MALE, BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE POUNDS, BROWN  
HAIR, GREEN EYES. OCCUPATION CONSTRUCTION LABORER. RECORDS  
REFLECT LICENSE SUSPENDED DECEMBER TWELVE SIXTYSEVEN FOR ACCIDENT.  
AGAIN SUSPENDED FEBRUARY SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT FOR THREE MOVING  
VIOLATIONS. LICENSE PRESENTLY CLEAR AND VALID. P. 7

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AT. Will [REDACTED]  
above address checked out by [REDACTED]

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FBI PHOENIX

1215 PM

URGENT

5/1/68

DLP

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/

ATLANTA /44-2386/

FROM PHOENIX /44-371/ 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

( RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR AND ALL CONTINENTAL  
OFFICES, APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, RE CAR RECOVERIES FROM  
GEORGIA SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

RECORDS AMP, PHOENIX REFLECT ONLY REPORTED GEORGIA  
VEHICLE RECOVERED ARIZONA SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH TWENTYTHREE,  
LAST IS SIXTYTWO FORD FALCON SEDAN, BLUE WITH WHITE TOP,  
GEORGIA LICENSE ONE NINE DASH D DASH TWO ONE SEVEN FOUR, 44-38861-268  
SERIAL NUMBER TWO A ONE TWO FIVE ONE TWO SIX NINE ONE SIX  
FOUND ABANDONED BENTON STREET AND LE ROUX, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA,  
EIGHT FIFTEEN AM APRIL FIFTEEN LAST. VEHICLE STORED SEIDEL-S  
TEXACO, TWO NINE TWO ZERO EAST SANTA FE, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA.  
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NCIC RECORDS REFLECT VEHICLE STOLEN PERRY, GEORGIA,  
APRIL ONE, LAST, PERRY, GEORGIA PD [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

ATLANTA AT PERRY, GEORGIA WILL DETERMINE IDENTITY  
REGISTERED OWNER AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING CIRCUMSTANCES  
OF THEFT AND IF JAMES EARL RAY COULD POSSIBLE HAVE STOLEN  
VEHICLE.

PHOENIX AT FLAGSTAFF WILL CONTACT FLAGSTAFF PD REGARDING  
DETAILS OF RECOVERY AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT  
COULD HAVE TRANSPORTED VEHICLE TO FLAGSTAFF.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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FBI ST LOUIS

315PM URGENT 5-1-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND KANSAS  
CITY (44-760)  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE DALLAS TEL APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, CONCERNING INTER-  
VIEW OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MENTIONED RETEL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH  
[REDACTED]

SENTENCED DECEMBER FOUR, FIFTYSIX, TO SERVE THIRTEEN YEARS  
ON SECOND DEGREE MURDER CHARGE.

ON MARCH THIRTEEN, LAST, SLPD INTELLIGENCE UNIT RECEIVED  
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A RECENT RELEASEE FROM MSP WAS TO START A LARGE  
NARCOTICS RING IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NO CURRENT  
ADDRESS OR LOCATION FOR [REDACTED]  
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KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF THIS INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] MENTIONED IN RETEL AND FURNISH ST. LOUIS WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION FROM PRISON RECORDS INCLUDING ADDRESSES HE INTENDED TO RESIDE AT TIME OF RELEASE ALONG WITH DATE OF RELEASE.

IN ADDITION, ASCERTAIN IF [REDACTED] MSP PRISON AND ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT, IS THE MAN MENTIONED IN RETEL AS BEING SENT TO ISOLATION WARD AS RESULT OF BEING CAUGHT WITH BULLETS IN HIS POCKET. FURNISH OTHER BACKGROUND FROM [REDACTED] PRISON RECORD THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN A REINTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] PARTICULARLY INCIDENTS RELATIN<sup>G</sup> TO HIS ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT.

~~G~~  
~~CORR-PLS PAGE TWO LINE 11 FOURTH WRD SHLD BE "RELATING"~~

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FBI MINNAPLS

355 PM 5-1-68 URGENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

BOSTON (157-644)

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 1P

MURKIN

RE: ~~REDACTED~~ SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR

RE BOSTON TEL TODAY.

MR. WILLIAM MC KINSTY, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL  
COMPANY, ADVISED HE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD FOR ~~REDACTED~~  
AS EITHER A PRESENT OR PAST EMPLOYEE OF NATIONAL CAR RENTAL  
COMPANY.

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*cfjg*

JOHN J. ...

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FBI MIAMI

8:14PM EST 5-1-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987) NEW YORK AND JACKSONVILLE (44-769)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN.

RE HERTZ RENT-A-CAR ABANDONED BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT  
APRIL SEVEN-EIGHT LAST.

RE BH TEL TO BUREAU APRIL THIRTY, LAST.

TICKETS AT EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL), MIAMI, INDICATE  
PASSENGERS BOARDING EAL FLIGHTS SIX THREE FIVE AND SIX SIX  
TWO AT BIRMINGHAM APRIL EIGHT LAST, AS FOLLOWS, WITH EAL FIELD  
TICKET OFFICE (FTO) WHERE PURCHASED, DATE AND VALIDATOR (V)  
NUMBER WHERE AVAILABLE. UNLESS OTHER WISE SPECIFIED, FORM  
OF PAYMENT WAS CASH OR NOT INDICATED. EX-109 44-38861-2688  
FLIGHT SIX THREE FIVE: REC-28

[REDACTED], PURCHASED APRIL EIGHT, FTO BIRMINGHAM,  
V THIRTY SIX.

[REDACTED] ISSUED APRIL FIVE, FTO, PENSACOLA, FLA.,  
V FIVE, INITIAL LEG FLIGHT EAL SIX TWO FOUR, APRIL FIVE,  
PENSACOLA TO ATLANTA, FINAL LEG APRIL EIGHT, FLIGHT SIX  
THREE FIVE, BH TO PENSACOLA.

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[REDACTED] ISSUED APRIL EIGHT, FTO PH, FINAL LEG  
MOBILE TO BH APRIL NINE, PAID BY CHECK.

[REDACTED] ISSUED APRIL EIGHT, FTO BH, V TWELVE, PAID  
BY AMERICAN EXPRESS NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] TRAVELED BH TO MOBILE TO PH.

FLIGHT SIX SIX TWO:

[REDACTED] ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY TWO, APRIL  
SEVEN. FINAL LEG JACKSONVILLE TO DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.,  
NATIONAL FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN THREE, OPEN DATE.

[REDACTED], ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY SIX, APRIL SEVEN,  
FINAL LEG ATLANTA TO JACKSONVILLE, ON EAL FLIGHT FOUR THREE  
FIVE, OPEN DATE.

[REDACTED] ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY SIX, APRIL SEVEN.  
FINAL LEG ATLANTA TO JFK, NY, EAL FLIGHT FOUR FIVE ZERO,  
APRIL EIGHT.

[REDACTED], ISSUED APRIL FIVE, NY, NY, TICKET  
AGENT STAMP ILLEGIBLE, INITIAL LEG EAL FLIGHT FOUR FOUR FIVE,  
NY TO ATLANTA APRIL FIVE, THEN FAL FLIGHT SIX THREE FIVE,

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ATLANTA TO BH APRIL SIX. FINAL LEG ATLANTA TO NY, EAL FLIGHT  
FOUR FIVE ZERO, APRIL EIGHT.

[REDACTED] ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY SIX, APRIL SEVEN.

[REDACTED] ISSUED NY APRIL FIVE FOR TRAVEL NY TO  
ATLANTA, OPEN DATE AND FLIGHT WITH SUBSEQUENT TRAVEL ATLANTA  
TO BH, BH TO ATLANTA, ATLANTA TO NY.

[REDACTED], ISSUED APRIL SEVEN, FTO BH, V TWENTY  
FIVE.

NY AT EAL, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ADDRESS OF PASSENGER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FROM RESERVATION RECORDS, TICKET NUMBER ZERO  
ZERO SEVEN-FOUR ONE ONE-THREE FOUR THREE-EIGHT FIVE FOUR AND,  
IF POSSIBLE, ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] TICKET NUMBER THREE-ZERO  
ZERO SEVEN-FOUR ONE ONE-THREE FOUR THREE-SIX EIGHT NINE.

JACKSONVILLE AT PENSACOLA, AT EAL, DETERMINE ADDRESS  
OF PASSENGER [REDACTED] FROM RESERVATION RECORDS.

BIRMINGHAM AT EAL, DETERMINE ADDRESSES OF REMAINING  
PASSENGERS FROM RESERVATIONS RECORDS.

ALL OFFICES THEREAFTER SET LEADS FOR SHOWING PHOTO OF  
SUSPECT RAY TO PASSENGERS TO DETERMINE IF RAY OBSERVED AS  
PASSENGER.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND KANSAS CITY 44-760  
FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT GERALD B. GERLT.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWO NINE LAST.

GERALD BRUCE GERLT, [REDACTED]

EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED APRIL THIRTY LAST AND  
ADVISED AS FOLLOWS;

GERLT, HIS WIFE, TWO STEPSONS, AND A DAUGHTER LEFT  
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, MARCH THREE ONE LAST ENROUTE CALIFORNIA  
ARRIVING LEUCADIA, APRIL THREE LAST AND STAYED AT WOLVERINE  
MOTEL APRIL THREE THROUGH NINE LAST, WHICH WAS VERIFIED  
THROUGH MOTEL RECORDS.

DURING MONTH OF MARCH LAST GERLT, HIS WIFE, AND TWO  
STEPSONS MADE ONE TRIP TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, IN CONNECTION  
WITH HIS EMPLOYMENT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

IT IS GERLT'S RECOLLECTION THEY DEPARTED KANSAS CITY,

KANSAS, MARCH TEN, LAST, STAYING AT THE GREIBERS MOTEL,

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE; NIGHT OF MARCH TEN. HE LOADED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS OF [REDACTED], MARCH ELEVEN, AND DEPARTED FOR KANSAS CITY, KANSAS STAYING OVERNIGHT AT AN UNRECALLED MOTEL, WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS, MARCH ELEVEN, AND LEAVING EARLY MORNING OF MARCH TWELVE ARRIVING KANSAS CITY APPROXIMATELY EIGHT P.M., NIGHT OF MARCH TWELVE LAST.

[REDACTED] PART OWNER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CAN VERIFY DATES OF TRIP THROUGH RECORDS.

GERLT RECALLS NO OTHER TRIPS TO TENNESSEE SINCE SIXTYFIV<sup>E</sup>.  
20N MARCH FOURTEEN LAST, HE AND HIS WIFE SALLY WENT TO FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, WHERE FINAL PROCEEDINGS WERE FILED BY WIFE AGAINST [REDACTED]

GERLT ADVISED RACIST VIEWS OF STEPSON'S CAN BE TRACED TO THEIR FATHER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, WHO HAS TAUGHT THEM TO HATE PERSONS OF NEGRO RACE.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY DISPLAYED GERLT AND COULD FURNISH NO INFO.

DESCRIPTION OF GERLT. WMA, BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SIX FEET, THREE FOUR ONE  
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POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, PARENTS INEZ G. GERLT, NEE FARLOW, MOTHER, RUDY GERLT, FATHER, BOTH RESIDE FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA.

KANSAS CITY CONTACT GERALD JONES AND VERIFY DATES GERLT AND FAMILY IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

MEMPHIS, AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, VERIFY GERLT'S STAY AT GREIBERS MOTEL, MARCH TEN LAST.

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FBI BOSTON

244PM URGENT 5-1-68 DMG

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, MINNEAPOLIS  
FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE [REDACTED] - SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

[REDACTED], NATIONAL CAR RENTAL CO.,  
LOGAN AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASS., ADVISED NO RECORD  
EMPLOYMENT HIS OFFICE. [REDACTED] SUGGESTED MAIN OFFICE, NATIONAL  
CAR RENTAL, BE CONTACTED CONCERNING PAST AND POSSIBLE RECENT  
EMPLOYMENT [REDACTED] BY NATIONAL CAR RENTAL CO.

MINNEAPOLIS AT MAIN OFFICE, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, FIVE  
THOUSAND NORMANDALE RD., MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, CONTACT  
PERSONNEL DEPT. TO DETERMINE WHETHER [REDACTED] PRESENTLY EMPLOYED  
AND OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFO WHICH WILL AID IN LOCATING STOUT.

EMPLOYEES, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, LOGAN AIRPORT, CANNOT  
RECALL [REDACTED] AS FELLOW EMPLOYEE. PHOTO JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED  
THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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FBI LASVEGAS

410 PM URGENT 5-1-68 KXS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LAS VEGAS (157-133) 2P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, BUTEL APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST, AND LOS ANGELES TEL APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE LATENT FINGERPRINT FILES.

ONLY AGENCIES MAINTAINING LATENT FINGERPRINT FILES IN NEVADA ARE LAS VEGAS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. NEITHER DEPARTMENT CLASSIFIES UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS AND THEY ARE KEPT ONLY WITH INDIVIDUAL CASE FILE. NO EFFORT IS MADE BY EITHER DEPARTMENT TO INDEX CASES IN WHICH THERE ARE UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS. THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN BE LOCATED IS BY COMPLETE REVIEW OF ALL UNSOLVED CASES, OR BY RECOLLECTION OF INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS SUBMITTING LATENTS. BOTH DEPARTMENTS HAVE STATED THEY HAVE INSUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO DO A COMPLETE REVIEW IN A SHORT TIME, BUT PROMISED COOPERATION. BUREAU AND MEMPHIS WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

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RE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION USED BY RAY WHEN DEPARTING ATLANTA IN APRIL OR MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ALL CAR RECOVERIES IN NEVADA SINCE MARCH TWENTYTHREE LAST REVIEWED. NO CARS BORE GEORGIA LICENSE. NO CARS RECOVERED IN WHICH RAY COULD LOGICALLY BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

LAS VEGAS TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN THREE FIVE NINE SEVEN ONE THREE IS AN OUTDOOR PAY TELEPHONE LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF ALBERT STREET AND KOVAL LANE IN LAS VEGAS. THIS TELEPHONE IS NOT IN VIEW FROM ANY OF THE SURROUNDING BUILDINGS. IN VIEW OF ABOVE IT IS NOT BELIEVED FEASIBLE TO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY USER OF THIS TELEPHONE AT THREE TWENTYEIGHT PM DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

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FBI KAN CITY

422 PM URGENT 5/1/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

**[REDACTED]** CARBONDALE, KS., ADVISED THAT ON APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST SHE WAS IN MAHOGANY BAR, NINE ZERO ONE NORTH DORMAN ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IND. THIS BAR IS OPERATED BY JIM TAYLOR, JIM KELLY WAS WORKING AS THE BARTENDER, AND LICULLE DALTON WAS WORKING AS WAITRESS. AT ABOUT THREE THRITY PM, A MAN RESEMBLING PHOTOS OF SUBJECT CAME INTO THE BAR ALONE, ORDERED ONE "WEIDEMAN" BEER AND LEFT TWENTY MINUTES LATER. SHE ASKED THE BARTENDER AND WAITRESS IF THEY HAD EVER SEEN THE MAN BEFORE AND THEY SAID NO. SHE STATED SHE WAS TOO FRIGHTENED TO NOTIFY ANYONE, BUT FELT THAT SHE SHOULD CONTACT THE FBI NOW MAY 3 1968 THAT SHE HAS RETURNED TO KANSAS. SHE WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND SHE FEELS HE IS THE PERSON SHE SAW IN THE BAR. SHE ADVISED THAT HE WAS WEARING BLACK TROUSERS, WHITE SOCKS, BLACK SHOES, BLUE SWEATER, HAD SCAR ON FOREHEAD, AND HAIR VERY NEAT.

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INDIANAPOLIS, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT MAHOGANY BAR  
FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

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FBI INDAPOLS

8:02PM URGENT/ 5-1-68 DPL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-388611)

MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL FIVE ONE SIXTY-EIGHT, JIM TAYLOR, OWNER MAHOGANY BAR, AND JIM KELLY, BARTENDWER, FOUR TWENTY FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT. TAYLOR AND KELLY CAN NOT RECALL SUBJECT, NOR CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] PICTURES EXHIBITED BUT NEITHER COULD MAKE IDENTITY. WAITRESS NOT AVAILABLE.

AREA IS BUSINESS AREA- OFFICES CLOSED FOR TODAY. WAITRESS AND OFFICES WILL BE CANVASSED AM FIVE TWO SIXTY EIGHT.

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FBI JKSN MISS

2:23 PM 5-1-68 URGENT LDG

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, JACKSON,  
KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND MIAMI APRIL THIRTY LAST.

[REDACTED] DELTA AIRLINES, JACKSON, MISS.,  
ADVISED MAY ONE INSTANT THAT INBOUND-PASSENGER RECORDS ARE  
NOT MAINTAINED BEYOND TWENTYFOUR HOURS. PASSENGER [REDACTED]  
(END) NOT RECALLED AND UNKNOWN AT JACKSON. [REDACTED] ADVISED  
PRESENT LOCATION OF CREW OF FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE FROM BIRMINGHAM  
TO JACKSON TO DALLAS CAN BE OBTAINED AT DELTA AIRLINES, ATLANTA.  
[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IN EVENT [REDACTED] PURCHASED TICKET AT BIRMINGHAM  
OVER THE COUNTER IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TAKEOFF, NO FURTHER  
IDENTIFYING DATA WOULD BE AVAILABLE. IN THE EVENT [REDACTED] MADE  
RESERVATION AND PICKED UP TICKET AT COUNTER, FURTHER DESCRIPTIVE  
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INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH SEARCH OF IBM-TYPE  
MAGNETIC TAPE AT ATLANTA. HE ADVISED THAT A SEARCH OF THE  
MAGNETIC TAPE NORMALLY INVOLVES A TEN-DAY WAIT FOR REQUESTED DATA.

BIRMINGHAM WILL RECHECK FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE, APRIL EIGHT LAST,  
MANIFEST FOR FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA.

ATLANTA WILL DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CREW OF DELTA  
FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE, WHICH DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM SIX NINETEEN AM  
APRIL EIGHT LAST, DESTINED FOR JACKSON AND DALLAS, AND SET OUT  
LEAD TO EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY.

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AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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Date: 5-1-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OR  
OO: Memphis

Re Los Angeles tel to Director, 4-29-68.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES

Referenced teletype set forth long-distance telephone calls made from telephone booths at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California. One call placed on 1-12-68 at 9:12 p.m. was made to telephone number [REDACTED] at Sturgis, Ky.

On 4-30-68, Mrs. VERA D. COOK, [REDACTED], Sturgis, Ky., advised SA [REDACTED] that her telephone number in Sturgis is [REDACTED]. Mrs. COOK is a very elderly woman being approximately 80 years of age and resides alone.

Mrs. COOK advised that she does not recall having received any telephone call from anyone which emanated from the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on 1-12-68. She advised that she has a son, ALONZO F. COOK, JR., who is a white male, age 44, who resides somewhere in the Los Angeles, Calif. area. She stated the last time she talked to her son was at Thanksgiving, 1967, at which time the telephone call was from Covina, California. She stated that she recalls that some time

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2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)  
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C. C. Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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in the past four or five months she received a collect call, long-distance, from some unidentified person from somewhere in California. Mrs. COOK stated she did not accept this call inasmuch as she did not recognize the voice of the caller and did not recognize the name furnished by the operator. She stated that she did know that the voice of the caller was not that of her son, and she therefore refused to accept the call. Mrs. COOK stated that her son formerly resided in Granada Hills, Calif. several years ago. He is divorced from his former wife BETTY, and BETTY is now remarried, name and place of residence unknown.

Mrs. COOK and her son, JAMES P. COOK, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Evansville, Ind., who also happened to be present, both advised that they do not know where ALONZO F. COOK, JR. is residing nor where he is employed. They both stated that they have no way of contacting him and the only contact they have is when he occasionally calls Mrs. COOK.

Mrs. COOK advised that she does not know JAMES EARL RAY nor anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and knows of no way that anyone could have her telephone number in Calif. other than her son. She stated that it was possible that the person placing the call which she did not accept may have been placing the call for her son. She noted that her son when she last talked to him stated he had no permanent residence and was traveling and lived at various hotels.

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will check registration records of the St. Francis Hotel to determine if ALONZO F. COOK, JR., aka A. F. Cook, was registered at the St. Francis Hotel on 1-12-68.

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MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will advise Los Angeles whether further investigation is desired in an attempt to locate ALONZO F. COOK, JR. for interview to determine whether or not he attempted to call his mother on 1-12-68 from the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

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VIA TELETYPE  
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U R G E N T 5-1-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-23861), MEMPHIS, AND MOBILE (PLAINTEXT)

MEMPHIS AND MOBILE VIA WASHINGTON ( )

FROM SAN JUAN (157-61) -P- 2P

MURKIN.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE APRIL THIRTY, LAST, TO BUREAU.

JAMES EARL RAY, JR., USN [REDACTED]

INTERVIEWED MAY ONE, INSTANT, AT ROOSEVELT ROADS NAVAL STATION, PUERTO RICO. RAY IS SON OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES EARL RAY, PRESENTLY IN U. S. ARMY, VIETNAM. MOTHER, TERESA LEE, RESIDES

[REDACTED], MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. RAY, JR.,

SUPRA, NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY, SUBJECT OF MURKIN AND

DOES NOT BELIEVE RELATED. RAY'S GRANDPARENTS MR. AND MRS. RUFUS

RAY, [REDACTED], MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, ORIGINALLY

FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. AND WOULD KNOW IF ANY RELATIONSHIP

EXISTS WITH SUBJECT. RAY, JR., ASSIGNED TO SQUADRON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND WILL RETURN TO CECIL FIELD, USN, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA,

ON ABOUT MAY TWENTY-FIVE, NEXT.

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MOBILE DIVISON

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO FURTHER IDENTIFY JAMES EARL  
RAY, SR., AND DETERMINE IF RELATED TO SUBJECT OF INSTANT CASE.

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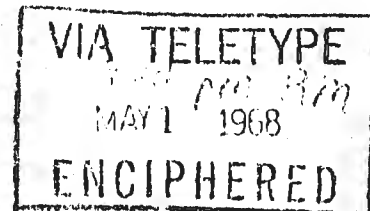
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1 - Mr. McDonough

TO: LEGAT MEXICO CITY

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.



YOU SHOULD FULLY REVIEW THE SITUATION IN THE TERRITORY COVERED BY YOU RELATIVE TO PUBLICITY IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THE MOST EXTENSIVE AND WIDE-SPREAD PUBLICITY IS BEING AFFORDED THIS MATTER. THE BUREAU HAS NOT OFFERED ANY REWARDS IN THIS CASE. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE PLACED ON FULLY PUBLICIZING THE REWARDS IN THE VICINITY OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH, ACCORDING TO NEWS MEDIA, ARE OUTSTANDING. IT IS TO BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE REWARDS ARE NOT OFFERED BY THE FBI BUT ARE FROM OTHER INTERESTED SOURCES. SPECIFICS AS TO AMOUNTS OFFERED AND BY WHOM WILL BE FURNISHED UPON RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION FROM THE MEMPHIS OFFICE. ADVISE EXTENT OF PUBLICITY COVERAGE.

YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS YOUR SOURCES TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION IN THIS CASE AND NO AVENUE OF LOGICAL INVESTIGATION IS TO BE LEFT UNEXPLORED. AIRMAIL COPY TO

MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 2 - SAC, MEMPHIS  
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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NOTE:

This is to insure that Legat, Mexico City is maintaining pressure on this case through public interest and through investigative sources. Although we have not offered any rewards, we are aware of rewards issued in Memphis according to public pronouncements. Wide-spread publicity concerning these rewards by other interested sources should be an inducement to Mexican residents and authorities to come forward if they do have any information. Ray has been known to have been in Mexico, and he has mentioned Mexico in his conversations with persons we have interviewed.

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago tel to Atlanta dated 4/26/68 and Atlanta tel to Director, Memphis, and Chicago, 4/25/68, re look alike observed at R. B. Jones, Pure Oil Station, Americus, Georgia, 4/16/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Memphis is one copy of investigative insert setting forth investigation at Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois. Enclosed for the Atlanta office are two copies of the above mentioned insert. In addition, there is enclosed for Atlanta Office are two Xerox copies of the transmittal slip and credit cards submitted to Pure Oil Company by R. B. JONES on 4/18/68.

LEAD

ATLANTA

AT AMERICUS, GEORGIA. Will utilize the enclosed credit slips in further interview of RANDOLPH B. JONES in an effort to establish the identity of the person he believed to be identical with subject at his gas station on 4/16/68.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- ENCLOSURE
- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
  - 2 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AMSD) (Enc. 4)
  - 1 - Memphis (44-197) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Chicago

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Investigation Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois

The Atlanta Division advised on April 25, 1968, that Mr. RANDOLPH B. JONES, Pure Oil Company Dealer, Americus, Georgia, advised he sold gas to an individual on April 16, 1968, who closely resembled 1968 photo of JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. JONES described the car he believed the person to be driving as well as furnishing a physical description of this individual. He also stated that he believed the individual purchased gas on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card, which he believes expires in August or September, 1968. He also advised that the credit card slips were purchases on April 16, 1968, and had already been forwarded to the Pure Oil Company Retail Department, Palatine, Illinois.

On April 26, 1968, [REDACTED] Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois, was telephonically contacted by SA [REDACTED] at which time he advised that the package of credit card slips mailed in by Mr. JONES on April 17, 1968, would already be in the Balance process, Accounting Department, and would take until at least April 30, 1968, to locate. He said it is possible that he would be able to locate the credit card slips mailed in on April 22, 1968. He requested that he be furnished with the Transmittal Slip number used by JONES in submitting the credit card transactions.

On the same date, [REDACTED] was furnished with the following transmittal numbers:

4/18/68 - 7-0217999  
7-0218000

4/22/68 - 7-0217997  
7-0217998

The foregoing were obtained from the Atlanta Division in contact with Mr. R. B. JONES. [REDACTED] advised that he had located all of the credit card slips submitted on April 22, 1968. A review of these slips did not reveal any

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credit card slips for any transaction on April 16, 1968.

In a continuing review of Pure Oil Company records, in conjunction with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] on April 29 and 30, 1968, located the list of credit card invoices submitted by Mr. JONES on April 18, 1968. Credit card purchase number [REDACTED] was made by Lt. Col. WILKERSON, however, the invoice itself could not be located and the address was not yet in file. The charge for credit card number [REDACTED] is another company credit card and the ticket was already been separated elsewhere. No further effort will be made to locate this card in view of the comments made by Mr. JONES. It should be noted that this review did not reveal any purchase made on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card.

There were purchases made by the following companies:

Americus Utility  
Aladdin Insulators  
Georgia Highway Department  
V. R. Bush Company  
Southern Bell of Georgia  
Simplex Nail  
W. C. Page

The charge for H. O. JONES, JR. was not further checked out since it was in the amount of \$101.43, which could not have been a mere gas purchase.

A review of the credit card slips submitted reveals the following purchases for gasoline on April 16, 1968:

A.U. ARNOLD  
RFD Americus, Georgia

JAMES F. TRAINOR  
[REDACTED]  
Damascus, Georgia

J. ROY STUDSTILL  
[REDACTED]  
Americus, Georgia

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Date: 5/1/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA.

Re: Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

The following are statistics of the New Haven Division through 4/30/68.

Special Agents

1. Total Man Hours	574
Overtime Hours	80
Regular Hours	494

Clerical Employees

Total Man Hours	26
Overtime Hours	4
Regular Hours	22

2. Total mileage traveled by Bucars used on case: 2213 miles.

3- Bureau  
 2- Memphis (44-1987)  
 2- New Haven (157-818)  
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C. C. Bishop

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Special Agent in ChargeSent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per [Signature]

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3. There were no unusual or out of ordinary costs.

4. Peak number of agents. 55.

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Date: 5/1/68

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(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)  
 RE : MURKIN  
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

ReBuairtel 4/25/68, and Atlanta airtel to Savannah dated 4/29/68.

On 5/1/68, contact with CID, Hunter Army Air Field, Ga., disclosed that Company D, 575th Engineer Battalion, formerly at Hunter, had been reallocated to Fort Stewart, Ga., approximately 1½ months ago.

Telephonic contact with the First Sergeant, Company D, 575th Engineer Battalion, Fort Stewart, on 5/1/68, disclosed that [REDACTED] was currently assigned to that unit; however, had been granted leave for twelve days on 4/18/68 and was to return by Midnight, 4/30/68, but had not returned as of 2:30 p.m., 5/1/68. The First Sergeant pointed out, however, that [REDACTED] would not be considered AWOL until Midnight, 5/1/68, since he has, automatically, one day's grace in connection with extended leave.

The First Sergeant noted that [REDACTED] furnished a leave address of [REDACTED] Ottawa, Illinois, telephone Area Code [REDACTED]

The First Sergeant said that he was aware of the fact that [REDACTED] owned a 1966 Mustang and, to the best of his knowledge, was on duty at Fort Stewart, Ga., on April 4 and 5, 1968; however, without checking the Morning Report Records at Post Headquarters, he could not positively verify

- 3- Bureau  
 1- Atlanta (44-2336) (INFO)  
 1- Memphis (44-1987)  
 1- Pittsburgh (INFO)  
 2- Savannah

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Approved: CHS:chr

Special Agent in Charge

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that [REDACTED] was on duty.

The records of Vehicle Registration Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., disclose that enlisted men's decal # [REDACTED] had been issued to [REDACTED] for use on a 1966 Mustang.

LEAD:

SAVANNAH

AT FORT STEWART, GEORGIA:

Will cause a check to be made of appropriate attendance records, to verify [REDACTED] presence on duty at Fort Stewart, on April 4 and 5, 1968.

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FBI

Date: 5/1/68

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) (P)  
RE: MURKIN

Re telephone calls by subject RAY en route from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, 4/30/68.

REX DEMPSEY, [REDACTED], Hurley, New Mexico, phone subscriber [REDACTED] advised on 4/30/68 that he believes that they received a call on Sunday, 12/17/67, in the evening from their son-in-law, EDWARD KENNETH CHASON. DEMPSEY stated CHASON was [REDACTED] for a company at that time, name of company unknown. DEMPSEY believes CHASON now [REDACTED] with uncle (name unknown) at St. Petersburg, Florida.

DEMPSEY stated CHASON makes a practice of phoning them, usually collect, when he passes through the Southwest area on Interstate U. S. 10. DEMPSEY advised that he usually drives from Hurley down to Deming, New Mexico, to meet CHASON after the call. DEMPSEY stated that these calls are usually received from Van Horn, Texas, or Lordsburg, New Mexico. DEMPSEY cannot recall specifically receiving a call from Marfa, Texas.

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2-Los Angeles  
2-Sacramento  
2-Dallas (44-2649)  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Albuquerque  
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DEMPSEY stated he does recall making a trip to Deming to get CHASON during the December snowstorm. [REDACTED] and on the 18th, he was in Deming with CHASON.

Mrs. FRANCES DEMPSEY, wife, stated she believed the call came at the same time that her husband had stated.

CHASON presently lives at [REDACTED] St. Petersburg, Florida.

CHASON is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	23
Height	5' 7" - 6
Hair	Blond
Wife	PHILIP DEMPSEY CHASON

Marfa, Texas is approximately 207 miles southeast of Deming, New Mexico.

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Date: 5/1/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBulet to NY, 4/26/68.

Brooklyn, NY, was interviewed on 4/30/68, regarding his letter to the Bureau dated, 4/23/68. [REDACTED] advised that he saw the individual on Sunday, 4/21/68, near a mailbox near his residence. [REDACTED] said that he has not seen the individual since and has no information as to the present whereabouts of this person. [REDACTED] was shown a copy of Wanted Flyer No. 442-A on JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that the person he saw appears similar to the full face photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1960.

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- 1 - Memphis (RM)
- 1 - New York (44-1609)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI LOS ANG.

6:16PM URGENT 5-1-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE SAN ANTONIO TEL APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST, SETTING FORTH  
LEAD TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

INQUIRY AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL THIS DATE INDICATES [REDACTED]  
CHECKED INTO HOTEL NINE FORTY AM FEBRUARY EIGHT LAST  
AND LEFT HOTEL BETWEEN APRIL TWENTY TWO AND TWENTY  
SIX LAST WITHOUT LEAVING FORWARDING ADDRESS. [REDACTED] WHEN  
CHECKING INTO HOTEL ONLY GAVE ADDRESS AS LOS ANGELES. [REDACTED]  
RENT PAID THROUGH APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST. [REDACTED] HAD TELEPHONE  
IN ROOM, BUT ONLY TWO CALLS PLACED THROUGH HOTEL SWITCHBOARD, NUMBERS  
NOT GIVEN, WHICH WERE LOCAL CALLS.

ROBERT KEELEY, CLERK, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, ADVISED NOT  
AWARE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND RAY.  
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[REDACTED] NAME

BY WHICH [REDACTED] KNEW [REDACTED] WHILE EMPLOYED

BY HIM, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS

COMMUNICATION INDICATED [REDACTED] RESIDED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. LOS ANGELES

WHILE CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER CONTACTED

[REDACTED] LOCATED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ON JANUARY EIGHT DASH SIXTY EIGHT

ADVISED [REDACTED] OCCUPIED [REDACTED]

AT ABOVE ADDRESS UNTIL NOVEMBER FIVE SIXTY SEVEN. [REDACTED]

REPORTED [REDACTED] HEAVY DRINKER AND APPEARS TO BE MENTAL

CASE. [REDACTED] REPORTED HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES

REGARDING [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN PAST. ON ONE SUCH INTERVIEW

SHE HEARD [REDACTED] TELL INTERVIEWING AGENT HE HAD BEEN ILLEGALLY

DEPORTED FROM TEXAS. [REDACTED] AT DATE OF INTERVIEW

DID NOT KNOW [REDACTED] WHEREABOUTS.

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SAME [REDACTED] RESIDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED ON  
NOVEMBER ONE, SIXTY SEVEN BY BUAGENTS CONCERNING LETTER FROM  
ANDERSON TO SAC JOHN P. MULL, JR., PHOENIX DIVISION WHICH  
STATED, "EITHER JOHN C. MULL, JR. KILLS HIMSELF OR CERTAINLY  
I WILL". [REDACTED] ADMITTED TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS HAVING  
WRITTEN LETTER. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BORN

[REDACTED]  
FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR,  
BLUE EYES, SERVED U.S. MARINE CORPS, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN  
TO FORTY FIVE AND RECEIVED MEDICAL DISCHARGE. RECORDS VA  
HOSPITAL REFLECT ANDERSON DIAGNOSED AS HAVING SCHIZOPHRENIC  
REACTION AND BEING PARANOID TYPE.

IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE [REDACTED] DESCRIBED  
ABOVE IS IDENTICAL TO THE [REDACTED] WHICH SAN  
ANTONIO INSTRUCTED LOS ANGELES TO INTERVIEW.

SAN ANTONIO SHOULD RE-INTERVIEW [REDACTED] TO  
ASCERTAIN IF SHE HAS ANY INFO THAT [REDACTED] ACQUAINTED  
WITH RAY OR THAT [REDACTED] HAS ANY INFO RE RAY.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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FBI SANDIEGO

337RM URGENT 5-1-68 CND

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 BOSTON, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387

MURKIN.

RE [REDACTED], SUSPECT, CO - CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, BOSTON, CHICAGO,  
MEMPHIS, AND SAN FRANCISCO APRIL THIRTIETH LAST.

[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED INSTANT DATE  
THAT DATES FURNISHED BY HIM OF OCTOBER FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY  
SIX SHOULD HAVE BEEN SEPTEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY  
SIX, AND CLASSIFIED AD APPEARED IN SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE  
SEPTEMBER TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX.

SAN FRANCISCO AND BOSTON CONDUCT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION MAY 3 1968  
IN REFERENCED TELETYPE WITH ABOVE DATES.

SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE FURNISHING PHOTO

[REDACTED] FOR DISPLAYING TO [REDACTED]

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PM URGENT 5/1/68 NJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BOSTON, AND CHICAGO (44-1114) MEMPHIS SAN  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 2P DIEGO

MURKIN

RE [REDACTED] - SUSPECT. CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO AND ABOVE OFFICES, APRIL  
THIRTY LAST.

[REDACTED], NATIONAL CAR RENTALS SYSTEM, SEVEN  
THREE FIVE HARRISON STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, WHICH RENTS AUTOMOBILES AND  
OPERATES BUSES IN SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, APRIL THIRTY  
LAST ADVISED NO RECORD FOR [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] IN  
FILES. ADVISED [REDACTED], BORN [REDACTED],  
PLACE NOT INDICATED, EMPLOYED THEIR COMPANY AS BUS DRIVER MAY NINE NINE-  
TEEN SIXTY THREE AND STILL EMPLOYED.

PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED] NOT IDENTICAL TO PRESENT  
EMPLOYEE [REDACTED], ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]. HOWEVER  
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DEFINITELY RESOLVE AS NON IDENT  
TO [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ABOVE COMPANY, ADVISED  
THIS DATE UNABLE LOCATE ANY RECORD FOR [REDACTED] OR

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[REDACTED] AND NO RECORD ONE NINE SIX SIX CHEVROLET IMPALA BEARING LICENSE PLATE [REDACTED] STATED WOULD BE UNUSUAL FOR THEM TO HAVE AUTOMOBILE DRIVEN FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO BOSTON OR NEW YORK. NO NEWSPAPER ADD LOCATED IN "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE" ISSUES OF OCTOBER ONE DASH THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX.

CURT KRAFT, MANAGER, ADVERTISING AND ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT, SAN FRANCISCO NEWSPAPER PRINTING INCORPORATED, WHICH PRINTS "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE", ADVISED THIS DATE THAT BILLING RECORDS FROM SEPTEMBER SIX NINETEEN SIXTY SIX THROUGH NOVEMBER TWO EIGHT NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED], WHICH WOULD INDICATE [REDACTED] WAS NOT BILLED FOR ANY ADD PLACED BY HIM.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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TELETYPE

8:10PM URGENT 5-1-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM (44-17400),

MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND CHICAGO

FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 3P

MURKIN.

RE HERTZ RENT-A-CAR ABANDONED BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT  
APRIL SEVEN, LAST.

RE BH TEL TO BUREAU APRIL THIRTY, LAST.

NAMES AND PERMANENT ADDRESSES OF FLIGHT CREW EASTERN  
AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHT SIX THREE FIVE, APRIL EIGHT, LAST  
FOLLOW:

PILOTS, ALL BASED CHICAGO:

CAPTAIN T.A. MC MILLIAN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], FLOSSMOOR, ILL.

FIRST OFFICER WILLIAM JOHN POWELL, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], FOX RIVER GROVE, ILL. REC-12 44-38861-270

SECOND OFFICER RONALD D. SWEEDLER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MANHATTAN, ILL.

FLIGHT ATTENDANTS, ALL BASED ATLANTA:

SANDRA CAROL JIMERSON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], HAPEVILLE, GA.

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LYNDA LAURIE GRAMLING, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAPEVILLE, GA.

JANICE LEE COLLINS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALEXANDRIA, VA.

NAMES AND PERMANENT ADDRESSES OF FLIGHT CREW EAL FLIGHT  
SIX SIX TWO, APRIL EIGHT, LAST, ALL BASED ATLANTA, FOLLOW:

CAPTAIN HARRY ROBERT ANDERSON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEWNAN, GA.

FIRST OFFICER WENDELL BARRE HALEY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EAST POINT, GA.

SECOND OFFICER LANCE C. ANDERSON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATLANTA, GA.

SENIOR FLIGHT ATTENDANT HAROLD J. CORNWELL, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ATLANTA, GA.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT MARJORIE M. EASTERLY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COLLEGE PARK, GA.

CHICAGO, AT EAL, DETERMINE WHERE PILOTS MC MILLIAN,  
POWELL AND SWEEDLER CAN BE LOCATED AND SET LEADS TO SHOW PHOTOS

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OF SUSPECT RAY AND DETERLINE IF OBSERVED AS PASSENGER.

ATLANTA, AT EAL, HANDLE SIMILARLY FOR REMAINING -  
LISTED PERSONNEL BASED THERE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI-HOUSTON

9AM URGENT 5-1-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, TAMPA  
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509) 1P

MURKIN.

RE TAMPA TEL APR. TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE LOOK-A-LIKE, [REDACTED]

V.E. BROWN, BUSINESS MANAGER, TED COREY, OWNER AND  
P.L. PATTERSON, CONCESSIONS OWNER, HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS,  
ADVISED NO RECORD OF [REDACTED] WITH SHOW. SHOW  
WITH NO OTHER BRANCHES HAS BEEN IN TEXAS PAST MONTH. PHOTOS  
OF JAMES EARL RAY NOT IDENTIFIABLE WITH SHOW PERSONNEL. RETEL  
STATES [REDACTED] SEEN AT TAMPA LAST WEEKEND.

BIRMINGHAM RECONTACT [REDACTED] AND DETERMINE EXACT

LOCATION IN TAMPA WHERE [REDACTED] LAST OBSERVED.

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FBI-BUFFALO

2-07P URGENT 5/1/68 CIM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN.

RE DARK BLUE MUSTANG, GEORGIA LICENSE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TONAWANDA, NY, TELEPHONICALLY  
ADVISED BUFFALO OFFICE HE WAS DRIVING ALONGSIDE DARK BLUE  
MUSTANG IN BUFFALO ON APRIL THIRTY LAST. WHILE STOPPED  
AT SIGNAL LIGHT, HE NOTED DRIVER BORE MARKED RESEMBLANCE  
TO PHOTO OF RAY. HE NOTED LICENSE PLATE IS GEORGIA [REDACTED]

ATLANTA DETERMINE TO WHOM ABOVE LISTED LICENSE ISSUED  
AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS.

AM CCS TO BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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FBI-HOUSTON

334PM URGENT 5-1-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, SAN ANTONIO  
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

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MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APR. TWENTYNINE AND MYAIRTEL APR. THIRTY.

RECORDS OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS,

REFLECT [REDACTED]

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS RELEASED MAY ELEVEN SIXTYSIX, FOR PURPOSE OF  
RETURNING TO KANSAS CITY, MO. TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT AS TRUCK DRIVER.

ALL INVESTIGATION HUNTSVILLE AND BEAUMONT, NEGATIVE.

RECORDS AT TDC REFLECT [REDACTED] RELATIVES ALL DECEASED  
EXCEPT FOR ONE BROTHER, [REDACTED], WHO IS IN U.S. ARMY. [REDACTED]  
DID NOT CORRESPOND WITH ANYONE WHILE IN TDC. PRISON RECORDS  
REFLECT [REDACTED] ADMITTING BEING COMMITTED AT LEAST THREE TIMES FOR  
MENTAL OBSERVATION AT AUSTIN, TEXAS. IN ADDITION THE RECORDS  
REFLECT HIS ADMITTING THAT FROM NINETEEN FORTYSIX TO FIFTYEIGHT  
HIS INABILITY TO REMEMBER ANYTHING DUE TO MENTAL ILLNESS  
CAUSED BY ALCOHOLISM.

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FOR INFO SAN ANTONIO, KANSAS CITY HAS INFORMATION THAT ONE  
[REDACTED] CLAIMS HE WAS APPROACHED BY UNKNOWN PARTY  
FEB. FIFTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, AND ASKED TO KILL PRESIDENT AND MARTIN  
LUTHER KING. SAN ANTONIO CHECK AT STATE HOSPITAL, AUSTIN, FOR  
BACKGROUND AND DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE RECEIVING TREATMENT.

KANSAS CITY CONSIDER CHECKING WITH TRUCK DRIVERS UNION IN  
ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE EMPLOYMENT.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
RICHMOND (44-651)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST AND  
WFO TELETYPE APRIL THIRTY, LAST, CONCERNING TELEPHONES AT  
SAINT FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

TELEPHONE CALL MARCH TWO, LAST, TO WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
THREE THREE SEVEN - FIVE THREE ONE FIVE, RECEIVED BY ANSWERING  
SERVICE FOR COLONIAL PARKING, INCORPORATED, WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
FROM [REDACTED], ALEXANDRIA,  
VIRGINIA, LOS ANGELES TELEPHONES [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], RESIDENCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEFT NO MESSAGE, BUT INDICATED WOULD CALL BACK  
BUT SECOND CALL NOT RECEIVED. COLONIAL BELIEVES [REDACTED] CALLED

- (2) - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Teletype Unit
- 1 - Baltimore (44-669) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 2 - WFO

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Approved: [Signature]

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ABOUT HIS ONE-HALF TON, BLACK AND WHITE CHEVROLET PICK-UP TRUCK IN STORAGE FROM OCTOBER FOURTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. TRUCK REMOVED MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, LAST AND RETURNED TO STORAGE MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AGAIN REMOVED FROM STORAGE APRIL EIGHT, LAST. AREA CONTACT LISTED AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TWO MEN, NAMES NOT KNOWN, CAME TO COLONIAL STORAGE LOT ON APRIL FOUR, FIVE OR SIX, LAST AND REMOVED PAINTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, ALSO TOOK TRUCK TO GARAGE FOR TUNE UP. THEY WERE DRIVING BEIGE COLORED, HALF TON TRUCK WITH RACKS FOR LADDERS AND VIRGINIA LICENSE TAGS. ONE MALE, WHOSE FATHER MAY OWN TRUCK IN STORAGE, DESCRIBED AS WHITE, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS TO ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLOND HAIR, STOCKY BUILD. OTHER DESCRIBED AS WHITE, THIRTY TO THIRTYTHREE YEARS, SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE HUNDRED NINTY POUNDS, BOTH HAD SOUTHERN ACCENTS.

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ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST, ANOTHER MAN DROVE TO COLONIAL PARKING LOT IN A MUSTANG AND PLACED PACKAGE BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTAINED CLOTHING AND A TWENTYTWO CALIBER RIFLE IN CAB OF TRUCK IN STORAGE. A BOX OF AMMUNITION WAS PLACED IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT. HE INDICATED HE WAS DRIVER FOR DRIVE AWAY AND WAS GOING TO DO SOME HUNTING EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA WITH TRUCK. HE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, LATE THIRTIES, SIX FEET ONE INCH TO TWO INCHES, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTYFIVE TO TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WITH GRAY AND REDDISH TINT. AFTER PUTTING ITEMS IN TRUCK, HE DROVE AWAY IN MUSTANG AND RETURNED IN A TAXIE TO DRIVE PICK-UP TRUCK AWAY.

██████████ AUTO DRIVE AWAY, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED ORDER DATED MARCH EIGHTEEN, LAST, FROM AUTO DRIVE AWAY, TWO TWO SEVEN SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, ██████████; ██████████, FOR SIXTYSEVEN CHEVROLET, HALF TON PICK-UP, VIRGINIA TAGS ██████████, SERIAL ██████████

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\_\_\_\_\_ PROPERTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ OR  
\_\_\_\_\_ LOS ANGELES, PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ TO BE DELIVERED FROM STORAGE COLONIAL PARKING,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., TO AUTO DRIVE AWAY, LOS ANGELES. BY LETTER  
MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, DELIVERY ADDRESS CHANGED TO \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ADVISED \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ DEL MORTE, GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ WITH  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, CONTACTED TO DRIVE ABOVE  
VEHICLE TO LOS ANGELES. HE WAS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ RE PLACE, N.W., WASHINGTON,  
D. C. ON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST. GERBERG REFUSED TO DRIVE  
THE TRUCK AS IT WAS NOT RUNNING WELL AND HE DID NOT WISH TO  
TRANSPORT LADDER AND PAINTING EQUIPMENT ON THE TRUCK.

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[REDACTED] INDICATED HE HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS SON AND HIS BROTHER  
TO MOVE EQUIPMENT AND REPAIR TRUCK.

[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WASHINGTON, D. C., [REDACTED], PHONE

[REDACTED] MARYLAND PERMIT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

AGE THIRTY, BROWN HAIR AND BROWN EYES, PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], N. W.,

WASHINGTON, D. C., DEPARTED WITH ABOVE TRUCK FOR CALIFORNIA ON

APRIL EIGHT, LAST. [REDACTED] MENTIONED TO [REDACTED] HE WAS CARRYING

A GUN AND HAD A PERMIT AND [REDACTED] ADVISED HIM THIS WAS AGAINST

<sup>Provision</sup>  
PROBATION OF THEIR CONTRACT. [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW [REDACTED]

TRANSPORTED GUN.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE HIRED  
IN RESPONSE TO A WANT ADD.

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] HAS SINCE RETURNED AND DESIRED  
ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION TO LOS ANGELES AREA.

WFO INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
NO IDENTIFIABLE DATA REGARDING [REDACTED]. ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SAME GENERAL DESCRIPTION, CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ROBBERY  
OF TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM FOOD FAIR STORE,  
SIX TWO FIVE ZERO KENILWORTH AVENUE, RIVERDALE, MARYLAND,  
JANUARY NINETEEN, SIXTYSIX, [REDACTED]

IN VIEW OF PERIODS TRUCK USED BY [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES  
AND [REDACTED] FURTHER DETERMINE [REDACTED]S ACITIVITIES. LOS ANGELES  
MAY DESIRE TO CONSIDER [REDACTED] AS SUSPECT IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES

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THAT DIVISION IN VIEW OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND BALTIMORE.

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FBI ST LOUIS

927PM URGENT 5-1-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

DISCRETE-FISUR DISCLOSED JERRY RAY LEFT SL ELEVEN FIVE AM THIS DATE IN HIS CAR. CHICAGO ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY. NOT AT MAC ARTHUR HOTEL, APPARENTLY STAYED WITH BROTHER JOHN. NO INDICATION HE CONTACTED PERSONS OTHER THAN JOHN AND SISTER CAROL PEPPER.

JOHN RAY NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE THIS AFTERNOON. SA'S CONTACTED HIM AT GRAPVINE TAVERN. HAD SEVERAL CUSTOMERS, BARMAID GONE, WAS TENDING BAR ALONE. WAS CORDIAL, BUT STATED COULD NOT TALK WITH CUSTOMERS PRESENT. ASKED SA'S RETURN ELEVEN AM TOMORROW FOR INTERVIEW.

EX. [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED. APPEARED COOPERATIVE. SA'S DID NOT DISCLOSE JERRY RAY VISIT BUT ASKED WHAT HAPPENED SINCE LAST CONTACTED. SUGGEST CHICAGO NOT MENTION [REDACTED] TO JERRY AT THIS TIME TO SEE IF HE VOLUNTEERS NAME.

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~~REDACTED~~ SAID HE VISITED GRAPVINE APRIL TWENTY NINE, (PROBABLY BEFORE JERRY'S ARRIVAL). DID NOT MENTION JERRY, AND APPARENTLY WAS NOT ADVISED OF SAME BY JOHN. CLAIMED HE TAUGHT SUBJECT BURGLARY. TAUGHT USE OF GLOVES. UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND FAILURE TO USE GLOVES THIS CASE.

ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH SUBJECT FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE UNTIL KROGER ROBBERY APPREHENSION. PARTICIPATED WITH SUBJECT IN SOME OUT OF TOWN BURGLARIES. NEVER KNEW SUBJECT TO PULL ANY JOB ALONE. SUBJECT BASHFUL ON FIRST MEETING ANY FEMALE, TENDENCY TO LISP OR STUTTER MOST APPARENT AT THOSE TIMES. HAD NO PARTICULAR GIRL. SUBJECT PREFERS LAUREL SPRINGS BOURBON WITH SWEET SODA, CAN DRINK ENORMOUS QUANTITY WITHOUT NOTICEABLE EFFECT. DOES NOT SMOKE OR LIKE BEER.

DENIED CONTACT WITH SUBJECT SINCE KROGER ARREST OR KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE. SEEMED HURT THAT SUBJECT HAD NOT CONTACTED HIM. WHEN ASKED WHERE HE THOUGHT SUBJECT IS, HE SAID EUROPE, AS SUBJECT ONCE SAID WOULD LIKE TO GO TO SPAIN. BUREAU NOTE SUBJECT TOOK SPANISH COURSE IN LEAVENWORTH.

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[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]. IS DISABLED  
MARINE VETERAN. VA RECORDS WILL BE REVIEWED, SERIAL NUMBER  
DETERMINED AND IDENT RECORD REQUESTED.

[REDACTED]  
ALBERT PEPPER, BROTHER IN LAW OF SUBJECT WILL BE INTERVIEWED  
TOMORROW MORNING PER BUREAU PHONE CALL THIS DATE.

ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO LOCATE PEPPERS BROTHER, FRANKLIN  
DANIEL PEPPER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT RESIDENCE OF PARENTS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

COVERAGE OF RELATIVES BEING INSTITUTED AS DIRECTED.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CC - TROTTER

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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to the Bureau, 4/27/68.

Referenced communication revealed subject, while in Missouri State Penitentiary, had an inmate named [REDACTED] beaten up by two other inmates because of nonpayment for amphetamine powder. Inmate named [REDACTED] believed to have been one of the prisoners who did the beating.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and each receiving office is one copy of an investigative insert concerning all the inmates named [REDACTED] incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time subject was there.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT CHINO, CALIFORNIA

Will review records of the California State Penitentiary under number [REDACTED] in an attempt to determine [REDACTED] whereabouts in order to interview him regarding subject.

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ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

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Attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED]

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- 3 Kansas City

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for any information he may have regarding subject at residence of his mother, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Mo.

KANSAS CITY

AT WAYNESVILLE, MISSOURI

Will contact [REDACTED] in an attempt to locate [REDACTED] to interview him regarding subject.

AT WICHITA, KANSAS

Will interview [REDACTED] Minneapolis, in an attempt to locate [REDACTED] in order that he may be interviewed regarding subject.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will review records. Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in an attempt to determine whereabouts of [REDACTED] so that he may be interviewed regarding whereabouts of subject.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 29, 1968:

A review of the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) revealed that there is no inmate named [REDACTED] currently confined at the MSP.

Inmates with the last name [REDACTED] who were confined at the MSP during the time of JAMES EARL RAY's incarceration were identified through records as [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is described as a white male, born [REDACTED]; 5 feet, 10 inches; 160 pounds; brown hair, blue eyes, [REDACTED]. His parents are listed as [REDACTED] Waynesville, Missouri; brothers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Rogersville, Missouri; sister [REDACTED] Waynesville. He was received at the MSP [REDACTED] 1963, on a 4-year sentence on [REDACTED] escaped [REDACTED] 1963, and received two years' sentence for escape, transferred to Moberly [REDACTED] 1967, then to Fulton State Hospital [REDACTED] 1967, and released [REDACTED] 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was received at the MSP, [REDACTED] 1959, the first time, later discharged, and received again [REDACTED] 1964, until final discharge on [REDACTED] 1965. [REDACTED] he worked at the MSP in the kitchen from 1962 to 1963 and in the bakery, in Food Service, [REDACTED] 1964. He is described as white male, born [REDACTED]; 5 feet, 7 inches; 150 pounds, brown hair; brown eyes, mother [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, and he listed a friend as [REDACTED] East St. Louis, Illinois.

ENCLOSURE

KC 44-760

A letter in his file dated August 23, 1967, indicated that [REDACTED] was received at the California State Penitentiary at Chino, California, under [REDACTED], on [REDACTED], 1967.

[REDACTED] was received [REDACTED] 1961, from Vernon County, Missouri, on checks conviction and was discharged on [REDACTED] 1964. He is described as a white male, born [REDACTED], 6 feet, 2 inches; 180 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, [REDACTED]. His wife was listed as [REDACTED] Wichita, Kansas; and he listed sisters [REDACTED], Augusta, Kansas, and [REDACTED] Wichita, and an aunt [REDACTED] Independence, Kansas.

[REDACTED] is described as illiterate and can write only his name. On [REDACTED] 1963, he was assigned to Food Service in the kitchen at the MSP, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As of [REDACTED] 1965, MSP records indicate that [REDACTED] was incarcerated at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, under [REDACTED] on a 7-year sentence for larceny of automobile.

[REDACTED] was received at the MSP [REDACTED] 1962, from Jackson County, Missouri, on two years' sentence [REDACTED] and he was discharged [REDACTED] 1963. He is described as a white male, born [REDACTED] 5 feet, 8 inches; 147 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes. He is described as illiterate, has Social Security No. [REDACTED] and he lists no brothers and sisters, stated his father died in 1946 and that he has not seen his mother since 1946. He had no relatives or correspondents listed in his file. [REDACTED] has Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and New Orleans Police Department [REDACTED].

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FBI PHOENIX

12:53 PM URGENT 5-1-68 NPB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES (44-1574),  
AND NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) 1P

MURKIN.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST, TEN: ZERO ONE PM.

ON INSTANT DATE, [REDACTED] MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE  
COMPANY, REITERATED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE  
COLLECT CALLS MADE FROM YUMA PAY PHONES TO LOUISIANA BECAUSE  
THERE ARE NO RECORDS KEPT IN ARIZONA OF THOSE CALLS.

[REDACTED] AGAIN STATED THAT HAD A COLLECT CALL BEEN MADE FROM  
A YUMA PAY PHONE TO LOUISIANA NUMBER, ANY SUCH RECORD OF THAT  
CALL WOULD BE IN LOUISIANA, NOT IN ARIZONA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED  
FIFTY PAY PHONES IN GENERAL YUMA AREA AND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-  
FIVE WITHIN CITY LIMITS OF YUMA, AND A PHYSICAL CHECK OF SUCH  
PHONE RECORDS WOULD NOT REVEAL COLLECT CALLS MADE FROM YUMA  
TO LOUISIANA.

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FBI ATLANTA

802 PM EDT URGENT 5/1/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, MIAMI,  
MINNEAPOLIS AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APR. THIRTY, LAST, AND ATLANTA TELCALLS  
TO BIRMINGHAM, MAY ONE, INSTANT.

OFFICES HAVING LEADS TO LOCATE PASSENGERS LEAVING BIRMINGHAM  
AS STATED IN RETEL, REQUESTED TO DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION  
TO LOCATE PASSENGERS. INVESTIGATION HERTZ CORP., ATLANTA,  
THIS DATE REFLECTED RENTAL AGREEMENT DATED APR. SEVEN,  
'SIXTYEIGHT FOR 'SIXTYEIGHT AMERICAN MTRS REBEL, TWO-DOOR,

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REFERRED TO IN RETEL, RENTED TO J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTORFER UNDER  
SINCLAIR CREDIT CARD NO. [REDACTED]

APPARENTLY EMPLOYED [REDACTED] RENTAL AGREEMENT  
REFLECTS ADDITIONAL DRIVER OF CAR JOHN TEVAHEAY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEVON, PA. WOLKERSTORFER APPARENTLY APPEARED AT  
ATLANTA AIRPORT FOUR AM, APR. NINE, 'SIXTYEIGHT, AND ADVISED  
HERTZ EMPLOYEE AMERICAN REBEL AUTO LEFT AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT

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AT 44-2386

WITH HERTZ CORP. AND MILEAGE RECORDED FIVE HUNDRED  
TEN MILES. CHECK-REPORT MADE IN ATLANTA BY M. STEPHENS. INQUIRY SINCLAIR  
OIL CO., ATLANTA, REFLECTS WOLKERSTORFER RESIDES [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], ST. PAUL, MINN. CREDIT CARD NOT REPORTED STOLEN TO DATE AND  
NO EXCESSIVE CHARGES LISTED.

MINNEAPOLIS AT ST. PAUL, MINN., LOCATE WOLKERSTORFER RE RENTAL  
OF AMERICAN MTRS REBEL, TWO-DR, AT ATLANTA, APR. SEVEN, LAST, AND  
LEAVING SAME AT BIRMINGHAM. ASCERTAIN IF WOLKERSTORFER IN ANYWAY  
CONNECTED WITH CAPTIONED MATTER AND IF HE AND ASSOCIATE, TEVAHEAY  
POSSIRLY IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

ATLANTA INTERVIEWING M. STEPHENS RE CHECK-IN OF REBEL AUTO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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FBI ALBANY

11:46 AM URGENT 5/1/68 PXR

TO DIRECTOR , ATLANTA, JACKSONVILLE,

MIAMI, MEMPHIS

FROM ALBANY (44-493) 1P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL THIRTY LAST.

*[REDACTED]* MONTREAL PD, AUTO THEFT  
SQUAD, TODAY ADVISED NO SUSPECTS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
DEVELOPED RE THEFT AT MONTREAL, AUGUST TWENTYONE LAST  
OF SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC, VIN *[REDACTED]*  
*[REDACTED]*

ALBANY CONTACTED LEGAT OTTAWA APRIL THIRTY LAST  
RE LEAD SUGGESTED RETFL AND LEGAT STATED RCMP CONDUCTING  
INVESTIGATION RE GALT'S RESIDENCE IN MONTREAL AND  
HE WOULD HAVE RCMP INTERVIEW *[REDACTED]* AND CONDUCT  
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT PLACE OF THEFT INSTANT  
VEHICLE. P.

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJ: MURKIN  
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Re Bureau airtel 4/23/68 advising letter addressed to the Attorney General from [REDACTED] indicates he has information concerning the death of victim.

On 4/24/68, [REDACTED], Tallahassee, advised that about 2 a.m., Sunday, April 7, an elderly man came into Frisch's Restaurant, 1775 West Tennessee Street, in an obviously drunk condition. This man began making overtures to the young waitress handling the counter and in the course of the conversation with her mentioned he had a cartridge case in his back pocket. [REDACTED] stated he had just finished work [REDACTED] and was sitting at the counter next to the elderly gentleman. He, [REDACTED] observed the cartridge case and believed it to be a case containing a .38 caliber revolver shells. [REDACTED] stated the man made attempts to conceal this case from his view and this made him suspicious. The man also said to the waitress something to the effect that "a bullet from this case killed a man the night before last."

[REDACTED] advised that when the man got up to leave, he bumped into Mr. GEORGE YATES, a well-known local businessman who is currently running for Leon County

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1 - Memphis  
2 - Jacksonville  
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Commissioner. It appeared to [REDACTED] that YATES knew the man because the two engaged in a brief conversation.

[REDACTED] advised that the man was about 50 years old, 6', 160 lbs., thin build, thinning hair. He stated that this individual looks nothing at all like pictures he has seen recently of JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED] said he would not have written to the Department, but since there were no concrete facts developed as to suspects at that time, he decided that he would report this suspicious incident.

On 4/25/68, Mr. GEORGE YATES, [REDACTED] Street, Tallahassee, advised he was in Frisch's about 2 a.m., April 7. He remembers a man saying to him as he entered that the place was closed but he did not know the individual and cannot identify him. YATES stated that he and his wife stopped in Frisch's for coffee that night after attending a dance sponsored by the Leon County Sheriff's Office and that there was practically no one in the place when he arrived. He did not see or converse with any friends of his on that occasion.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE


  
4/25/68

Dear Sir:

You displayed little capability  
nor prescience in the JFK mystery  
and even less in that of MLK.

Why don't you get off your fat ---  
and resign for the good of the country?  
Your one man-one rule control is long  
over due for dissipation. Your record of  
arrogant racism is well known.

McCarthy couldn't be righter.

Yours,  


P. S. So investigate me!

COPY:nm

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MR. DELOACH

MR. MOHR

MR. BISHOP

MR. CASPER

MR. CALLAHAN

MR. CONRAD

MR. FELT

MR. GALE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 5-1-68

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

By letter dated 4-25-68 [REDACTED] on stationery of the Hotel Reforma Intercontinental which is located in Mexico, in a rude and uncouth manner stated that the Director displayed "little capability nor prescience in the JFK mystery and even less in that of MLK." He also stated "Why don't you get off your fat---and resign for the good of the country?" and accuses the Director of being a racist.

Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [REDACTED]

## OBSERVATIONS:

In view of the rude, ill-mannered and unwarranted criticism by [REDACTED] his letter should not be dignified by a reply; therefore, it is recommended:

## RECOMMENDATION:

That [REDACTED] letter of April 25th not be acknowledged.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure

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Date: 5/1/68

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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Sacramento (100-427) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau and All Continental  
Offices, 4/25/68.

RE: CARS STOLEN FROM GEORGIA  
SUBSEQUENT TO 3/23/68

On April 30, 1968, [REDACTED], Communications  
and Auto Theft Section, California Highway Patrol, Sacramento,  
California, furnished a complete list of cars stolen from  
Georgia which were recovered in the State of California  
subsequent to March 23, 1968. No cars were recovered in  
the territories covered by the Sacramento or San Diego  
Divisions.

Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco were  
advised telephonically of the results of above check.

③-Bureau  
2-Atlanta (44-2386)  
1-Los Angeles (44-1574)  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-San Diego  
1-San Francisco  
2-Sacramento  
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FBI LOS ANG.

7:45PM URGENT 5-1-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TEL TO LOS ANGELES APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES TO LOCATE [REDACTED]  
POSSIBLY MENTAL, DETERMINED [REDACTED] NOT PRESENTLY IN LOS ANGELES  
AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

ON APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST, SON [REDACTED] GLENDALE,  
CALIFORNIA ADVISED [REDACTED] LEFT LOS ANGELES IN LATE NINETEEN  
SIXTY SEVEN AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN AS FATHER WAS CONSTANTLY  
TRAVELING. HAS RECEIVED TWO COLLECT TELEPHONE CALLS FROM  
FATHER SINCE CHRISTMAS, ORIGIN OF EITHER CALL UNKNOWN TO HIM.

SON STATED FATHER WILL NOT CONTACT FORMER WIFE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OR SON, [REDACTED] AS ALIENATED FROM THEM, AND REFUSED TO  
FURNISH CURRENT ADDRESS FOR MOTHER, STATING SHE KNEW NOTHING  
AND HE DID NOT WANT HER INTERVIEWED. [REDACTED] STATED  
BARNETT BUICK COMPANY, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA SEEKING FATHER.

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[REDACTED] BARNETT BUICK COMPANY, ADVISED UNION BANK, WHICH FINANCED CAR, SEEKING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNION BANK, SHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED BUICK AUTO REPOSSESSED IN ATLANTA BY AUTO RECOVERY BUREAU, TWO SIX EIGHT ZERO GORDON ROAD, SW, ATLANTA ON JANUARY FIFTEEN LAST, AND AGENCY WOULD HAVE [REDACTED] ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT AT THAT TIME. [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] TOURING UNITED STATES FROM APPROXIMATELY MID-NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN UNTIL CAR REPOSSESSED, STATED [REDACTED] HAD UNION OIL AND SHELL OIL CREDIT CARDS, AND UNITED STATES CREDIT BUREAU HANDLING COLLECTION ON UNION CREDIT CARD.

ON MAY ONE INSTANT, [REDACTED] US CREDIT BUREAU, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED AGENCY HAD ONE GASOLINE PURCHASE ON UNION OIL CARD SINCE JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT WHICH WAS PURCHASE OF GASOLINE ON MARCH EIGHT OR NINE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT IN VAN HORN, TEXAS.

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FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA ADVISED [REDACTED] APPEARED SCLC HEADQUARTERS, ATLANTA ON NOVEMBER SIX, SIXTY SEVEN, URGENTLY REQUESTING AUDIENCE WITH KING FOR UNKNOWN REASON. LA FURNISHED BACKGROUND OF [REDACTED] TO ATLANTA, INCLUDING FACT HE WAS HOSPITALIZED TWICE FOR MENTAL DISORDER (SCHIZOPHRENIC PARANOID). BUREAU INSTRUCTED [REDACTED] BE INVESTIGATED AS POSSIBLE CONSPIRATOR IN MURKIN.

ATLANTA CONTACT REPOSSESSOR FOR BACKGROUND AND POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS, AS HE ONCE THREATENED NEIGHBOR WITH SHOTGUN.

MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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FBI EL PASO

3:00PM 5-1-68 URGENT CEJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

RELATEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST.

MRS. SYLVIA LEDFORD, ASSISTANT MANAGER, DEL CANINO MOTEL, EL PASO, TEXAS, TELEPHONE SEVEN SEVEN TWO - TWO SEVEN ONE ONE, ADVISED THIS DATE SHE HAD COMPLETED SURVEY OF EMPLOYEES OF MOTEL AND NONE OF EMPLOYEES RECALLED RECEIVING TELEPHONE CALL JANUARY NINE LAST FROM ANYONE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

MRS. LEDFORD SAID MOTEL RECORDS CONTAINED NO INFORMATION REFLECTING ANY GUEST AT MOTEL ON JANUARY NINE LAST RECEIVING A TELEPHONE CALL FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES. STATED MOTEL HAS A CONSOLE RATHER THAN SWITCHBOARD AND ANY INCOMING CALL FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL COULD HAVE BEEN ROUTED DIRECTLY TO ANY ROOM IN MOTEL WITH NO RECORD BEING MADE OF SUCH CALL BY THE MOTEL.

AM COPY BIRMINGHAM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI; SACS DETROIT, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS  
 FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

WFO RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST FROM  
 A MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED], CAB DRIVER,  
 AUTORAMA NUMBER [REDACTED], WHO ADVISED THAT HE HAD JUST DROPPED  
 OFF A MAN AT THE U. S. CAPITOL WHO "LOOKED JUST LIKE THE  
 MURDERER OF KING". [REDACTED] SAID HE PICKED MAN UP AT THE REGENCY  
 MOTEL, NEW YORK AVENUE, N.E., WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC). HE  
 SAID MAN HAD A NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT OR NINETEEN FIFTYNINE  
 CHEVROLET, BEARING MICHIGAN LICENSE [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION AT REGENCY CONGRESS INN, SIX ZERO ZERO  
 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.E., WDC, REVEALS A [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], LINWOOD, MICHIGAN, IS A GUEST OF THE

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INN HE IS IN POSSESSION OF A NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE CHEVROLET,  
MICHIGAN LICENSE [REDACTED], AND IS STAYING IN  
ROOM [REDACTED] CHECKED IN APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST  
WITH HIS WIFE. PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO  
PERSONS AT INN WHO HAD OBSERVED [REDACTED], AND THEY ADVISE [REDACTED]  
DOES NOT RESEMBLE RAY. EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AT WDC ON  
APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST AND APRIL THIRTY LAST NEGATIVE.

DETROIT AT LINWOOD, MICHIGAN. WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION  
TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] IS IDENTICAL TO RAY.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

ON MAY ONE, LAST, A MATCHBOOK FROM REID MOTEL, ROUTE TWO, BOX ONE THREE ZERO, GREENVILLE, ALA., WAS FOUND IN THE PARKING LOT BEHIND ONE ZERO SEVEN, ONE ONE THREE - FOURTEENTH ST., NE, ATLANTA, WHERE JAMES EARL RAY PARKED HIS CAR WHILE IN ATLANTA. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO INDICATION THIS CAME FROM HIS CAR, MOBILE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE REID MOTEL TO DETERMINE IF RAY COULD HAVE STAYED AT THIS MOTEL.

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Dear Sir,

I would appreciate if you would  
send me copies of opinion number 1112  
and 1122. I have nothing of the  
case. I would like to have them for  
personal use.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Respectfully,  
[REDACTED]

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[Handwritten mark]



5-2-68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Norfolk

From: Director, FBI

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MURKIN

Re: [REDACTED]

Enclosed for Norfolk are two copies of a post card from [REDACTED] (no date and not postmarked) requesting that copies of wanted fliers #442 and #442A be furnished to him. One copy of the post card is enclosed for Memphis.

Norfolk should locate and interview [REDACTED] to determine his reason for wanting the wanted fliers and to establish if he has any knowledge concerning this case.

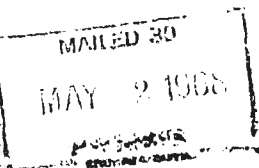
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FBI MIAMI

733PM EST URGENT 4/5/68 LAS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MIAMI (157-NEW)

~~RE: RACE MATTERS~~

TRAINING

✓ RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY COMMEMORATING DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR., SUNLAND PARK, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., SUNDAY, APRIL SEVEN,  
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. RACIAL MATTER.

RE BUTEL APRIL FOUR, LAST, CAPTIONED, "ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR."

[REDACTED] COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT (CRU), FT. LAUDERDALE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., ADVISED INSTANT THAT A  
PLANNED RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY COMMEMORATING DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR., SCHEDULED FOR ONE PM, SUNDAY, APRIL SEVEN, NEXT.  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSEMBLY BEING MADE BY REVEREND SAMUEL W.  
GEORGE, NAACP, LOCAL PRESIDENT, FT. LAUDERDALE. PARTICIPANTS WILL  
REPRESENT MORE THAN NINE RELIGIOUS SECTS AND REPORTEDLY WILL COME  
FROM DIFFERENT AREAS. PARTICIPANTS EXPECTED TO BE WHITE AND NEGRO  
WITH MAJORITY BEING NEGRO. REVEREND GEORGE HAS ENCOURAGED ALL  
YOUNG TO STAY AWAY FROM RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY AT SUNLAND PARK.  
PURPOSE OF ASSEMBLY WILL BE STRICTLY A RELIGIOUS SERVICE IN HONOR

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OF NINE.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER WHO MAY ATTEND UNKNOWN BUT EXPECTED TO EXCEED SEVERAL HUNDRED. REVEREND GEORGE COOPERATING THOROUGHLY WITH CBN. NO TROUBLE OR VIOLENCE ANTICIPATED. REVEREND GEORGE OF OPINION THIS IS ONE WAY TO DIVERT ENERGIES OF NEGRO CITIZENS TO AN UPRIGHT CAUSE.

ST. LAURENCE PD WILL PROVIDE NO PATROL UNITS IN AREA OF ASSEMBLY AND NO ANTI-ASSEMBLY PLANS BEING MADE. HOWEVER, WITH GEORGE'S KNOWLEDGE REPRESENTATIVES CBN WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE IN POLICE MARKED VEHICLE.

MIAMI CLOSELY FOLLOWING THIS MATTER AND WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE CONCERNING SAME THROUGH CBN.

SECRET SERVICE, U. S. ATTORNEY, AND ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH N. E. GROUP, ALL MIAMI, ADVISED.

END WILL FOLLOW.

MIAMI WILL CLOSELY FOLLOW THIS MATTER AND IMMEDIATELY ADVISE BUREAU SHOULD SITUATION DEVELOP.

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MR. TRAINOR  
ROOM 345 932

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ON APRIL FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, PROSECUTOR ROBERT G. SCHILDBERGER, CHAIRMAN, POLICE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THAT AT 11:00 PM ON THIS DATE, A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 20 WHITE AND NEGROES WERE IN THE AREA OF THE ST. LOUIS CENTRAL POLICE STATION. THE GROUP WAS APPROXIMATELY SIX OR SEVEN FEET TALL, WERE APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS OLD, AND WERE WEARING DARK CLOTHING. THEY WERE THE ASSASSINATION OF KING AND DURING THE TIME THEY WERE CAUSING THIS TROUBLE. APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED WHITE POLICEMEN GATHERED AROUND AND WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THE GROUP WERE PRESIDENT OF BOON CARRIAGE COMPANY, MISSOURI, COLLECTOR WICE PRESIDENT OF BOON CARRIAGE COMPANY, AND HE STOOD ABOUT 10:00 PM WITH A GROUP OF 100 POLICEMEN, POINTING OUT THE GROUP POLICE OF THE COLLECTOR WICE PRESIDENT OF BOON CARRIAGE COMPANY, AND

THOMAS, JR., SMITH, ANNIE WILLIAM JR. ROBINSONSON

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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FROM: JIMMY

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URGENT 4/5/68

TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)

FROM MIAMI /P/

PROSPECTIVE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION CONCERNING ASSASSINATION  
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, COCONUT GROVE, FLA. RACIAL MATTERS

THIS DATE ANONYMOUS MALE TELEPHONE CALLER ADVISED MIAMI  
OFFICE A NEGRO LAST NIGHT OBSERVED TWO MACHINE GUNS AT GILS  
(PHONETIC) BAR, COCONUT GROVE, FLA. CALLER STATED HE  
KNEW HIS CALL BEING TRACED AND BROKE CONNECTION.

A FEW MOMENTS LATER SAME CALLER ADVISED BY PHONE THAT  
THERE WOULD BE A VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION IN COCONUT GROVE, FLA.,  
FOLLOWING FUNERAL OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND MACHINE GUNS  
AT GILS BAR WOULD BE INVOLVED. CALLER AGAIN HUNG UP SAYING  
HE KNEW CALL WAS BEING TRACED.

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ATTN, MIAMI, FLA., SECRET SERVICE, MIAMI, FLA.,  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH M. I. GROUP, MIAMI, FLA., MIAMI PD  
AND DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI  
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami teletype 4/5/68. ✓

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies and for Atlanta one (1) copy of an LHM concerning a Negro student protest at Miami Dade Junior College in instant matter.

Professor CHARLES B. SCHILDECKER furnished the information to SA [REDACTED]

- ③ - Bureau (Encs. 11) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida  
April 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

On April 5, 1968, Professor Charles W. Schillecker, Chairman, Police Science Department, Miami Dade Junior College North, Miami, Florida, advised that at about 10:00 a.m. on this date, a group of approximately 100 Negroes staged a "sit-down" in the area of the Student Center lounge reserved for the fraternities. Approximately six or seven Negroes then stood up and made speeches deploring the assassination of King and blaming the white people, whom they called "Charlies," for causing this tragedy. Approximately 200 white students gathered around, and when it appeared tempers were rising, College Vice President Ambrose Garner made an appearance. He spoke about King's death being a great loss to the country, pointed out the open door policy of the college regarding the races, and asked everyone to stand and bow their heads in silent prayer. All the students complied and afterward returned to their classes.

The Dade County Department of Public Safety, 111th M. I. Group, and U. S. Secret Service, Miami, were advised of the above on April 5, 1968.

Copies of this memorandum have been furnished to the 111th M. I. Group, Orlando, Florida; U. S. Secret Service, Miami, Florida, and U. S. Attorney, Miami, Florida.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-New)

PROSPECTIVE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION CONCERNING  
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
COCONUT GROVE, FLA.  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 4/5/68.

Enclosed for Bureau are 11 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above.

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated to  
U.S. Secret Service, Miami, 11th M.I. Group, Miami and  
Orlando, Fla., U.S. Attorney, Miami, and ATTU, Miami:

This matter will be closely followed by Miami Office.

ENCLOSURE  
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ADMINISTRATIVE: CIVIL RIGHTS, LEO, RAO, TCD,  
ASST. ATTY. GEN.  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida  
April 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RE: PROSPECTIVE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION  
CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA  
RACIAL MATTERS

On April 5, 1968, an anonymous male telephoned the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation around 1:50 P.M. and advised that a Negro on the previous evening had seen two machine guns in Gills (phonetic) Bar in Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida. The caller then hung up stating he knew his call was being traced.

A few minutes later the same caller called again and stated that a violent demonstration would take place in Coconut Grove following the funeral ceremonies for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, and that the two machine guns referred to previously would be involved. He again hung up stating he knew his call was being traced.

The above information was immediately made available to the Alcohol Tobacco Tax Unit of the U.S. Treasury Department, U.S. Secret Service, Miami, Florida, 111th M.I. Group, Miami, Florida, Miami Police Department and the Dade County Public Safety Department, Miami.

Copies of this memorandum are being directed to the U.S. Attorney, Miami, Florida, Alcohol Tobacco Tax Unit, Miami, 111th M.I. Group, Orlando and Miami and the U.S. Secret Service, Miami, Florida.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-238)

INTERNAL MATTERS

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

JAMES P. DOSTER, SHERIFF, MACON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
DECATUR, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THIS DATE JAMES GUDE, REGIONAL  
CHAIRMAN, NAACP, INFORMED THAT A MEMORIAL FOR DOCTOR MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR. WILL BE HELD AT KINTNER GYM OF STEPHEN DECATUR  
HIGH SCHOOL, DECATUR, ILLINOIS AT TWELVE NOON APRIL SIX  
SIXTYEIGHT FOR EVERYONE. THE FLAG WILL FLY AT HALFEAST  
IN DECATUR, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. REC 11

DOSTER ADVISED NO VIOLENCE ANTICIPATED AND GUDE AND  
HIS ORGANIZATION IN DECATUR HAVE NO HISTORY OF VIOLENCE.

USA, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS; MI AND SECRET SERVICE,  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS AND DECATUR, ILLINOIS PD HAVE BEEN ADVISED.

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FBI SPRINGFIELD

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-832)

RACIAL MATTERS

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MEMORIAL SERVICE AND MARCH FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING  
AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS, APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, RM.

MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING AT  
TWO PM APRIL SEVEN NEXT, QUINCY COLLEGE CHAPEL, QUINCY,  
ILLINOIS, WHERE COLLECTION WITH BE TAKEN UP FOR KING  
FAMILY, AFTER WHICH MARCH IS SCHEDULED FROM QUINCY COLLEGE  
TO WASHINGTON SQUARE IN DOWNTOWN QUINCY WHERE PRAYER MEETING  
TO BE HELD FOR PEACE AND HUMAN UNDERSTANDING.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES, APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADVISED.

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FBI CHICAGO

430PM URGENT 4/11/68

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (100-44360)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-630)

RACIAL MATTERS

②  
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

AT TWO FIFTYTHREE PM THIS DATE, OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER  
OTTO KERNER, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, ADVISED GOVERNOR WAS  
CALLING UP THE NATIONAL GUARD BECAUSE OF THE DETERIORATING  
SITUATION IN CHICAGO.

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APR 11 1968

THIS COMBINES TELEPHONE CALL BY SPRINGFIELD TO

BUFFALO AND CHICAGO.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

62 APR 17 1968

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Date: 4/5/68

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Via AIRTEL

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.Subject: MEMORIAL SERVICE AND MARCH FOR  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
SPRINGFIELD, APRIL 7, 1968☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters☐ Klan ☐ Organization  
Re Springfield teletype today.

## Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of LHM on captioned subject and two copies of ID-371, a copy of which was disseminated to U. S. Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois.

Copies of the enclosed LHM are being furnished by Springfield to 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois; to OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Pantou, Illinois; and to 1st, Chicago, Illinois. Copy has also been furnished 1st, SDT, Springfield.

The source utilized in LHM is \_\_\_\_\_

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ACTION: UACB: \_\_\_\_\_

Bureau

☐ No further action being taken and

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☐ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA, Springfield

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(157-838)

☐ Report being submitted

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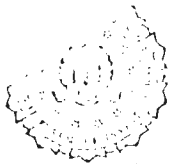
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 5, 1968

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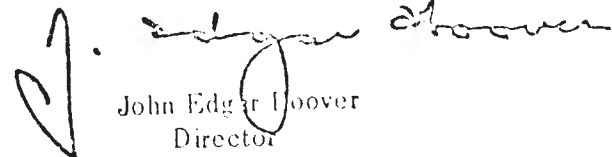
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  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
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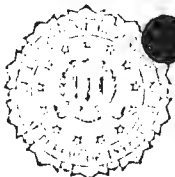
Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois  
April 5, 1968

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND MARCH FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING  
AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS, APRIL 7, 1968

On April 5, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised plans are being formulated for a memorial service for Martin Luther King which will be held at 2:00 P.M. on April 7, 1968, at Quincy College Chapel, Quincy, Illinois. After the service a collection is scheduled to be taken up for the benefit of Dr. King's widow and children.

Following the above service at Quincy College Chapel, a march is scheduled from the Chapel to downtown Quincy, Illinois, to Washington Square, where a brief prayer meeting will be held calling for peace and human understanding.

The above service and march is being organized by Reverend George McEvitt, a Franciscan priest who is an assistant professor of speech at Quincy College; by

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MEMORIAL SERVICE AND MARCH FOR  
MARTIN LUTHER KING AT QUINCY,  
ILLINOIS, APRIL 7, 1966

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Richard J. Cooper, Jr., a Negro student at Quincy College with a home address of Washington, D. C.; and by Peter J. McLennon, a student at Quincy College whose home address is Oak Park, Illinois.

The plans for the above are being formulated and no Civil Rights groups are presently involved in the service and march.

The above information was furnished orally on April 5, 1966, to local authorities, Quincy, Illinois; to SA [REDACTED], Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; and to [REDACTED], 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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1136AM URGENT 4-5-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, LITTLE ROCK, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-830)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS.

TOM MOSS, CHIEF OF POLICE, KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS,  
ADVISED HE RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL STATING  
THAT A YOUNG WHITE MAN STAYING AT THE WEST LAKE HOTEL,  
MARION, ARKANSAS, HAD TOLD FEMALE EMPLOYEE OF THIS HOTEL  
THAT HE WAS A CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER AND THAT HE WAS  
ON HIS WAY TO ASSASSINATE KING. NO FURTHER INFORMATION  
WAS OBTAINED FROM ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL. MEMPHIS  
ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF ABOVE.

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CC MR. SULLIVAN

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/6/68

Attached concerns memorial  
march and service to be held  
4/7/68 in memory of Martin Luther  
King, Miami, Florida.

Information furnished to the  
White House, Army, and the Inter-  
Division Information Unit.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MIAMI

MEMORIAL MARCHES AND SERVICES FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER

KING, JR., MIAMI DIVISION - RACIAL MATTERS.

AT MIAMI, FLA.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH ACTIVITIES OF THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY, AND WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED TODAY AS FOLLOWS:

A MEMORIAL MARCH AND SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON APRIL SEVEN <sup>1968</sup> NEXT IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE MARCH IS BEING CO-SPONSORED BY THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY (CORE) AND ALL CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS ARE BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE TO MEET AT THE DADE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON FLAGLER ST. AT FOUR PM. THE MARCH WILL PROCEED THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF MIAMI AND THEN TO THE CENTRAL NEGRO DISTRICT, NINE ST. AND TRINITY AVE. WHERE MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE GREAT TRINITY <sup>AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL</sup> CHURCH. THERE IS NO ESTIMATE AS TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO CAN BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE. FOR INFO THE

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MAINTAIN AND SERVICE IS TO BE A QUIET, PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION. ANYONE WHO FEELS THAT HE CANNOT ESTABLISH HIMSELF WITHOUT COMMITTING ACTS OF VIOLENCE ARE BEING ASKED TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS MARCH FOR DR. KING.

ON THE MORNING OF APRIL SIX INSTANT, AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS JOHNNY L. KAY, BELIEVED TO BE A NEGRO MALE, ADVISED THAT THERE WILL BE A RIOT IN DOWNTOWN MIAMI AT TWO PM, APRIL SEVEN <sup>1968</sup> ~~PM~~. THE CALLER STATED THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL BE CARRYING GUNS. THE INDIVIDUAL HUNG UP BEFORE PROVIDING ANY FURTHER DETAILS.

APPROPRIATE LOCAL AND FEDERAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED.  
MEMPHIS ~~MEMPHIS~~ <sup>MEMPHIS</sup> FOLLOWING.

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cc - Mr. Tolson

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Date: 4/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via A I R T E L REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-New)  
RE: MEMORIAL MARCHES AND SERVICES FOR  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
MIAMI DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami teletype to Bureau dated 4/6/68. ✓

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

The confidential source used in LHM is

Miami will follow and keep the Bureau advised.

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AGENCY: FBI, MIAMI  
DATE: APR 13 1968  
TIME: 10:15  
BY: JST/ADT 4014

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Miami, Florida  
April 6, 1968

RE: MEMORIAL MARCHES AND SERVICES FOR  
DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
MIAMI DIVISION - RACIAL MATTERS

A confidential source, who is familiar with the activities of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised today as follows:

A memorial march and service will be held on April 7, 1968, in memory of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The march is being sponsored by the CORE and all civil rights organizations are being invited to participate. All participants are to meet at the Dade County Courthouse on Flagler Street at 4:00 PM. The march will proceed east on Flagler Street to Northeast 2nd Avenue, north on Northeast 2nd Avenue to Northeast Fifth Street, west on Northeast Fifth Street to Northwest 2nd Avenue, north on Northwest 2nd Avenue to Eighth Street where the march will terminate. At this point the marchers will participate in services to be held in the Greater Bethel AME Church on Northwest 8th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. There is no estimate as to the number of people expected to participate; however, the march and service is to be a quiet, peaceful demonstration. Anyone who feels that he cannot restrain himself from committing acts of violence is being asked not to participate in this march for Doctor KING.

On the morning of April 6, 1968, an individual identifying himself as JOHNNY MCKAY, believed to be a Negro male, advised that there will be a riot in downtown Miami at 2:00 PM, April 7, 1968. The caller

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RE: MEMORIAL MARCHES AND SERVICES FOR  
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MIAMI DIVISION - RACIAL MATTERS

stated that participants will be carrying shotguns.  
The individual hung up before providing any further  
details.

On April 6, 1968, the above information  
was furnished locally to U. S. Secret Service,  
111th M. I. Group, and United States Attorney.

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated  
locally to U. S. Secret Service and United States Attorney,  
and to the 111th M. I. Group, Orlando, Florida.

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FBI SPRINGFIELD

597PM URGENT 4-6-68 JF

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-276) 1P

*RACIAL MATTERS*

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL SIX LAST.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT KINTHUR CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THIS DATE WITH NO INCIDENTS.

[REDACTED] HADSON COUNTY CHIEF OF POLICE, HADSON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT ANOTHER MEMORIAL FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TO BE HELD AT THREE PM ON APRIL SEVEN NEXT AT CENTRAL PARK, HADSON, ILLINOIS.

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NO VIOLENCE ANTICIPATED.

ADMINISTRATIVE: HCA, FBI, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS; HADSON CHIEF OF POLICE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS; OFF OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS; AND HADSON, ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENT. END OF THIS MATTER. LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MIAMI

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MEMORIAL MARCHES AND SERVICES FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
MIAMI DIVISION - RACIAL MATTERS.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU FOUR SIX, LAST. ✓

MEMORIAL MARCH FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MIAMI,  
COMMENCED FOUR PM, INSTANT, DOWN MAIN STREET OF MIAMI AND RETURNED  
TO CENTRAL NEGRO DISTRICT. APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS  
THE MAJORITY OF WHICH WERE NEGROES, MARCHED IN A QUIET MANNER AND  
NO INCIDENTS OCCURED.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS RACIAL MATTERS  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-838)

ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

THE UNIVERSALIST - UNITARIAN CHURCH AND TRI-COUNTY URBAN  
LEAGUE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS HAVE CHARTERED BUS DEPARTING PEORIA  
MIDNIGHT THIS DATE ENROUTE MEMPHIS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEMORIAL  
MARCH FOR DR. KING. INTER-RACIAL GROUP OF AT LEAST FIFTY  
PEORIANS WILL PARTICIPATE. NO KNOWN SOURCES OR MILITANTS IN GROUP.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

MI AND SS ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD 157-838 1P

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND MARCH FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., QUINCY,  
ILLINOIS, APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT. RM.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL FIVE LAST.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND MARCH HELD TODAY IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS  
WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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TO DIRECTOR **RACIAL-MATTERS**  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-938)

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ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

BIRACIAL INTER-FAITH MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. KING TWO  
PM INSTANT AT LINCOLN TOMBS, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS SPONSORED BY  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

VARIOUS POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND  
INCLUDING ACTING ILLINOIS GOVERNOR SAMUEL SHAPIRO AND MAYOR OF  
SPRINGFIELD. INFORMATION RECEIVED SI PD AND ISP EXTRA UNITS  
TO BE ON HAND TO PATROL AREA BUT NO TROUBLE ANTICIPATED.

BUREAU WILL ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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SS AND MI ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-833)

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RACIAL MATTERS

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL APRIL SIX LAST. ✓

MEMORIAL HELD IN CENTRAL PARK, DECATUR, ILLINOIS BY OFFICIALS NAACP AND DECATUR AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THIS DATE WITHOUT INCIDENT.

JAMES R. DOSTER, SHERIFF, MACON COUNTY, DECATUR, INFORMED APRIL SEVEN INSTANT, GEORGE GRAYNE, PRESIDENT, LOCAL ASSOCIATION BLACK ACTION (LABA), HAS SCHEDULED MEMORIAL AT ST. PETERS AME CHURCH, DECATUR, SEVEN THIRTY PM THIS DATE. NO VIOLENCE ANTICIPATED.

COP, HAROLD LINDSTEN, NA, DECATUR, ADVISED APRIL SEVEN INSTANT, A MAJOR FIRE BROKE OUT DOWNTOWN DECATUR NIGHT APRIL SIX LAST, NO ARSON SUSPECTED. SMALL FIRE BROKE OUT IN CLOSING STORE ON LEVEE DECATUR, FIVE FIFTEEN A.M. APRIL SEVEN INSTANT. ARSON SUSPECTED, HOWEVER NO RACIAL OVERTONES. FIRE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL WITH MINOR DAMAGE.

USA AND SS SPRINGFIELD, MI EVANSTON, ILLINOIS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

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Date: 4/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-NEW) (C)

RE: RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLAGE  
COMMEMORATING DEATH OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
SUNLAND PARK, FT. LAUDERDALE,  
FLA., SUNDAY, 4/7/68  
RACIAL MATTERS

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By: J. C. / L. J. 4 det

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OO: Miami

Re Miami teletype to Bureau dated 4/5/68. ✓

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM  
concerning the above captioned assemblage.

Inasmuch as the above captioned assemblage was  
held without incident, this matter is being closed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Miami, Florida  
April 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLAGE  
COMMEMORATING DEATH OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
SUNLAND PARK, FORT LAUDERDALE,  
FLORIDA, SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1968  
RACIAL MATTERS

On April 5, 1968, [REDACTED] Community Relations Unit, Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, advised that there would be a planned religious assemblage at Sunland Park, West Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on Sunday at 1:00 PM, April 7, 1968, to commemorate the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. This assemblage is being organized by the local branch NAACP President, Reverend SAMUEL W. GEORGE. Participants are expected to come from different areas within Broward County, Florida, representing approximately nine religious sects. Participants are expected to include both Negro and white with the majority expected to be Negro.

Reverend GEORGE has encouraged the youths to stay at home inasmuch as the assemblage will be strictly a religious ceremony in honor of Dr. KING.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is planning no police action, and no anti-assemblage plans are being considered. Only members of the Community Relations Unit will be present. No trouble is anticipated at the assemblage.

According to Reverend GEORGE, one of the purposes of this assemblage is to divert the energies of the colored people in Fort Lauderdale toward a worthwhile cause.

At the present time, there is no way of estimating the number who will attend; however, it is anticipated to exceed several hundred people.

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Re: RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLAGE COMMEMORATING  
DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On April 5, 1968, U. S. Secret Service, Miami, Florida; US Attorney, Miami, and 111th M. I. Group, Miami, were advised of the planned religious assemblage.

On April 8, 1968, [REDACTED] supra, advised that the assemblage took place as planned with approximately 800 persons attending. No incidents of any disorder whatsoever occurred, and the assemblage was peaceful throughout the service.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-NEW) (C)

RE: MEMORIAL MARCHES AND SERVICES FOR DR. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.  
MIAMI DIVISION -  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami airtel and LHM dated 4/6/68, and Miami  
teletype dated 4/7/68.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida

April 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: MEMORIAL MARCHES AND SERVICES FOR  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
MIAMI DIVISION - RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to communication from this Bureau dated April 6, 1968, which sets forth information concerning a memorial march and services for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. at Miami, Florida.

On April 7, 1968, commencing at 4:00 PM, approximately 1,000 individuals, the majority of which were Negroes, staged a memorial parade through the downtown section of Miami, Florida, in behalf of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This memorial parade lasted approximately one hour after which a memorial service was held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Miami, Florida.

There were no incidents involved concerning the memorial march and services.

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DEFERRED 4-8-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD

**RACIAL MATTERS**

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

*TR 4/11/68*

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL SEVEN, LAST. ✓

MEMORIAL FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WAS HELD AT CHURCH OF LIVING GOD, DECATUR, ILLINOIS, RATHER THAN ST. PETER'S AME CHURCH AND GROUP MARCHED ABOUT ONE AND ONE- HALF BLOCKS FROM FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, DECATUR, SEVEN: THREE ZERO P.M. APRIL SEVEN, LAST, WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 8 1968

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-838) (TWO PAGES)

~~RACIAL MATTERS~~

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

[REDACTED] ILLINOIS STATE POLICE, ADVISED  
DURING WEEKEND APRIL FIVE LAST A LARGE NEGRO FATHERNITY HELD  
ITS ANNUAL DANCE AT CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS AND FOUR TO FIVE HUNDRED  
NEGROES ATTENDED. BECAUSE OF NATIONAL EVENTS, ILLINOIS STATE  
POLICE FURNISHED ROUTINE PATROLE IN THE CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS  
AREA IN COOPERATION WITH SECURITY OFFICERS FROM SOUTHERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY AND CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENT.  
OVER WEKEND EXTREMELY YOUNG <sup>PRIMARILY NEGRO</sup> ~~WERE~~ JUVENILES WERE  
INVOLVED IN MINOR VANDALISM AND WINDOW BREAKING IN CARBONDALE. NO  
LOOTING OCCURED. ABANDONED DWELLING IN PROCESS OF BEING  
DMOLISHED, CAUGHT FIRE AND BURNED, BUT NO INDICATIONS ARSON  
INVOLVED. RUMORS WERE CIRCULATED IN CARBONDALE AREA THAT FIRE  
WAS IN CONNECTION WITH RACIAL MATTERS. [REDACTED] ADVISED  
THIS IS UNFOUNDED RUMOR AND THERE WAS NO RACIAL VIOLENCE IN

END PAGE ONE

LINE 12 PARA 2 CORRECTED PER  
TELETYPE ROOM FOR [REDACTED] 4/8/68

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PAGE TWO

CONNECTION WITH NEGRO FRATERNITY DANCE.

ADMINISTRATIVE: USA, EDI, MI AND SECRET SERVICE ADVISED.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. ABOVE

IS FOR INFORMATION SINCE RUMORS CONTINUE. LHM FOLLOWS.

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Date: 4-8-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-338) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

[ ] DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: ~~ASSASSINATION OF~~  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

☐ CR    ☐ EL    ☐ VRA-65    ☒ CRA-64  
  ☐ PA    ☐ PE    ☐ PF  
☐ BM    ☐ BM-Threats    ☒ Racial Matters  
  ☐ Klan    ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed herewith are the original and 10 copies of LHM setting forth the information received from JAMES E. DOSTER, Sheriff, Macon County Sheriff's Office, Decatur, Illinois, on 4-5-68 informing of a memorial for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at Kintner Gym of Stephen-Decatur High School, Decatur, Illinois, at 12:00 noon, 4-6-68, sponsored by NAACP. Two copies of FD-376 also attached.

USA, SDI, Springfield; Secret Service, Springfield;  
OSI, Chanut Air Force Base, MI Group, Evanston; and NIC,  
Chicago, Illinois and Decatur, Illinois, Police Department,  
advised.

1 - Bureau (Enc.-13)(RM)  
4 - Springfield (2: 157-836)  
(1: 157-Decatur Area Racial Matters)  
(1: 66-1967) RFB:dly (5)

ACTION: UACB:

☐ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Springfield  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☒ Limited investigation instituted

AGENCY: CRD, ID, IU,  
ACSI, OSI  
 HOW FORW: 175  
 DATE FORW: APR 16 1968

AGENCY: ~~CID, IAD, IIO, RAO~~ CD,  
ACSI, OSI  
HOW FORN: *AFS*  
DATE FORN: *APR 10 1968*  
BY: *CDR GDS* *SDC*

Approved:

Sent

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from 836



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

April 5, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois

April 5, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On April 5, 1968, Sheriff James L. Dorste, Macon County Sheriff's Office, Decatur, Illinois, advised Mr. James Gude, Regional Chairman, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, informed that a memorial for Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held at Rintner Gym of Stephen Decatur High School, Decatur, Illinois, at 12:00 noon, April 6, 1968, for everyone. The flag will fly at halfmast in Decatur, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Sheriff Dorste advised no violence was anticipated and Gude and his organization in Decatur, Illinois, have no history of violence.

U. S. Attorney, Southern District of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; military authorities and Decatur Police Department, Decatur, Illinois, advised.

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ENCLOSURE

F B I

Date: 4-8-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838)

☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION☒ GENERAL INVEST. DIV.☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.Subject: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.☐ CR☐ EL☐ VRA-65☐ CRA-64☐ PA☐ PE☐ PF☐ BM☐ BM-Threats☒ Racial Matters☐ Klan☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed herewith are original and 10 copies of LHM reflecting information received from [REDACTED] Macon County Sheriff's Office, Decatur, Illinois, that NAACP scheduled another memorial for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., to be held at Central Park, Decatur, Illinois, at 3:00 p.m., 4-7-68. Two copies FD-376 also enclosed.

U. S. Attorney, SDI, Springfield; Secret Service, Springfield, military authorities and Decatur Police Department advised.

- 1 - Bureau (Enc.-13) (RM)  
4 - Springfield (2: 157-838) (1: 65-1967)  
(1: 157-Decatur Area Racial Matters)

RFB:blw  
(5)

ACTION: UACB:

ENCLOSURE

☐ No further action being taken and☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Springfield☐ LHM being submitted☐ Report being submitted☐ Preliminary investigation instituted☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: APR 16 1968

Room 836

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RECEIVED CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois

April 6, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On April 6, 1968, [REDACTED] Mason County Sheriff's Office, Decatur, Illinois, advised that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had scheduled another memorial for Martin Luther King, Jr., to be held at 3:00 p.m., April 7, 1968, at Central Park, Decatur, Illinois.

No violence was anticipated.

H. B. Attorney, Southern District of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; military authorities and Decatur Police Department, Decatur, Illinois, advised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

April 6, 1968

Dear Sir:

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4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)

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Date: 4-8-68

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(Priority)

To: Director, FBI                      ATTENTION:  
    ☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
 From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
    ☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.  
 Subject: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

☐ CR    ☐ EL    ☐ VRA-65    ☐ CRA-64  
    ☐ PA    ☐ PE    ☐ PF  
☐ BM    ☐ BM-Threats    ☒ Racial Matters  
    ☐ Klan    ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed herewith are original and 10 copies of LHM reflecting information furnished by James R. Foster, Sheriff, Macon County, Decatur, Ill., on 4-7-68 that another memorial for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was scheduled at a local church in Decatur at 7:30 p.m., 4-7-68. Also, information received from Chief of Police HAROLD LINDSTEN, Decatur, Ill., Police Dept., that one major fire broke out in downtown Decatur on 4-6-68. No arson suspected and one small fire with minor damage also reported. Two copies FD-376 also enclosed.

USA, SDI, Springfield; Secret Service, Springfield, and military advised.

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1 - Bureau (Enc.-13) (RM)

2 - Springfield (2: 157-838) (1: 66-1967) (1: 157-Decatur/Racial Matter)

ACTION: UACB:

RFH:blw

- ☐ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed    ☐ Copy furnished to USA - Springfield  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved: TIONC / DVB

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

April 8, 1967

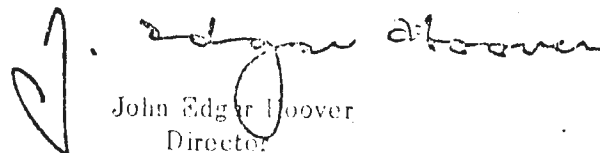
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Director

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U. S. Secret Service

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois

April 8, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On April 7, 1968, James R. Doster, Sheriff, Macon County Sheriff's Office, Decatur, Illinois, informed that George Grayned, President, Local Association Black Action (LABA), has scheduled memorial at St. Peter's AME Church, Decatur, at 7:30 p.m., April 7, 1968. No violence anticipated.

Chief of Police, Harold Lindsten, Decatur Police Department, advised on April 7, 1968, a major fire broke out downtown during the night of April 6, 1968. No arson was suspected. Small fire broke out in clothing store on Levee at Decatur, at 5:15 a.m., April 7, 1968. He advised arson was suspected, however, no racial overtones noted. Fire was brought under control with minor damage. Chief Lindsten advised there were other small incidents of fire reported with minor damage.

On April 8, 1968, Sheriff Doster advised the above-mentioned memorial was held at the Church of Living God, Decatur, Illinois, rather than St. Peter's AME Church and the group marched about one and one-half blocks from First Lutheran Church in Decatur, without incident.

U. S. Attorney, Southern District of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; and military authorities advised.

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Date: 4/8/68

Agency G-2, 11/4, OSI, CRU

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Date: 4/12/68

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)How Forw. 1/3By OK / JCO

To: Director, FBI  
 From: SAC, Springfield (157-838)  
 Subject: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 RM

ATTENTION:  
☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
☒ GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau and Memphis 4/7/68.

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☐ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint: Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are original and ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning group of Peoria citizens attending the 4/8/68 memorial march for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Also enclosed are two (2) copies of an FD-376.

Copies of LHM have been disseminated to USA, SOI, Springfield; Secret Service, Springfield, OSI, Pantoul; NIS, Chicago; UI Group, Evanston.

Sources referred to in LHM are

[REDACTED]

On 4/7/68 [REDACTED] 113th UI Group, Peoria, Illinois, and [REDACTED] Secret Service, Springfield, were advised of the bus departing Peoria for the Memphis march.

ACTION: UACB:

6-10-68

2- Bureau (Enc. ☐ No further action being taken and  
 13) ☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA Springfield  
 Memphis (Enc. 2) ☐ LHM being submitted  
 Springfield ☐ Report being submitted; ☒ ☒  
 (2) 157-838 ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted (1: 157-757 F. TIERCE)  
 (1) 100-1298 ☐ Limited investigation instituted (1: 157-712 V. BENTON)  
 (1) 100-1298 (2) 100-1298

(1: 100-10740 Peoria)

Viet. War Committee

Approved: C / JDR

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 9, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

April 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On April 7, 1968, sources, who are in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished the following information.

At midnight on April 7, 1968, a group of fifty Peoria citizens planned to depart Peoria via chartered bus for Memphis, Tennessee, to participate in the scheduled April 8, 1968, memorial march for the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Universalist Unitarian Church and the Tri-County Urban League of Peoria have jointly chartered the bus; however, the expense of the bus is being borne by local businessmen. Inter-racial leaders and representatives of various Peoria churches, the Peoria Commission on Human Relations, the Tri-County Urban League, the NAACP and the Peoria Committee on Viet Nam will comprise the participants taking this trip as a tribute and memorial to the assassinated civil rights leader. All of these representatives are active in local non-violent civil rights problems within Peoria and no militant-type individuals are included in this departing group.

On April 7, 1968, Secret Service, Springfield, and 113th MI Group, Peoria, were notified of the chartered bus leaving Peoria.

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Date: 4/8/68 Agency G-2, 116 OSI, CRD, 5)

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)How Forw. 12/8By [Signature]

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.Subject: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RM

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Re Sitel this date.

Forwarded herewith are the original and 10 copies  
 of a LHM captioned as above, setting forth investigation by  
 SA [REDACTED]. Also enclosed are 2 copies of an FD-376.

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated to USA,  
 EDI, East St. Louis, Illinois, Secret Service, Springfield,  
 Illinois, OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, MI, Evanston,  
 Illinois, and NISO, Chicago, Illinois.

- 1 - Bureau (Enc. 13)  
 5 - Springfield (2: 157-838)  
     (1: 157-298) (1: 157-316)  
     (1: 66-1987)

CHG:mpb  
 (6)

ACTION: UACB:

- ☐ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA East St. Louis  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois  
April 8, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED]  
Illinois State Police DuQuoin, Illinois, advised that during the weekend of April 5, 1968, six cars, manned by State Police personnel, in conjunction with several cars of the Security Police Department personnel at Southern Illinois University, as well as local police department and Sheriff's Office of Jackson County, patrolled Carbondale, Illinois. [REDACTED] stated that due to the national events at the present time, it was thought wise by Carbondale city officials and State Police to have necessary manpower inasmuch as a Negro fraternity at the Southern Illinois University had scheduled their annual dance for this weekend.

[REDACTED] stated that between 400 and 500 Negroes attended this dance, however, no incidents involving this group arose. He advised that during the weekend, however, several small incidents involving very young juveniles occurred, wherein minor vandalism and window breaking took place. He advised further that several rumors and calls were circulated, indicating that fires had been started. However, this was erroneous. He also advised that there was one fire which did occur at an abandoned dwelling on College Street in Carbondale, Illinois, which building was in the process of being demolished, but there was no indication this fire had any connection with arson or a result of racial matters.

On April 8, 1968, the following were advised of the above:

Chief JACK HAZEL  
Carbondale Police Department  
Carbondale, Illinois

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~~44-6-52-15~~

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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THOMAS LEFFLER  
Chief of Security  
Southern Illinois University Police Department  
Carbondale, Illinois

Region I  
113th MI Group  
2231 Howard Street  
Evanston, Illinois

Secret Service  
Springfield, Illinois

United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Illinois  
East St. Louis, Illinois.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

April 3, 1968  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

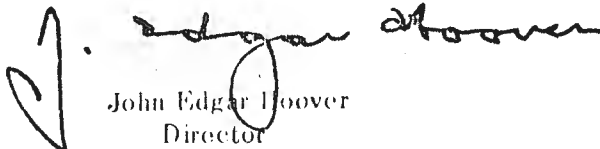
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Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)

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FBI

Date: 4/8/68

Agency G-2, 100 OSI CRD 15

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date Forw. 4/19/68

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

How Forw. p/s

By Cap Lee

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTIONFrom: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.Subject: ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RM

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Re Springfield tel to Bureau 4/7/68. ✓

Forwarded herewith are the original and 10 copies  
of a LHM captioned as above, setting forth investigation  
by SA [REDACTED] Also enclosed are 2 copies  
of an FD-376.

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated to USA,  
SDI, Springfield, Illinois, Secret Service, Springfield,  
Illinois, OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, MI,  
Evanston, Illinois and NIS, Chicago, Illinois.

Springfield will follow and the Bureau will be  
kept advised.

(1) - Bureau (Encls. 13)  
3 - SI (157-838)  
(1 - 66-1967) WR:sjs (4)

REC-14

## ACTION: UACB:

☐ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Springfield  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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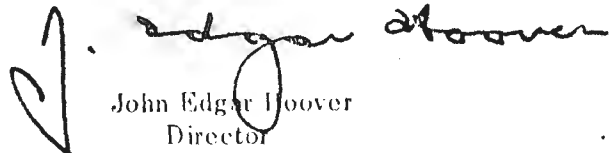
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois  
April 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED]  
Illinois State Police, Springfield, Illinois, advised on April 7, 1968, that a memorial service was held that date for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at the Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Illinois, which memorial service was sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Committee. [REDACTED] advised there was a very large crowd in attendance. He estimated that the inter-racial crowd was thirty per cent white. The memorial service ended at 2:40 P.M., April 7, 1968, and no disturbances followed.

Secret Service and Military Intelligence, Springfield, Illinois, were advised of the above information.

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FBI WASH DC

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FBI MIAMI

2:00 4-9-68 RTG

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA  
FROM MIAMI

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 9 1968

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Gale	_____
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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE ATLANTA, GEORGIA. RACIAL MATTERS.

24-58861-158  
REBUTEL FOUR EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT.

LOGICAL SOURCES AND INFORMANTS MIAMI DIVISION CONTACTED RE CAPTIONED MATTER AND SOURCES ADVISED THAT AT LEAST TWO TRAILWAYS BUSES OF DADE NEGROES DEPARTED MIAMI FOR ATLANTA AT APPROXIAMTELY NINE PM, FOUR EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, TO ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN GROUP WERE SEVERAL PROMINENT NEGRO CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS. THESE INDIVIDUALS IN PAST HAVE PUBLICLY TAKEN A POSITION OF NONVIOLENCE. AS FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED NO AGITATORS, RABBLE ROUSERS OR TROUBLE MAKERS WERE OBSERVED BOARDING THESE BUSES.

MANY OTHER NEGRO CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE DEPARTED FOR ATLANTA SEPARATELY.

MIAMI MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH SOURCES. 44-38861-2723 X.30  
LHM FOLLOWS.

ONE ONE ONE MI GROUP, SECRET SERVICE, REC-21  
AND USA ATTORNEY NOTIFIED.

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ATLANTA BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY

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FBI WASH DC

FBI SPRNGFLD

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-838)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE MYAIRTEL FOUR EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT. ✓

NOTED AP HEADLINE, FOUR EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, CARBONDALE, ILL.  
STATED THIRTEEN FIRE BOMBINGS IN CITY. JACK HAZEL, COP,  
CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS ADVISED THAT THIRTEEN FIRE ALARM CALLS  
ANSWERED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTUALLY  
ON FOUR CALLS RESULTED IN FIRES OF ANY SUBSTANCE AND THESE  
LIMITED IN NATURE/ NINE CALLS WERE FALSE ALARMS. OF THE  
FIRES REPORTED ONE DAMAGED AND EMPTY RESIDENCE WHICH IS IN PROCESS  
OF BEING DEMOLISHED, ONE WAS DAMAGE TO SMALL PILE OF SALVAGE  
LUMBER, ONE FIRE DESTROYED TRASH IN BACK OF GROCERY STORE AND  
REMAINING FIRE RESULTED IN LIMITED DAMAGE TO ROOF OF NEGRO  
CHURCH IN NORTH EAST CARBONDALE.

COP HAZEL STATED HE HAS REASON TO BELIEVE SEVERAL YOUNG  
NEGRO JUVENILES RESPONSIBLE BUT HAS NOT IDENTIFIED THEM TO DATE.

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FBI WASH DC

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914PM URGENT 4-9-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-838) 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE SI TEL INSTANT DATE. ✓

CHIEF JACK HAZEL, CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS PD ADVISED THAT CITY IS COMPARATIVELY QUIET, HOWEVER INCIDENT OCCURED TODAY WHEREIN GAS TANK OF CARS BELONGING TO WORKERS AT TIE PLANT, CARBONDALE WERE SIPHONED OFF. SUBSEQUENTLY HAZEL STATED CONSIDERABLE RUMORS RAMPANT THAT "CARBONDALE IS GOING TO GET IT TONIGHT". NONE OF THESE RUMORS HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIATED AT PRESENT.

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE JACKSON COUNTY ADVISED AND ARE PATROLING CITY ALONG WITH FULL CARBONDALE POLICE FORCE, TOGETHER WITH SECURITY POLICE, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY. LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

SS AND MI ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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Date: 4/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTIONFrom: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.Subject: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. *6/2/68*

Re Springfield teletype, FD-365 and 498 to Bureau dated 4/5/68.

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint: Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of letterhead memorandum on captioned subject and two (2) copies of FD-376, a copy of which was disseminated to U. S. Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois.

Copies of the enclosed LHM are being furnished by Springfield to 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; to OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Pontoult, Illinois, and to NIS, Chicago, Illinois.

AGENCY: CIO, ISM, IU, RAO, *REC-47*  
 ACSI, OSI

HOW FORW: *1/5*DATE FORW: APR 17 1968BY: CHICAGO *20-1*

Room 830  
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APR 11 1968

## ACTION: UACB:

Bureau (Enc. 13) ☐ No further action being taken and  
 Springfield ☐ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA *Springfield 13*  
 (2: 157-838) ☐ LHM being submitted  
 (1: 157-198) ☐ Report being submitted *1/5*  
 (1: 157-298) ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
 0/ser ☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved: *SC* *1/18*  
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

April 9, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND MARCH FOR  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., QUINCY, ILLINOIS, APRIL 7, 1968

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On April 7, 1968, Chief Ray Walsh, Quincy, Illinois Police Department, advised that the memorial service for Martin Luther King, Jr. at Quincy College, Quincy, Illinois, took place as scheduled at 2:00 P.M. on that date. After the service, the individuals who attended the service then marched to Washington Square in downtown Quincy, Illinois, where a prayer service was held for peace and understanding.

Chief Walsh estimated six hundred persons were present during the march. There were no incidents connected with either the march or the memorial service.

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Date: 4-9-68

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

☐ CR    ☐ EL    ☐ VRA-65    ☐ CRA-64

☐ PA    ☐ PE    ☐ PF☐ BM    ☐ BM-Threats    ☒ Racial Matters☐ Klan    ☐ Organization

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**Summary of Complaint:**

Enclosed herewith are original and 10 copies of LHM concerning Associated Press article datelined 4-8-68 at Carbondale, Illinois, reporting 13 fire bombings in that city. Also enclosed are 2 copies of FD-376.

USA, EDI, East St. Louis; Secret Service, Springfield;  
and military authorities advised. AGENCY: CDD, [redacted] RAO, OD,

AGENCY, CRD, H-1, J, ~~RAO, OD,~~

A331, C.1 / 55

HOW FORW:

DATE FORW: APR 18 1968

BY: C.H. GOS

P - Bureau (Enc.-13) (RM)

4 - Springfield (1: 157-838)(1: 157-316)  
(1: 157-298)(1: 66-1967)

CHG:blw (b)

ACTION: UACB:

☒ No further action being taken and

☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA East St. Louis.

☐ LHM being submitted

☐ Report being submitted

☐ Preliminary investigation instituted

☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois

April 9, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

An Associated Press article datelined April 8, 1968, at Carbondale, Illinois, reported 13 fire bombings in that city.

Chief of Police Jack Hazel, Carbondale, Illinois, advised that 13 fire alarm calls answered by the Fire Department and the Police Department, actually on four calls, resulted in fires of any substance and these were limited in nature. He advised nine calls were false alarms. Chief Hazel advised that of the fires reported, one damaged an empty residence which is in the process of being demolished, one was damage to a small pile of salvage lumber, one fire destroyed trash in back of a grocery store, and the remaining fire resulted in limited damage to the roof of a Negro church in northeast Carbondale.

Chief Hazel stated he has reason to believe several young Negro juveniles were responsible but has not identified them to date. Hazel attributes local situation to death of Dr. Martin Luther King and continuing news coverage of King's memorial services. He also believes the recent temporary rejection by the Federal Housing Office of a site selection of a proposed 150 unit housing development in northeast section of Carbondale, which is a Negro section of the city, may have a bearing on the matter.

U. S. Attorney, Eastern District of Illinois,  
East St. Louis, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield,  
Illinois; and military authorities advised.

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FBI

Date: 4/9/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838) (P)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RM

Re SI airtel and LHM dated 4/8/68.

**RACIAL-MATTERS**

Chief JACK HAZEL, Carbondale, Illinois Police Department, Carbondale, Illinois, advised on 4/8/68 that unfounded rumors through employees of Tech Tape Company, state that this company will be burned tonight, 4/8/68. HAZEL has not been able to further substantiate this rumor. He also advised that JAMES EDWARD KING, [REDACTED] was arrested today for wreckless driving charge, which was impeding fire truck on official duty.

KING, Negro, has been associated with the North East Negro section juveniles for the past several months and was arrested 3/4/68 on assault and battery charge by Carbondale, Illinois Police Department, disposition still pending.

Memorial services for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. held at Carbondale 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., 4/8/68, and local schools dismissed in order that students might attend services, if so desired. Schools will also observe funeral services of KING tomorrow, 4/9/68.

Illinois State Police, Security office, Southern Illinois University, Sheriff's Office, Jackson County, will maintain their patrols in the city of Carbondale in connection with rumors.

EX-105 REC-71

Bureau will be kept advised.

3 - Bureau  
5 - Springfield (2: 157-838)  
(1: 157-316)  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/11/68

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To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:  
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
 From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.  
 Subject: EVENTS AT CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS, FOLLOWING  
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 RM

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## Summary of Complaint:

Re SI airtel to Bureau 4/9/68 and SI teletype to  
 Bureau 4/9/68.

Enclosed herewith are the original and 10 copies  
 of a LHM concerning unfounded rumor that Tech Tape Company,  
 Carbondale, Ill., would be burned and info re one GILLES,  
 KING, [REDACTED]. Also enclosed are 2 copies of FD-376.

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated to USA,  
 EDI, East St. Louis, Ill.; Secret Service, Springfield, Ill.;  
 OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.; MI, Evanston, Ill.; and  
 NISO, Chicago, Ill.

- ① - Bureau (Enc. 13) (RM)  
 5 - Springfield (2: 157-838) (1: 157-316)  
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CHG:apb  
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## ACTION: UACB:

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☐ Report being submitted  
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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

April 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

EVENTS AT CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS, FOLLOWING  
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Chief JACK HAZEL, Carbondale, Illinois, Police Department, advised on April 8, 1968, that unfounded rumors had been received by the manager of the Tech Tape Company, No. Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, Illinois, through some of his employees that the Tech Tape factory would be burned that night. HAZEL stated they had not been able to give any credence to the rumor, through contact with his source.

Chief HAZEL also advised that one JAMES EDWARD KING, [REDACTED], was arrested at 1:30 p.m. April 8, 1968, at Carbondale, Illinois on a reckless driving charge. HAZEL stated KING had been observed to drive his car in front of a fire truck on official duty and then abandoning the vehicle and fleeing. KING, according to HAZEL, had been associating with negro juveniles of the northeast section of Carbondale for the past several months. KING was previously arrested on an assault and battery charge by the Carbondale Police Department March 4, 1968 and the case is still pending, HAZEL stated.

Chief JACK HAZEL, Carbondale Illinois Police Department, advised on April 9, 1968, that employees of the Tie Processing Plant, in northeast Carbondale, had discovered and reported to him that gas had been stolen from their cars during the day. Chief HAZEL stated that he did not know who was responsible for this, but that in view of the existing rumors to "burn Carbondale", he is taking all precautions to avoid trouble.

The following have been advised of the above:

United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Illinois  
Federal Building  
East St. Louis, Illinois

44-38861-2123436

*[Handwritten signature]*

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EVENTS AT CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS FOLLOWING  
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Region I  
113th MI Group  
2231 Howard Street  
Evanston, Illinois

Secret Service  
Springfield, Illinois

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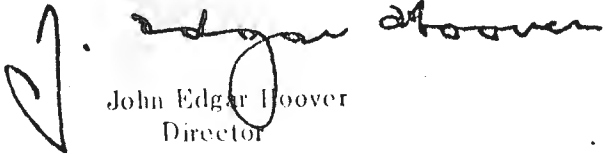
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May 2, 1968

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TELETYPE

URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

ST. LOUIS WILL PROVIDE FULL COVERAGE AT THE GRAPEVINE  
TAVERN TO DETERMINE IF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE TAVERN  
IS POSSIBLY ENGAGED IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES WHATSOEVER.  
ALONG THESE LINES, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN IF THE  
TAVERN IS POSSIBLY LICENSED AND IS CONFORMING WITH PRESENT  
LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THEM. THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF DEVELOPING INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION  
WITH INTERVIEWS TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT. KANSAS CITY  
HAS ADVISED THAT SUBJECT RAY UTILIZED THE ALBERT PEPPER  
STATIONERY COMPANY, SEVEN ONE TWO A SHENANDOAH STREET, ST. LOUIS,  
MISSOURI, AS A MEANS OF GETTING MONEY OUT OF PRISON, ALLEGEDLY  
PURCHASING STATIONERY.

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TELETYPE TO SAC, ST. LOUIS

RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IF GRAND JURY IS NOT  
IN SESSION TO SUBPOENA RECORDS, YOU SHOULD INSURE THAT REVIEW  
OF RECORDS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH FULL SECURITY AND THE  
BUREAU'S INTEREST WILL BE FULLY PROTECTED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

NOTE: Kansas City has advised that Ray has utilized the  
Albert Pepper Stationery Company of St. Louis, Missouri,  
as a means of getting money out of the prison. [REDACTED]

St. Louis also being instructed to fully cover the Tavern  
as owned and operated by subject's relatives and to ascertain  
if illegal activities involved and to establish the Tavern  
operating in compliance with regulations.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: May 2, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach      1 - Mr. Martindale  
1 - Mr. Rosen        1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Malley       1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. McGowan     1 - Mr. Trotter  
1 - Mr. Long          1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. McDonough   1 - Mr. Gale

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It has been previously reported that Ray spent a brief period in the penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, in 1952 when Louis Lomax was an inmate at Joliet. It has been determined that Ray was in the diagnostic clinic and Lomax was in the vocational school. It does not appear that they would have had any contact.

In a news article published in Los Angeles, Louis Lomax alleged the FBI had telephone company records for telephone booths at the St. Francis Hotel and would not make the records available to him. It is noted we have obtained information from the telephone company as to calls made from all public telephones in the St. Francis Hotel. Prior to publishing his article, Lomax contacted the Los Angeles Office and inquired as to whether the FBI had any telephone records. He was referred to the press release made in this case by the Bureau and informed that no other information could be made available to him.

Charles Stein advised that he was not able to locate the Texas telephone booth allegedly used by Ray although it is noted [REDACTED] Lomax and Stein had located a telephone at Uvalde, Texas, used by Ray to call New Orleans between 6 p. m. and 9 p. m., 12/16/67. The telephone company has no record of such a call.

Stein stated he received no money from Lomax or any newspaper source although he claimed he had been promised up to \$200,000; he declined to say who had made this offer. Stein said he has been conned, duped, used, and made a mark by the newspapers. He advised he is presently so confused about the trip he made to New Orleans with Ray in December that he cannot distinguish between the facts and the newspaper stories he has read.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Charles De Carvelho, New Orleans, close friend of Charles Stein, advised that he and Stein are close friends of District Attorney James Garrison and all are members of the New Orleans Chess Club. Five or six years ago Garrison allegedly told De Carvelho that Stein was a good boy but kept bad company.

[REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED], St. Louis, advised he taught Ray burglary and taught him to always use gloves; therefore, he cannot understand Ray's apparent failure to use gloves in this case. [REDACTED] said he was closely associated with Ray in 1958 and 1959 and participated with him in out-of-town burglaries. He never knew Ray to pull a job alone.

[REDACTED] related that Ray has a tendency to lisp or stutter which is most apparent in connection with his bashfulness when he first meets any female. [REDACTED] also said Ray can drink an enormous quantity of whiskey without noticeable effect and preferred Laurel Springs Bourbon with sweet soda.

[REDACTED] denied any contact with Ray since 1959 and expressed the opinion Ray is in Europe because he once said he would like to go to Spain.

[REDACTED] stated he knew Ray in Missouri State Penitentiary from 1963 to 1965. He recalled that when President Kennedy was killed Ray made a statement to the effect "that is one nigger loving S. O. B. that got shot." According to [REDACTED] Ray became aggravated over newspaper accounts of Martin Luther King's demonstrations and would curse King and the Negroes stating that King could get the Government to do anything he wanted it to do.

[REDACTED] heard it rumored that Ray killed three Negroes in prison and in the fall of 1963 Ray told [REDACTED] he was going to kill Martin Luther King, Jr., when he got out of prison. Ray allegedly said Cooley (phonetic) or Cooley's organization would pay \$10,000 to have King killed. [REDACTED] could not identify Cooley.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

██████ recalled that Ray seemed to be well supplied with money and allegedly received money regularly from outside the prison. Ray never discussed his past but he did talk to ██████ about tunneling out of prison and hiding in a cave somewhere in Virginia. The only foreign country mentioned to ██████ by Ray was Liberia where Ray said he had a brother-in-law who was making large sums of money.

██████, Sheriff's Office, Tucson, Arizona, telephoned the Bureau, 5/2/68. He advised that he is taking a close interest in this case and in view of news reports that Ray might be in Australia he telephoned the Chief of Police at Sydney, Australia, 5/1/68, to determine if he had any information concerning Ray. ██████ said the Chief of Police at Sydney told him a man they had in custody on some other charge might be identical with Ray. ██████ did not know the name of this prisoner. This is being expeditiously checked out.

ACTION:

The investigation continues to receive top priority attention.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

TO SACS BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
KANSAS CITY  
SPRINGFIELD  
ST. LOUIS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY ONE LAST, NO COPIES  
ST. LOUIS, CONCERNING INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] AND  
INFORMATION HE FURNISHED REGARDING RAY'S COMMENT THAT  
COOLEY (PHONETIC) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY TEN  
THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE KING DEAD. FOR INFORMATION OF  
ST. LOUIS, [REDACTED] WAS INMATE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FROM  
APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY THROUGH JUNE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND  
ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY WHILE IN PRISON.

BIRMINGHAM REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] THOROUGHLY REGARDING  
RAY'S STATEMENT TO OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO MAY 3 1963  
COOLEY. DETERMINE ANYONE ELSE FAMILIAR WITH THAT STATEMENT  
AND IF COOLEY WAS IN OR OUT OF PRISON AT THE TIME. ATTEMPT TO  
ESTABLISH WHERE RAY KNEW COOLEY.

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TO SACS BIRMINGHAM  
MEMPHIS  
KANSAS CITY  
SPRINGFIELD  
ST. LOUIS

RE: MURKIN.

ALL OTHER OFFICES WHEN INTERVIEWING RAY'S PRISON  
ASSOCIATES, ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY  
COOLEY OR INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SUBSTANTIATE OR ELIMINATE  
THE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO RAY.

NOTE:

Birmingham interviewed [REDACTED] who knew  
subject Ray when both were confined in Missouri State  
Prison. [REDACTED] advised Ray had commented that Cooley  
(phonetic) or Cooley's organization would pay \$10,000  
to have King dead. The name Cooley previously has not  
come to our attention, and offices contacting prison  
associates of Ray being instructed to thoroughly explore  
this information. [REDACTED] unable to furnish any identifying data  
concerning Cooley.

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FBI MEMPHIS

1053AM URGENT 5-2-68 SAB

TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR, AND CHICAGO

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL ELEVEN FORTY PM, MAY ONE PAST.

INFO ON PAGE TWO RETEL MAKES COMMENT TO EFFECT JERRY RAY STATED HE RECEIVED NO INDICATION IN CONVERSATION WITH JOHN OR CAROL THAT THEY AWARE OF SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE UNTIL SEPTEMBER ONE LAST.

REQUEST CHICAGO CLARIFY INFO SINCE MEMPHIS HAS NO DATA TO DISCLOSE THAT BROTHER JOHN OR SISTER CAROL HAD PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT. INFO AVAILABLE AT MEMPHIS DISCLOSES THAT SUBJECT PROBABLY IN BIRMINGHAM AT THAT TIME.

REQUEST CHICAGO ADVISE HOW JOHN OR CAROL KNEW WHEREABOUTS SUBJECT, DID SUBJECT CONTACT THEM BY TELEPHONE, IN PERSON, OR BY LETTER? IF CONTACT WAS MADE FROM BIRMINGHAM, DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT INFO AVAILABLE INDICATING SUBJECT RESIDED AT HIGHLAND AVENUE ADDRESS OR DID HE HAVE NEW ADDRESS.

SUTEL.

AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM.

A & D. P

END.

LCC

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SLX



1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

**FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

**May 2, 1968**

4 to:

Date:

**MURKIN**

Re: **CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-561869 JK**

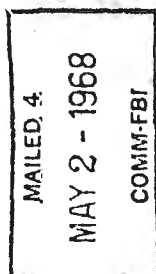
Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**  
Reference: **Airtel 4/26/68**  
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**  
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q296 and Q297.

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**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 2, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-561869 JK

Re: MURKIN  
CR

Specimens received 4/30/68

Q296 White envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. PM 24  
APR 1968" bearing typewritten address "FBI 1340 West  
6th Street Los Angeles, Calif."

Q297 Piece of paper to which is attached a mailing address  
sticker for "Mr. Eric S. Galt 1535 N. Serrano L. A.  
90027"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q296 and Q297 were searched through the  
appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could  
not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

The typewritten impressions on Q296 and Q297 differ  
from each other and from those impressions appearing on items  
received in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt.

Q296 and Q297 are temporarily retained. Photographs  
were made.

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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1059AM URGENT 5/2/68 EOM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE "██████████" AS BUREAU AWARE, SYDNEY FINLEY, NAACP,  
CHICAGO, ON NOVEMBER THREE, SIXTYSIX, INFORMED FBI, CHICAGO, HE  
HAD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL THAT "██████████," AN "EMPLOYEE OF  
██  
WAS AWARE OF INDIVIDUAL OFFERING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR  
ASSASSINATION OF KING.

INVESTIGATION HAS DISCLOSED [REDACTED] HAS NOT  
EMPLOYED ANYONE WITH LAST NAME [REDACTED] AND CHECKING OF POSSIBLE  
[REDACTED] COMPANIES HAS BEEN COMPLETELY NEGATIVE. LOGICAL SOURCES,  
EX-105 REC-40 44-3886  
INCLUDING CREDIT AND POLICE CHECKS TOTALLY NEGATIVE. FBI FILES;  
CHICAGO, NEGATIVE. LOGICAL UNION RECORDS NEGATIVE, INCLUDING  
12 MAY 3 1964  
[REDACTED] LOCALS. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT NEGATIVE.

IN VIEW OF ANONYMITY OF ALLEGATION, LACK OF REAL SUBSTANCE,  
AND NEGATIVENESS OF INQUIRY, CHICAGO ELIMINATING [REDACTED]  
FROM FURTHER MURKIN INVESTIGATION, UACP. 5/2 [REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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RA  
CABLEGRAM

URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

TO: CHIEF OF POLICE  
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT A PERSON RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY MAY BE IN YOUR CUSTODY. PLEASE REFER TO OUR IDENTIFICATION ORDER NUMBER FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO REGARDING SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY NOW IN YOUR POSSESSION FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION PURPOSES. PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLEGRAM OF RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - LEGAT, MANILA VIA AIR MAIL

B - Foreign Liaison Unit

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EX 109

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NOTE: [REDACTED] Tucson, Arizona, Sheriff's Office advised Bureau 5/2/68 he was in telephonic contact with Chief of Police, Sydney, Australia, on 5/1/68, and the Chief advised him they have an individual in custody, name unknown, who may be identical with subject Ray. It has been determined that Legat Manila is presently on leave and will not return to his post until 5/5/68. Chief of Police, Sydney, Australia, who is in possession of our IO, is being requested to ascertain if the person whom he has in custody is possibly identical with our subject.

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# CABLEGRAM

IMMEDIATE

TO: LEGAT, MANILA

1 - Mr. Long

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

[REDACTED], TUCSON, ARIZONA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
ADVISED BUREAU THIS DATE HE WAS IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT  
WITH CHIEF OF POLICE, SIDNEY, AUSTRALIA, ON MAY ONE, LAST,  
AND COP ADVISED HIM THEY HAVE INDIVIDUAL IN CUSTODY, NAME  
UNKNOWN, WHO MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY,  
FUGITIVE IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO, SUBJECT OF THIS CASE.

IMMEDIATELY CONTACT COP, SIDNEY, AUSTRALIA, AND  
DETERMINE IF THIS UNKNOWN PERSON IS IDENTICAL WITH RAY,  
AND SUCAB. PHOENIX ADVISED BY MAIL.

1 - Phoenix (airmail) (info)

14- Foreign Liaison

VIA TELETYPE

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NOTE:

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44-38861-273/  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. [REDACTED] telephonically advised Extra Duty Supervisor [REDACTED] of the above. [REDACTED] telephone number is: [REDACTED]

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5/2/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

1 - Mr. McDonough

TO: SACS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY  
MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH,  
SPRINGFIELD

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

IT IS NOTED THAT SUBJECT APPARENTLY WAS NEAT IN HIS  
DRESS AND REGULARLY UTILIZED LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING  
SERVICES.

THE ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, MEMPHIS, MOBILE AND  
SAVANNAH OFFICES SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CIRCULARIZING  
BIO'S AND/OR WANTED FLYERS TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY  
CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN YOUR HEADQUARTERS CITY AND

OTHER LOGICAL POINTS IN YOUR TERRITORY. IN THE OTHER  
OFFICES THIS CIRCULARIZATION MAY BE LIMITED TO SUCH  
ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE LARGER CITIES AT THIS TIME. IT IS  
12 MAY 3 1968

SUGGESTED THAT THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN THE LOWER  
CLASS ROOMING HOUSE AREAS BE CONTACTED FIRST. IN ADDITION  
PERSONAL CONTACT FOR PURPOSE OF SHOWING SLICK PHOTOGRAPHS

OF SUBJECT SHOULD BE UTILIZED WHERE JUSTIFIED.

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TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY  
MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH,  
SPRINGFIELD

RE: MURKIN

MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY FURNISH EACH OFFICE SUFFICIENT  
BACKGROUND REGARDING LAUNDRY MARKINGS AND ANY OTHER  
PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE LAUNDRY ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

NOTE: In view of the fact that the subject in the past  
frequently utilized laundries and dry cleaning services and  
has been described as neatly dressed, the designated offices  
are being instructed to intensify laundry coverage by displaying  
the slick photographs of the subject previously furnished those  
offices. This coverage may possibly assist in his location and  
apprehension.

*and*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: May 1, 1968

FROM : C.L. McGowan

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Tolson  
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On the night of 5-1-68, SA [redacted] Intelligence Division, Secret Service, Washington, D.C., telephonically furnished the following information to Extra-Duty Supervisor [redacted].

At approximately 7 p.m., 5-1-68, he received a call from an individual identifying himself as [redacted] Orlando, Florida. [redacted] described himself as a white male, born [redacted], and divorced. [redacted] stated that at approximately 8:30 a.m., 4-26-68, as he approached his office at [redacted] in Orlando he observed a man sitting in a car under the carport at his office. [redacted] approached this individual and asked if he could help him. The individual stuck a snubnose in his face and said "You ain't never seen me" and drove off. He was in a 1967 or 1968 dark blue Chevrolet bearing a Florida license, partially recorded by [redacted] as [redacted]. [redacted] thought this individual appeared to be identical with James Earl Ray. He was interviewed by Special Agents of the Orlando FBI Office but was calling today because he felt the Vice President should have this information. In addition, he told [redacted] that he had seen the same car circling his house three times on the night of 4-29-68. He also told [redacted] that he thought [redacted] girl friend, knows something about the King killing. [redacted] was calling Secret Service from the Mt. Dora Motel, Mt. Dora, Florida.

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Supervisor [redacted] Tampa Office, advised that on 4-26-68, Agents at Orlando interviewed [redacted] who furnished them with the information concerning the man observed under the carport at his office. At that time Agents noted he was very vague and when pressed for a description of the man he observed, he hesitated and then carefully scrutinized one of the interviewing Agents and related the description of this Agent. The Agents followed up and checked with [redacted] secretary for any information she might have and she advised them that she had not been at the office that morning. She said that [redacted] was an alcoholic and when drinking suffered from hallucinations. Supervisor [redacted] also stated that Agents later in the day on 4-26-68, observed [redacted] in a very intoxicated condition.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen  
RE: MURKIN

Supervisor [REDACTED], Jacksonville Office, advised on 4-29-68, the Jacksonville Office had received a call from [REDACTED] at the Mt. Dora Motel in which he related similar information as that furnished to the Orlando Agents. The Jacksonville Agent observed that [REDACTED] appeared to be intoxicated at that time.

ACTION:

Tampa and Jacksonville have been instructed to submit the results of their contacts with [REDACTED]

5-2-68

EX-115

Airtel

44-2561-27231 - Mr. Hudson

RLC:DJ

To: SACs, Jacksonville  
Tampa

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

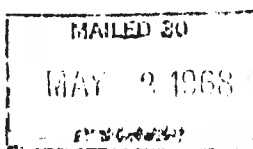
Re [REDACTED] - complainant, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Orlando, Florida.

Re Bureau telephone calls to Jacksonville and  
Tampa 5-1-68.

Although the license number of the automobile  
[REDACTED] referred to was allegedly partially recorded as  
[REDACTED] Jacksonville should attempt to determine through  
state records whether [REDACTED] could be a complete number;  
and if so, set out appropriate leads.

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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
Una, S. C.  
April 24, 1968

Dir, of F. B. I.  
Edger Hoover  
FBI Building  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I would like some infirmation of the Death of Martin  
Luther King. I would like to know. Where He was assassinated. Where  
He was Berried. and Where his furinal was heald. and Who was there.  
Where was he at. What dat was he shot.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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Dir, of F.B.I.  
Edgar Hoover  
FBI Building  
Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED]  
Uma, S.C.  
April 24, 1968.

Gentlemen:

I would like some information of the Death  
of Martin Luther King. I would like to know  
Where He was assassinated. Where He was Buried  
and where his funeral was held. and who  
was there. where was he at. what date was  
he shot.

Sincerely  
[REDACTED]

May 2, 1968

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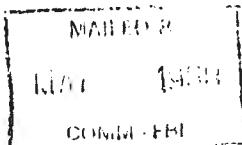
[REDACTED]  
Una, South Carolina 29378

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to the inquiries in your letter of April 24th, Martin Luther King was shot and killed at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4th. The funeral was held on April 9th in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was interred on that date. You may wish to consult your local newspaper for an account of those in attendance at the funeral.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

WMG:mew

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel 4/25/68, regarding cars stolen  
from Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68.

No vehicles have been recovered in the Philadelphia  
Field Division that were stolen in the state of Georgia sub-  
sequent to 3/23/68.

W. G. Bishop

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- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Atlanta (44-2386)  
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

KKS/JBK  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh  
4/26/68 regarding [REDACTED] - Complainant.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and her letter  
orally acknowledged.

[REDACTED] could furnish no additional information  
to elaborate on the letter which was furnished as enclosures  
to re Bureau airtel and could furnish no information of  
specific value.

Her total information appeared to consist of  
assumptions on her part formed from overhearing parts of  
a conversation of individuals who were discussing the  
recent murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED] was unable to make a positive identification  
of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with anyone whom she  
observed on the bus as mentioned in her letter.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)  
1 - Pittsburgh  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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C. C. - Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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F.B.I.

Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL (Type in plaintext or code)

Via \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

ASSASSINATION OF DR.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RM  
ATfile 157-3094

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 4/23/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies, for Chicago, Memphis, New York, and WFO two, copies of LHM.

Source referred to is [REDACTED]

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL.

The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information furnished by [REDACTED]. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

- (4) Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)  
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(1 - ASSASSINATION OF DR.

- 2- New York (Enc. 2) 198 MAY 3 1968  
2- WFO (Enc. 2) (RM)  
5- Atlanta (1-100-5716) (1-157-2524)  
(1-170-2200) (1-157-333) (PROB)  
(1-100-6974) (B. LAFAYETTE) MILLIN  
AGS:jhs (17)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

[REDACTED]

Atlanta, Georgia  
April 24, 1968

[REDACTED]

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTER

On April 22, 1968, a confidential source advised he had recently learned that subsequent to the death of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Bernard Lafayette, Program Administrator, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, have on more than one occasion commented to SCLC Executive Staff members that it can be anticipated other members (not identified) of SCLC's Executive Staff might die as a result of violence in the continuing civil rights struggle. They have pointed out that the continuing civil rights struggle will require the utilization of economic pressures (not specified) which will result in conflicts of interests in the Nation's economy.

With reference to the death of Reverend King, some members of the SCLC Executive Staff feel the shooting of Reverend King was the work of a mentally unbalanced person. While others appear to have an open mind regarding this matter, a minority of the staff feel it is quite plausible that the shooting of Reverend King was directly or indirectly instigated by President Lyndon B. Johnson and/or members of his administration. In support of this line of thinking these members maintain that Reverend King's status as a powerful civil rights leader, his staunch opposition to the Viet Nam War, and potential to embarrass the current administration through SCLC's pending Poor People's Campaign, have undoubtedly irked the President and his administration for an appreciable time.

Source could furnish no further details regarding the above matter, but expressed the opinion that such thinking might be the result of an emotional reaction to a catastrophe, coupled with a distrust of "the establishment".

[REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia  
April 24, 1968

Title

[REDACTED]  
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR.

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Reference RACIAL MATTER

Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned  
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.



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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989) (RM)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reurairtel, dated 4/17/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a Xerox copy of a news item from the "Grand Rapids Herald" newspaper, dated 8/18/51, re Doctor DOUGLAS D. BLOCKSMA.

The 1966 Grand Rapids City Directory lists DOUGLAS D. BLOCKSMA, wife NANCY M., residing at 2523 Union, SE. His occupation is listed as Psychologist, with offices at 1328 Madison, SE.

The records of [REDACTED] Grand Rapids, as made available by [REDACTED] Reporting Division, to SA [REDACTED] revealed that Doctor DOUGLAS D. BLOCKSMA, 2523 Union, SE, Grand Rapids, wife NANCY, is approximately 51 years of age. [REDACTED] He is a native of Grand Rapids and attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. From 1942 to 1946 he was in the military service first as a Psychologist with the Classification Department and secondly with the Psychiatric Service of the Navy.

In 1949 Doctor BLOCKSMA was named the Director of Pupil Personnel in the City of Grand Rapids Public Schools when that position was created. He served in that capacity for six years and then resigned to enter private practice. Doctor BLOCKSMA specializes in psychological services to private industry. He also served on the night faculty of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, beginning in 1955.

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 1 - Detroit  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
79 MAY 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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Other news items in Doctor BLOCKSMA's file described him as a national figure in YMCA activities. He was named Chairman of the YMCA National Committee 1957, and in 1957 a news item stated he had been a Director of the Board of the YMCA since 1953.

A news item dated 8/18/51 from the now defunct "Grand Rapids Herald" newspaper mentioning his appointment as the Pupil Personnel Director and contained a photo of Doctor BLOCKSMA. It also mentioned his obtaining a Master's Degree at the University of Michigan and having taught at Ohio State University, the University of Michigan, Western Michigan College of Education, and the University of Chicago.

For the information of the Bureau, Doctor BLOCKSMA is widely known in Grand Rapids. In view of the developments in this case, Doctor BLOCKSMA's background, and the fact there would not be any way of determining Doctor BLOCKSMA's whereabouts during the period 3/29-4/4/68 without direct contact with him or someone in his office, it is felt that further efforts in this matter would not be in the best interests of the Bureau. Therefore, no further investigation will be conducted UACB.

Blocksma, Douglas D.

ADDRESS

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from GRHerald Date 8-18-51 RPress Date

DOUGLAS D. BLOCKSMA

## GR Pupil Personnel Chief to Get Doctor's Degree

Douglas D. Blocksma, Director of Pupil Personnel in Grand Rapids Public Schools, has completed the requirements for a PhD degree from the University of Chi-

cago in the field of clinical psychology. He has taught at Ohio State University and the University of Michigan, Western Michigan College of Education and the University of Chicago. He also had three years of experience in public school guidance work at Godwin Heights and Flint.

### DIRECTOR 2 YEARS

He has been director of pupil personnel in Grand Rapids public schools for the past two years, where he has supervision of counselors in the schools and in Junior College. He does some direct guidance work with young people and their parents and has charge of in-service training of teachers in his field. During the Summer he has had charge of in-service training of 24 teachers who worked with children at Camp Blodgett as counselors and camp staff.

Blocksma was in service from 1942 to 1946, first as a psychologist with the Army Classification Department and later as a psychologist with the Navy Psychiatric Service.



DOUGLAS D. BLOCKSMA

ago in the field of clinical psychology. He will receive his degree at commencement exercises to be held Aug. 31 at 1:30 p. m. in Rockefeller Chapel on the campus.

Blocksma received his bachelor's degree at Calvin College and his

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TELETYPE

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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI CHICAGO

1137AM URGENT 5/2/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL AND CHICAGO SUMMARY TEL BOTH MAY ONE LAST.

RE [REDACTED] INFO FURNISHED BY JERRY RAY  
CONCERNING [REDACTED] WAS VOLUNTEERED BY HIM WITH STATEMENT THAT  
[REDACTED] WAS AN INDIVIDUAL HE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE TOLD AGENTS  
ABOUT BEFORE SINCE HE WAS AWARE THAT [REDACTED] HAD SERVED TIME  
WITH SUBJECT. JERRY OF OPINION SUBJECT WOULD NOT CONTACT  
[REDACTED] BUT BELIEVES SUBJECT KNOWS [REDACTED] WELL AND CONSIDERS HIM  
TO BE SLIGHTLY "STIR CRAZY." NO INFORMATION ELICITED FROM  
JERRY INDICATING THAT [REDACTED] AND SUBJECT PARTICIPATED IN  
BURGLARIES TOGETHER. CHICAGO WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP FROM  
JERRY HIS KNOWLEDGE AS TO CLOSENESS OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN  
SUBJECT AND [REDACTED]

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INTERVIEWS JERRY EXPRESSES NO PERSONAL OPINION OF SUBJECTS ACTION IN KILLING BUT CONTINUALLY SETS OUT OPINIONS FROM NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER SOURCES THAT SUBJECT INNOCENT OF CRIME. STATES BOTH CAROL AND JOHN ALSO OF OPINION SUBJECT "SET UP" AND USED AS "FALL GUY" IN MURKIN; HOWEVER THEY GIVE NO REASON FOR OPINION OTHER THAN NEWS MEDIA.

JERRY CONTINUALLY DENIES POSSIBILITY THAT JOHN AIDED SUBJECT IN ESCAPE AND CAN OFFER NO INDIVIDUALS CLOSE ENOUGH TO SUBJECT WHO WOULD TAKE THAT CHANCE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED R.R.R.  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for latent fingerprint examination and typewriting comparison with samples previously submitted in captioned matter are the following:

1. One photograph of ERIC S. GALT, taken approximately August 1967 - February 1968.
2. Typewritten letter dated 2/17/68 addressed "Dear Miss:" and signed "ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Calif., 90028, Phone number 464-1131."
3. Typewritten advertisement sent to "Los Angeles Free Press" by ERIC S., with return address 406 So. 2nd Avenue, Alhambra, 91802.

Also submitted to the Bureau is one copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press." On page 27 column 7, item 2, appears the advertisement submitted by ERIC S.

The copy of the advertisement submitted to the "Los Angeles Free Press" was furnished to SA's [redacted] and [redacted] on 5/2/68 by [redacted] "Los Angeles

- 4 - Bureau (Encs. - 4) (AM - RM) (RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)  
 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AM)  
 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)  
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
 2 - Los Angeles: DIVISION  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Free Press", 938 North Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles.

It is requested that enclosures 1, 2 and 3 be returned to the Los Angeles Office for return to the respective donors. These enclosures were handled by numerous individuals during the normal course of business, both at the Postal Inspector's office and the "Los Angeles Free Press."

It is to be noted that the address 402 South 2nd Avenue, Alhambra, California, is a mail forwarding service subscribed to by ERIC S. GALT, according to information furnished by [REDACTED], owner of this service, on 4/14/68.

Polaroid Corporation, Los Angeles, advised that the number H 716664 on reverse side of film indicates the date of manufacture. H indicates the month of August, and the 7 indicates 1967. Polaroid Corporation advised that they keep no record of distribution of film.

Two witnesses at Los Angeles have viewed the enclosed photograph and stated that it is an extremely good likeness of the subject. The Bureau may wish to consider giving this photograph circulation to other field offices for viewing as to likeness of subject.

Enclosures 1 and 2 were obtained from [REDACTED] U. S. Postal Inspector, Los Angeles, California, on 5/2/68 by SA [REDACTED]. A polaroid copy of enclosure 1 and a photographic copy of enclosure 2 were received at the Los Angeles Office on 5/2/68 from [REDACTED] Postal Inspector in Charge, Post Office Department, San Francisco, California. He advised the original photograph and letter were furnished his office by PATRICIA K. ANDERSON, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, who had received them via "The Local Swinger", a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, California 90242. [REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI LOS ANG.

8:45PM URGENT 4-30-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE LOUIS LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN.

LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER, APRIL THIRTY, CONTAINED ARTICLE  
BY LOMAX CONCERNING TRIP WITH STEIN TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH  
UTILIZED BY SUBJECT DURING DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. LOMAX REPORTED  
THAT DURING TRIP HE AND STEIN HAD LOCATED PHONE BOOTH IN TEXAS,  
AND THAT PHONE COMPANY WAS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE RECORDS RE CALLS  
MADE FROM SUCH BOOTH IN EFFORT TO LOCATE QUOTE CASH MAN UNQUOTE  
WHO BANKROLLED SLAYING OF KING. LOMAX ALSO CLAIMED THAT FBI HAD  
PHONE COMPANY RECORDS AND HAD DECLINED TO LET LOMAX SEE SUCH  
PHONE RECORDS RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS LOCATED IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL  
AT LOS ANGELES. LOMAX TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES  
OFFICE AM APRIL TWENTY NINE AND ASKED FOR ANY INFORMATION RE THIS  
CASE AND WHETHER OR NOT FBI HAD ANY PHONE RECORDS. LOMAX WAS  
ADVISED ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS CONTAINED IN PRESS RELEASE  
ISSUED BY THE BUREAU. NO FURTHER COMMENTS MADE TO HIM.

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PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICIALS ADVISE THAT LOMAX HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANY CHECK OF TELEPHONE BOOTH IN TEXAS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CHARLES STEIN, WHOSE INFORMATION FOLLOWS THIS, INDICATES THAT NO PHONE BOOTH WAS LOCATED DURING TRIP.

RE CHARLES STEIN

STEIN INTERVIEWED TODAY STATED HE DID NOT LOCATE PAY PHONE BOOTH USED BY SUBJECT DURING COURSE OF TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. STEIN STATED HE RECEIVED NO MONEY FROM ANY NEWSPAPER MEN, INCLUDING LOMAX, ALTHOUGH PROMISED UP TO TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR HIS COOPERATION. STEIN DECLINED TO ADVISE WHO MADE SUCH AN OFFER. STEIN STATED HE HAS BEEN CONNED, DUPED, USED AND BEEN MADE A MARK BY NEWSPAPERS. STEIN ADVISED HE IS PRESNETLY CONFUSED AS TO WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED DURING DECEMBER TRIP AND WHAT NEWSPAPERS HAVE SAID HAPPENED.

RE ITEMS IN TRUNK OF MUSTANG

STEIN ADVISED HE CAN NOT REMEMBER ANY POSSESSIONS OF SUBJECT IN MUSTANG OTHER THAN SUIT CASE AND YELLOW BOX. HE STATED SUBJECT PICKED HIM UP AT HOUSE OF SISTER, [REDACTED] NEW ORLEANS TO BEGIN RETURN TRIP. STEIN ADVISED DECARVELHO AT SISTER'S HOUSE, BUT CANNOT RECOLLECT WHETHER ANYTHING PUT IN TRUNK AT THIS TIME. TRUNK THEN LOADED WITH CARDBOARD BOX AT RESIDENCE OF MOTHER, BUT STEIN ONLY REMEMBERS YELLOW BOX AND SUIT CASE AS BEING IN TRUNK.

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RE BACKGROUND OF CHARLES J. AND RITA STEIN  
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL  
POSSIBLE ASSOCIATES OF CHARLES STEIN IN HIPPIE AREA, WHO  
MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING HIS PAST ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT.

RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER  
SHOW UTILITIES AT [REDACTED], LOS ANGELES  
LISTED TO RITA ROSSI, LISTED AS WIDOW OF STAN ROSSI, WITH THEIR  
FORMER RESIDENCE AT [REDACTED] LOS  
ANGELES UNTIL NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY SEVEN. STAN  
ROSSI'S FORMER EMPLOYMENT SHOWN AS O AND M MOTORS, ONE FIVE FIVE SEVEN  
MANCHESTER AVENUE, AND RITA ROSSI'S EMPLOYMENT AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BOTH LOS ANGELES. HOME PHONE LISTED AS  
[REDACTED]

RE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BARTENDING  
TOMAS R. LAU, OWNER, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BARTENDING,  
LOS ANGELES, OBSERVED PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT TAKEN IN NINETEEN  
SIXTY SIX AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. LAU STATED PHOTOGRAPH  
NOT GOOD LIKENESS OF SUBJECT WHO HE KNEW AS ERIC GALT JANUARY  
TO MARCH NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

F B I

Date: 4/29/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re NY airtel to Bureau, 4/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted to identify DONALD J. RAY, [REDACTED] Columbus, Ohio:

Current city and telephone directories list DONALD J. RAY at [REDACTED] wife SUSANNA, telephone 274-8883, employed as [REDACTED] as. Directories reviewed 4/26/68.

[REDACTED], Driver's License Index, OBMV, Columbus, Ohio, advised records show DONALD J. RAY, [REDACTED], was born [REDACTED] is 5'8" tall, weight 158 pounds, has brown hair and brown eyes. His SSN is [REDACTED] and he is employed as a [REDACTED].

2 MAY 2 1968  
[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Columbus, Inc., on 4/26/68 advised from records—DONALD JEAN—RAY, wife SUSANNA, [REDACTED], Columbus, Ohio, employed as [REDACTED] was employed by [REDACTED] 10 years. Since 1956 he has been employed as [REDACTED]. Nothing

C. C. - Bishop

3-Bureau (RM) 2-Memphis (RM) 2-Los Angeles (RM)  
2-Chicago (RM) 2-Kansas City (RM) 2-New York (RM)  
1-Cincinnati

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Special Agent in Charge

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derogatory appears in credit records concerning him.

[REDACTED] Record Room, Columbus PD, on 4/26/68 advised there is no record there for DONALD J. RAY.

RAY was interviewed 4/26/68. Residence and employment was verified. He has been employed as [REDACTED] 12 years. His physical description does not fit that of JAMES EARL RAY, and his facial appearance does not resemble fugitive. He claims to have no relatives who resemble fugitive nor can he furnish any information to assist in locating subject.

No further investigation being taken concerning this person.

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Date: 4/19/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)

RE: MURKIN  
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RE: [REDACTED] --Look-Alike

Re teletypes Houston to Memphis 4/15/68; San Antonio to Memphis 4/16 and 17/68; and New Orleans to San Antonio 4/17/68.

On 4/17/68, [REDACTED] Trek Motel, 3100 S. Congress, Austin, Texas, made available to SA [REDACTED] the registration card dated 4/14/68 for [REDACTED] Bellflower, California, which is enclosed for examination by the FBI Laboratory. [REDACTED] requested that the registration card be returned for his permanent records.

On 4/17/68, [REDACTED], Trek Motel, advised that the above registration card had been handled by her and by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], the motel owners. It is noted the card has been handled by SA [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] also advised that she observed [REDACTED] at breakfast prior to his departure and she believed he was left handed.

For the information of the Bureau, Houston advised that it was learned on 4/15/68 one [REDACTED] traveling from California to Conroe, Texas, on 4/13/68 at Benson, Arizona, picked up a hitchhiker dressed in Army uniform. name [REDACTED] claimed home was Lackville, Calif.,

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Approved: [Signature]

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and assigned Fort Polk, Louisiana. On 4/14/68, [REDACTED]  
dropped [REDACTED] off at Trek Motel, Austin, Texas. [REDACTED]  
subsequently saw composite drawing in newspaper of MURKIN  
suspect, claiming composite drawing "dead ringer" of [REDACTED]..

FBI

Date: 4/17/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB  
FOR LAB ACTION & REPORTThe following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on 4/15/68, at Southaven, Mississippi:

Located at the Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51 S, one-half mile from the Tennessee State Line, was a quantity of "Schlitz" beer, 12 ounce, pop-top cans in the plastic six-pack holder. This beer was dated "03/158", and was distributed from Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Also located in that bait shop was a brown paper bag bearing the trademark "Homestead; Stubby; 20; 31K7", which is used to package six-packs of beer by the bait shop personnel.

This bait shop is located exactly three miles south from the Oliver Drugstore, Highway 51, Whitehaven, Tennessee.

BILL MC LAUGHLIN, owner of the bait shop; his wife, JANE MC LAUGHLIN; his son, WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN; and frequent customer, LAWRENCE PARKER, all of Southaven, were interviewed. All failed to identify the Birmingham and Memphis composite photos of Unsub. in this matter. None recalled seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license around 4/3-4/68, nor do they

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  - (1-Package) (RM-AM)
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
  - 1 - Atlanta (Info)
  - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
  - 1 - Los Angeles (Info)
  - 2 - Jackson
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Approved: RK

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recall a stranger to the area purchasing a six-pack of Schlitz beer there, although they have numerous customers who have never been there before.

Under separate cover being forwarded to the Bureau is a 12 ounce, pop-top Schlitz beer can from the Southaven Minnow Shop dated "03/158". Also being forwarded is one of the aforementioned brown paper bags from that bait shop.

The Laboratory is requested to examine both items to determine the tool mark dating the beer can and the paper bag are identical with those previously submitted by Memphis. The Laboratory is requested to advise interested offices. The items need not be returned.

CONSIDER UNKNOWN SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

K169 Can of Schlitz beer, 12oz. size from Southaven Minnow Shop

K170 Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop



F B I

Date: 4/19/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI  
 From: SAC, MIAMI (157-2448) (C)  
 Subject: PROSPECTIVE VIOLENT  
 DEMONSTRATION CONCERNING  
 ASSASSINATION OF REV. MARTIN  
 LUTHER KING, COCONUT GROVE, FLA.

ATTENTION:

☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION☐ GENERAL INVEST. DIV.☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

MM T-1 is identified as

AGENCY: CRD, ~~157~~ 11U, RAO, CD;

ACSI, OSI 125

HOW FORW: 1/63DATE FORW: APR 24 1968BY: 157-2448 11U

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## ACTION: UACB:

- ☒ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Miami  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved: 7/1

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

Per



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2448

Miami, Florida  
April 19, 1968

RE: PROSPECTIVE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION  
CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF REVEREND  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, COCONUT GROVE,  
FLORIDA  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to the memorandum dated April 5, 1968, at Miami, Florida, captioned as above.

On April 10, 1968, MM T-1, [REDACTED] advised that although many of the residents were discussing the recent death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, there were no indications of any planned demonstration or disturbance.

With respect to a report that a Negro displayed two machine guns in Gil's Bar, located in Coconut Grove, Florida, MM T-1 stated he was unaware of the incident and [REDACTED] CLYDE PERRY, Negro manager of Gil's Bar for the last twenty-one years [REDACTED] dismissed the report as that of a prank.

Copies of this memorandum have been disseminated locally to the United States Attorney, Miami, the United States Secret Service, Miami, and the 111th MI Group, Orlando and Miami, Florida.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Miami, Florida  
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Title        PROSPECTIVE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION  
              CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF REVEREND  
              MARTIN LUTHER KING, COCONUT GROVE,  
              FLORIDA

Character    RACIAL MATTERS

Reference   Letterhead Memorandum dated and  
              captioned   as above at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *9/5*

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Based on information from Atlanta, we asked

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ to check with the local Australian visa issuing authorities to determine whether any application for an Australian visa had been made during the past year under the name or aliases of the subject. The Atlanta request was based on information from an Austrian diplomatic representative who had received an anonymous telephone call from an individual asking whether his admission to Australia would be denied if he had a prior criminal record. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ completed the inquiry with negative results and routinely informed his headquarters regarding the matter. They apparently alerted Australian police regarding the case and the police have apparently informed the press as a number of inquiries have been received to which we are making no comment.

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ telephoned 5/1/68 and stated that his Embassy is being besieged with press inquiries and would like to quiet these by saying that they have merely made a routine check of their records at FBI request to see if there had been a visa application for Australia under the name or aliases of the subject. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ was informed that we are making no response to press inquiries in this matter but that if his Embassy wished to make the statement proposed, we would have no objection as it was, of course, a matter for their own decision.

ACTION: For information.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
  - 1 - Mr. Bishop
  - 1 - Mr. Rosen
  - 1 - Mr. Long
  - 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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mingle.*

*5/1/68*

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UPI-85

(MANHUNT)

WASHINGTON--AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE FBI TO MAKE A "ROUTINE CHECK" OF WHETHER JAMES EARL RAY, SOUGHT IN THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, HAS APPLIED FOR A VISA TO GO TO THAT COUNTRY, AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID TODAY.

THE OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT "AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NO EVIDENCE AT ALL THAT THE PERSON CONCERNED (RAY) IS IN AUSTRALIA."

AMERICAN SOURCES ALSO UNDERScoreD THE ROUTINE NATURE OF THE REQUEST. THEY SAID IT WOULD BE LOGICAL TO ASSUME THAT SIMILAR REQUESTS EITHER HAD OR WOULD BE MADE OF OTHER NATIONS IN WHICH RAY MIGHT SEEK REFUGE. THE FBI HAD NO COMMENT ON THE EMBASSY OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT.

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*What about this?*

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*Handwritten notes:*  
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G.A. [unclear]

COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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FBI ALBANY

7:30PM

DEFERRED 4/24/68 RWP

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICERS, APRIL NINETEEN  
LAST; CHARLOTTE AIRTEL TO ALBANY, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST; LOS ANGELES  
TT TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

RE: LAUNDRY MARKS.

REGARDING LEAD SET FORTH TO RE-CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES FOR  
PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING LAUNDRY USING CODE, "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE",  
IT APPEARS FROM INFORMATION DEVELOPED AND SET FORTH IN RE LOS ANGELES  
TT, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST THAT THIS CODE IS THAT USED ON TAPE OF  
AVALON CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, INC., CULVER CITY, CALIF. RECORDS OF  
THIS LAUNDRY INDICATED TICKET DATED DEC. EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-  
SEVEN WITH THAT CODE REVEALED THE LAUNDRY WAS RECEIVED FROM ONE  
"GALT".

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE IT IS FELT THAT ALL OTHER OFFICES SHOULD  
NOT RECONTACT LAUNDRIES REGARDING THIS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER NOTED THAT NUMEROUS INQUIRIES ARE BEING  
DIRECTED TO ALBANY TO RE-CONTACT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. TO  
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LOCATE INVOICES, PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTING RECORDS RELATING TO MANY OF THE THERMO SEAL MACHINES WHICH WERE SET OUT IN ALBANY AIRTEL OF APRIL TEN LAST AND APRIL ELEVEN LAST. THE ORIGINAL LEAD WAS SET OUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING THE SUBJECT, AND SINCE HE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED, AND INVESTIGATION TENDS TO INDICATE THAT HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DID THE LAUNDRY ON WHICH THE THERMO SEAL TAPE WITH CODE ZERO TWO B DASH SIX APPEARED, IT WOULD NOT NOW APPEAR DESIRABLE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE EVERY MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING MACHCHINE CO., PARTICULARLY SINCE NO MORE THAN TWENTY OF THESE MACHINES ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURERS<sup>R</sup> WOULD HAVE BEEN CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE ABOVE CODE.

ALBANY IS HOLDING RE-CONTACTS WITH TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. IN ABEYANCE AND WILL NOT FURTHER REVIEW THESE RECORDS UAC BY THE BUREAU, OR MEMPHIS.

IF BUREAU AND MEMPHIS CONCURS A COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED . END PAGE TWO

THREE

TO ALL OFFICES TO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE LAUNDRIES USING  
LAUNDRY TAPES BEARING CODES ZERO TWO B DASH SIX AND TWO ZERO R  
DASH THREE.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY **REC-103**  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) — *2/1/68*

MURKIN

REURTEL APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST.

INASMUCH AS A COMPLETELY UNEQUIVOCAL DETERMINATION HAS NOT BEEN MADE BY THE LABORATORY RELATIVE TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE LAUNDRY MACHINE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MARKING ON THE SHORTS AND TEE SHIRT, NAMELY, O TWO P DASH SIX, AND THE POSSIBILITY STILL EXISTS THAT A SIMILAR MARKING COULD HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY ANOTHER SUCH MACHINE, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO HANDLE APPROPRIATE LEADS RELATIVE TO THESE LAUNDRY TAPES.

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*Director*  
1 - SAC MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI , JACKSONVILLE, AND NORFOLK  
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P) 3P

Mr. Tolson	_____
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MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NORFOLK, APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST,  
BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SSACS APRIL TWENTYSIX, LAST, AND NORFOLK  
TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHARLOTTE APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

RE: [REDACTED]

REBUTEL TO NORFOLK ADVISED REVIEW OF BUFILE ON KING  
REVEALED IT WAS REPORTED THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HAD REPORTED THREE WHITE MEN FROM TYNER, NC, OFFERED HIM  
SHOTGUN AND RIFLE TO SHOOT KING WHEN HE SPOKE AT SUFFOLK, VA.,  
ON JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. AT TIME THIS  
INFORMATION RECEIVED, IT WAS INDICATED [REDACTED] WAS CONSIDERED  
INTELLIGENT AND VERY DEPENDABLE. BUREAU ADVISED ALTHOUGH RAY  
HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ASSAILANT INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE  
CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] OR ANY OF THE THREE PERSONS  
WHO CONTACTED HIM SHOULD BE IMPLICATED AS CONSPIRATORS.

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AGE TWO

ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, IT WAS DETERMINED AT SUFFOLK, VA.,  
THAT [REDACTED] AND FAMILY LEFT AREA IN SIXTYFOUR AND RETURNED  
TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AKA.  
[REDACTED] CONFIDENTIALLY IDENTIFIED  
[REDACTED] IN SIXTYTHREE AS PERSONS WHO OFFERED HIM SHOTGUN  
AND RIFLE TO SHOOT KING AT SUFFOLK, VA., IN SIXTYTHREE.

ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SHERIFF M. EARL GOODWIN, CHOWAN  
COUNTY, EDENTON, NC, ADVISED THREE WHITE MALES MENTIONED ABOVE  
ALL RESIDENTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY AND BELIEVED TO BE IN AREA  
FROM MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST THROUGH APRIL FOUR LAST. GOODWIN  
STATED HE WOULD CONTACT CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES RE [REDACTED] AND  
[REDACTED] AND VERIFY ABOVE.

ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], NC, ADVISED [REDACTED] MARRIED TO HIS SISTER AND BOTH  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AND EMPLOYED AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], JACKSONVILLE. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] HAS RESIDED IN  
JACKSONVILLE ABOUT FIVE YEARS.

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ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, [REDACTED] BROTHER OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND WIFE OF [REDACTED] CONTACTED AT RESIDENCE OF  
[REDACTED] ADVISED EMPLOYED [REDACTED], SUFFOLK, VA.,

ON APRIL TWENTYNINE, SHERIFF EARL GOODWIN ADVISED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IS [REDACTED] IN TYNER, NC, AND [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FROM ROCKY HOCK SECTION OF CHOWAN COUNTY, NC.  
GOODWIN SAID HIS SOURCE DETERMINED THAT BOTH [REDACTED] AND  
[REDACTED] WERE IN CHOWAN COUNTY DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. HE SAID  
[REDACTED], PARTICULARLY, HAD [REDACTED] RESPONSIBILITIES AND  
UNABLE TO LEAVE [REDACTED] DURING THIS TIME.

JACKSONVILLE AT JACKSONVILLE, VERIFY EMPLOYMENT OF [REDACTED]  
AT [REDACTED] DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OR OTHERWISE  
ELIMINATE HIM AS CO-CONSPIRATOR.

NORFOLK, AT SUFFOLK, VA., VERIFY EMPLOYMENT OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] SUFFOLK, VA., DURING PERTINENT  
PERIOD TO ELIMINATE HIM AS CO-CONSPIRATOR.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 (PLAINTEXT) APR 29 1968

FROM MIAMI 44-1854 3 P

VIA TELETYPE

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MURKIN

REBUTEL FOUR TWENTYSIX LAST.

RETEL CONCERNED THREATS NOTED IN KING FILE BY

AND ONE NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED.

WAS CONTACTED FOUR TWENTYSIX LAST AND THIS DATE. HE ADVISED HE HAS ALMOST DAILY CONTACT WITH WHO HAS NOT EXPRESSED ANY UNUSUAL INTEREST IN OR KNOWLEDGE OF KING'S DEATH. HE SAID HAS NOT TAKEN ANY RECENT EXTENDED TRIPS FROM THE MIAMI AREA AND THERE HAS BEEN NO

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UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AROUND [REDACTED] HOME. HE SAID [REDACTED]  
MAIN INTEREST PRESENTLY SEEMS TO CENTER AROUND A  
"CONSERVATIVE CHURCH GROUP" FROM SOUTH CAROLINA. HE  
SAID [REDACTED] IS GETTING OLD, NOT IN GOOD HEALTH, AND APPEARS  
TO HAVE SOME FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND THEREFORE HIS ACTIVITIES  
HAVE BEEN LIMITED.

[REDACTED]  
ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH  
[REDACTED] FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. HE SAID HE HAS HAD CONTACT WITH  
SOME MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCES. HE SAID HE HAS HEARD OF  
NOTHING TO SHOW [REDACTED] HAS ANY PARTICULAR INTEREST IN  
OR KNOWLEDGE OF KING'S DEATH. HE KNEW NOTHING OF [REDACTED]  
PRESENT INTERESTS OR ACTIVITIES.

[REDACTED] COULD NOT RECALL DETAILS OF INFORMATION  
PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED CONCERNING ONE [REDACTED] HE SAID  
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HE WAS SURE HE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE TO HIM CONCERNING THIS INDIVIDUAL AND HE WAS  
UNABLE TO FURNISH FURTHER INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.

BOTH INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED ABOVE ADVISED THEY WOULD  
REMAIN ALERT FOR POSSIBLE INFORMATION INDICATING [REDACTED]  
CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FBI CHICAGO

1032 AM URGENT 4/29/68 PAK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) P 2P

MURKIN.

REBUTELS APRIL TWO SIX, LAST.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

CHICAGO HAS INITIATED INVESTIGATION FOLLOWING TO DETERMINE  
WHETHER THEY COULD BE CONSPIRATORS THIS CASE:

[REDACTED] (ELIMINATED, SEE CHICAGO TEL APRIL  
TWO FIVE, LAST.)

[REDACTED] (ELIMINATED, SEE CHICAGO TEL APRIL  
TWO SIX, LAST.)

[REDACTED] (ELIMINATED, SEE BUFFALO TEL APRIL  
TWO SIX, LAST; SHE DREAMED KING'S LIFE WAS IN DANGER.)

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, WHO ALLEGEDLY PUT UP THREE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE KING KILLED.

[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] WHO ALLEGED "NAZIS" GAVE HIM  
ASSIGNMENT TO ASSINATE KING TO AVOID HARM TO HIS FAMILY.

NUMEROUS LEADS OUTSTANDING TO LOCATE.

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[REDACTED] CHICAGO, WHO MAY HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH "MINUTEMEN" AND ALLEGEDLY WAS PART OF TWO MEN ASSINATION TEAM.

[REDACTED], WHO GAVE RIDE TO THREE YOUNG MEN FROM SAN FRANCISCO, ABANDONING THEM IN KANSAS CITY AND ENROUTE TOLD THEM IN SEPTEMBER, SIXTYSIX, HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT KING. EXTENSIVE INQUIRY UNDER WAY TO DETERMINE HIS PRECISE IDENTITY AND LOCATE HIM.

[REDACTED] WHO WAS SUBJECT OF ANONYMOUS CALL TO NAACP, CHICAGO, IN NOVEMBER, SIXTYSIX, AN ALLEGED CITY OF CHICAGO EMPLOYEE, WHO SUPPOSEDLY KNEW AN INDIVIDUAL OFFERING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ASSINATION OF KING. NO SUCH EMPLOYEE FOUND IN EXAMINATION CITY OF CHICAGO RECORDS, BUT THOROUGH INQUIRY CONTINUING.

[REDACTED] ACTIVE IN CHICAGO UNIT OF NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY. EXTENSIVE INQUIRY HAS NOT YET DETERMINED HIS CURRENT LOCATION, CONTINUING. HE HAS REPORTEDLY IN VAGUE TERMS SAID HE "WOULD TAKE CARE OF" KING.

EACH SUSPECT RECEIVING IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH HANDLING ON TOP PRIORITY BASIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1155AM URGENT 4-29-68 LXS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SAN DIEGO

FROM HOUSTON (44-1509) 2P

MURKIN: CR.

RE SUSPECT, EARL RAY, RAY EARL, WARREN RAY,  
RAY WARREN.

ON TODAY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAMPSHIRE, TEX. ADVISED EX-WIFE'S NAME IS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], AKA., [REDACTED] AND PRESENTLY  
RESIDES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.

[REDACTED] ADVISED BASIS FOR DIVORCE FROM WIFE IN ONE NINE SIX  
ZERO WAS FINDING LETTER IN WIFE'S PURSE FROM AN EARL RAY OR  
RAY EARL OR WARREN RAY OR RAY WARREN WHO AT TIME WAS IN STATE  
PRISON AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO. IN LETTER WAS PHOTO AND [REDACTED]

STATES WITH EXCEPTION OF HAVING MORE HAIR IT CLOSELY  
RESEMBLED THE NINETEEN SIXTY PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY. WIFE  
WHEN CONFRONTED SAID PERSON WRITING LETTER WAS IN JAIL ON  
ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE BUT WAS FRAMED AND IF HE EVER NEEDED HELP  
SHE WOULD GIVE IT TO HIM. [REDACTED] KNEW LITTLE ABOUT WIFE'S

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PAST BEFORE MARRIAGE IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE BUT DID KNOW  
SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS WAITRESS IN ST. LOUIS, MO. FROM NINETEEN  
FIFTY SIX TO NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. WIFE LAST IN AREA  
APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO FOR FUNERAL OF HUSBAND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHO WAS IN U. S. NAVY.

LEAD: SAN DIEGO AT SPRING VALLEY, CALIF. INTERVIEW  
[REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSON REFERRED  
TO BY HUSBAND. [REDACTED] REQUESTS SOURCE OF INFO NOT BE DISCLOSED  
TO WIFE.

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REVIEW OF NINETEEN CASES IN SAN ANTONIO DIV. FOR PURPOSE

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SEVENTEEN, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, JANUARY NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT PF.

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TWENTY, SIXTYSEVEN. BB. BUFILE

UNSUB: FALLS CITY NAT. BANK, FALLS CITY, TEXAS, MARCH NINETEEN-

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NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. BB. BUFILE

UNSUB: TEXAS STATE BANK, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, JUNE EIGHTEEN-

TO MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO.

FURNISHED BY SAN ANTONIO IN FOLLOWING CASES, FURNISHING RESULTS

FBI NO FOUR ZERO FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G. WITH LATENTS PREVIOUSLY

BUREAU REQUESTED COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY,

REURAD TO ALL OFFICES APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

4-26-68  
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FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 4-26-68 3:25 p.m.

Reference No: [REDACTED]

Received: 4-26-68 SC

FBI File No:

44-38861

Latent Case No:

91075

Answer to: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to: 2cc Memphis 44-1987

RE: MURKIN

Date of reference communication: Teletype 4-26-68  
Specimens:Named suspect:  
JAMES EARL RAY, FBI # 405 942 GCompare prints of suspect JAMES EARL RAY with latents  
developed in cases entitled:UNSUB;  
TEXAS STATE BANK  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
6/18-19/67; BB

BUfile # [REDACTED]

LC # [REDACTED]

SA # [REDACTED]

Result of examination:  
See attached sheet.Examination by: Bonebrake  
Evidence noted by:

Exdmination completed

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*Latent prints from [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
sent to Ray - see attached sheet*

LC # 91075  
SA # 44-1242

Compare prints of suspect JAMES EARL RAY with latents developed  
in cases entitled:

UNSUB;  
FALLS CITY NATIONAL BANK  
FALLS CITY, TEXAS  
3/19-20/67; BB

BUfile # [REDACTED]  
LC # [REDACTED]  
SA # [REDACTED]

UNSUBS (2);  
SAN ANTONIO SAVINGS ASSOCIATION  
HANDY ANDY # 17  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
1-19-68; BB

BUfile # [REDACTED]  
LC # [REDACTED]  
SA # [REDACTED]

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To: SAC'S, San Antonio (44-1242)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, REC-16 (44-38861) 2753

MURKIN

Re San Antonio teletype 4/20/68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported in following list  
of cases are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI  
#405942G:

Unsub.;  
Texas State Bank  
San Antonio, Texas  
6/19-19/67  
BB  
Bufile # [REDACTED]  
Latent Case [REDACTED]

Unsub.;  
Falls City National Bank  
Falls City, Texas  
3/19-29/67  
BB  
Bufile [REDACTED]  
Latent Case [REDACTED]

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Unsubs. (2);  
San Antonio Savings Association  
Handy Andy #17  
San Antonio, Texas  
1/19/63  
BB  
Bufile [REDACTED]  
Latent Prints [REDACTED]

No palm prints Identification Division files for Ray.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4-29-68

FROM : Legat, Rome (44-2) (P.)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau routing slips 4-17-68 and 4-19-68, which transmitted photographs and a press release on JAMES EARL RAY, aka. These items were received by Legat, Rome, on 4-22-68.

On 4-23-68 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and the authorized press release were furnished to ROBERT C. CUNNINGHAM, Managing Editor of the Rome Daily American, an English language newspaper published in Rome and circulated throughout Europe, the Middle East, and some African countries. The photographs and information contained in the press release were published in the 4-24-68 edition of the Rome Daily American.

The same material was furnished on 4-23-68 to ELVIZIO BIANCHI, Managing Director of Agenzia Giornalistica Italia (AGI), which is the equivalent of UPI or AP in the United States. BIANCHI transmitted the information to the Italian newspapers which AGI services throughout Italy, and much of the data furnished to him was noted in the Italian press on 4-24-68.

For the Bureau's information, CIA, American Embassy, Rome, had been advised by its headquarters on 4-20-68 to disseminate detailed information of JAMES EARL RAY to Italian police sources. CIA promptly alerted the Division of Confidential Matters (DAR), Italian National Police, Rome, and the Italian Defense Intelligence Service (SID), Rome, and also informed Legat of the action taken.

Both DAR and SID, knowing of FBI interest in this matter, checked with Legat to determine whether this

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office would also submit a request inasmuch as the alerting of all police districts in Italy with detailed information involves a communication expense of almost \$2000. Both sources were advised that CIA had coordinated this matter and that they should honor CIA's request. DAR and SID have instructed all police districts to determine if subject has visited Italy in the past and to remain alert for any current travel on subject's part.

These sources have been requested to notify this office immediately of any positive information developed.

FBI

Date: 4/30/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJ: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau telephone call from Supervisor  
[REDACTED] 4/30/68; telephonic complaint from BAILEY  
SANDLIN to Department of Justice.

BAILEY SANDLIN, Mt. Dora, Florida, telephone  
[REDACTED], contacted Mt. Dora Motor Lodge 4/30/68; his  
permanent address is [REDACTED] Orlando,  
Florida. He advised an individual, possibly JAMES EARL  
RAY, had pulled a gun on him in the carport of his office,  
[REDACTED], Orlando, Florida, on 4/26/68.  
He contacted the FBI, Orlando, and Orlando Police  
Department the same date regarding this information.

Resident Agency Orlando contacted telephonically  
4/26/68 and advised they had received complaint and  
investigated situation with negative results.

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MURKIN; [REDACTED]

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST SUGGESTING CHECK  
OF JAMES RAY, SSN ONE ONE DASH ONE DASH TWO EIGHT DASH THREE  
NINE ZERO. <sup>Y Social Security Number</sup>

ON APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST, [REDACTED] BUREAU  
OF DATA PROCESSING AND ACCOUNTS, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,  
BALTIMORE, MD., <sup>Special Agent in Charge</sup> CONTACTED SAC AND REQUESTED A CONFERENCE SINCE  
THIS OFFICE HAD SUBMITTED THE NAMES ERIC STARVO GALT WITH  
ALIASES FOR A CHECK [REDACTED]

<sup>Special Agent in Charge</sup> SAC CONTACTED [REDACTED] WHO ADVISED HE WAS NOT CERTAIN THE ASSASSINA-  
TION OF DR. KING WAS A CASE WHICH CLEARLY FELL WITHIN THE SCOPE  
OF BUREAU'S AGREEMENT WITH SOCIAL SECURITY. SAC POINTED OUT  
TO [REDACTED] THAT THIS CASE COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED JUST A MURDER

CASE BUT WAS VERY DEFINITELY A NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTER AND MAY 6 1968  
THE DISORDERS WHICH FOLLOWED KING'S DEATH SUPPORTED THIS CON-  
TENTION. SAC ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL

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HAD A PERSONAL INTEREST IN SEEING THAT ALL GOVERNMENT SOURCES WERE CHECKED. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING AND FULL COOPERATION WITH BUREAU'S POSITION AND INTERESTS. HE SUGGESTED HOWEVER, THAT ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR [REDACTED] CHECKS IN THIS CASE MIGHT FALL INTO A 'GRAY AREA' AND HE WOULD LIKE SAC [REDACTED] TO PERSONALLY CONTACT HIM ON SUCH REQUESTS SO THAT HE COULD CONSIDER DISCUSSING THEM WITH [REDACTED] HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

*Advise to Contact by Bureau*

UACB, BALTIMORE WILL NOT CHECK NAME JAMES RAY, SSN ONE ONE DASH ONE DASH TWO EIGHT DASH THREE NINE ZERO, [REDACTED] AS SUGGESTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

*Advise to Contact by Bureau*

UACB, BALTIMORE WILL ONLY CHECK NAMES IN THIS CASE WITH SPECIFIC BUREAU APPROVAL.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

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**MURKIN**

- ☒ For information      ☐ Retention optional      ☐ For appropriate action      ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

**Bureau authority not granted to check  
on this lead. For info.**

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FBI

Date: 4/30/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P  
MURKIN

Re Omaha tel to Bureau, 4/24/68 and mytel to Bureau, 4/29/68.

Enclosed for each office one copy of photo of [REDACTED] taken December, 1964, furnished by girlfriend of [REDACTED].

The following investigation was conducted in Oklahoma City by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

On 4/25/68, [REDACTED] advised that she first met [REDACTED] five years ago in Kansas City in August. She stated that she had met him at the Belmont Bar, Kansas City, Mo. and they had spent the evening there at the Slip Bar. She advised that she had not seen [REDACTED] since then to April 19, 1968. She stated that while he was serving time in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) at Jefferson City, that numerous pieces of correspondence passed between them.

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] had remained in Oklahoma City from 4/19 and she had last seen him approximately 10 AM, 4/23/68. She stated that he must have left town or else he would have been in contact with her.

*Identified in interview*  
[redacted] stated [redacted] had told her that he had been in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and had traveled around the State of Iowa and that he had left his home in Waverly, Iowa taking with him his mother's ring which he had pawned and sent her the pawn ticket. [redacted] further told her that he had been released from the MSP on [redacted] 4/67 and that he had known JAMES EARL RAY while in the penitentiary. He stated that while in the Penitentiary that RAY had escaped from the penitentiary in a guard's uniform while he was working in the dry cleaning plant and that RAY had obtained this uniform from a guard who has since been fired. He stated that RAY and this guard were very close friends. She further stated that [redacted] told her that RAY had not escaped in a bakery truck as the newspapers had reported. [redacted] stated that she had sent a check, in February, 1968, in the amount of \$23.00 to [redacted] in Waverly so that he could obtain a bus ticket to come to Oklahoma City to see her. She stated that [redacted] had called her from the bus depot in Oklahoma City approximately 7:30 PM 4/19/68 and told her that he was drinking with a person who had an amputated hand at the knuckles at Winnie's Bar which is located across the street from the bus depot.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] had possibly applied for employment as machinery operator at an automatic car wash in the 4000 block of North Pennsylvania or through the Key Personnel, 110 N. Robinson or at some Mortgage and Loan Company across the street from the city library. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] had told her that he had lost his luggage in Kansas City and was currently traveling without any luggage.

Continuous and intensive investigation was conducted to locate [redacted] at Oklahoma City.

On 4/29/68, [redacted] was located [redacted] at the Blood Plasma Donor Center, 505 West Main, Oklahoma City and was subsequently interviewed furnishing the following information:

[redacted] temporarily residing at Hudson Hotel, Oklahoma City, stated that he had been in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), [redacted] Person City, Mo. from [redacted] 1961 through [redacted] 62 and again from [redacted] 64 until his

release on [REDACTED] 67. [REDACTED] stated that upon his release from MSP, that he had gone to Waverly, Iowa to live at the residence of his mother, [REDACTED] Waverly.

[REDACTED] stated that he left Waverly in the latter part of February, 1968 and the following is approximately his itinerary.

Waterloo, Iowa - where he remained approximately 2 days.

Des Moines, Iowa - remaining 3 to 4 days.

Cheyenne, Wy. - remaining 3 days.

Pocahontas, Iowa - over night with uncle [REDACTED]

Humble, Iowa - over night with uncle [REDACTED]

Aplington, Iowa - over night where he contacted his brother-in-law's mother and brother, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Iowa City, Iowa - remaining approx. one week. While there he pawned a man's black face ring at the Hock-Eye Pawn Shop for \$7 on 3/11/68. [REDACTED] resided he believes at the Berkley Hotel, where the bus station is located and left town on 3/11/68.

Storm Lake, Iowa - remaining approx. 2 days.

Red Oak, Iowa - over night. [REDACTED] resided at the hotel across the street from the Police Dept.

[REDACTED] then hitchhiked to Barstow, Calif. leaving approx. 10 AM, one day and arriving in Barstow early the next evening. This ride was with a mechanic from Marshal Town, Iowa. That same date, [REDACTED] hitched a ride to Visalia, Calif. with a girlfriend employed at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nev., arriving Visalia that evening. [REDACTED] stayed at Visalia approximately one week and visited with his daughter, [REDACTED]. He stated [REDACTED] is residing with a [REDACTED] who is living with a [REDACTED] ex-wife, resides at [REDACTED], Visalia.

[REDACTED] then spent two or three days hitchhiking to Nevada where he stayed over night.

Las Vegas, Nev. - where [REDACTED] stayed at the McDonald Hotel, approximately 3 nights.

Salt Lake City - remaining 2 nights.

Laramie, Wy. - remaining one night.

Denver, Colo. - where [REDACTED] visited with a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] hitchhiked from Denver to Colorado Springs, Colo. with a [REDACTED], where he remained for 2 or 3 days.

Albuquerque, N.M. - [REDACTED] resided at Albuquerque for 2 to 3 days and contacted a [REDACTED] who formerly resided in Waverly, Iowa.

Las Cruces, N.M. - [REDACTED] spent approx. 2 days traveling from Las Cruces to Van Horn, Texas where he resided at the only hotel in town over night.

Fort Worth, Texas - [REDACTED] resided for approximately 2 days at a cheap motel located near the bus depot.

Durant, Oklahoma - residing over night.

McAlester, Oklahoma - [REDACTED] resided with a couple that live behind a cab stand for two days.

Canadian, Oklahoma - residing one day, while there [REDACTED] helped an individual paint 55-gallon oil drums for use on his boat dock.

[REDACTED] then went to Miami, Oklahoma where he resided one night at the St. James Hotel.

[REDACTED] traveled by bus from Miami, Oklahoma to Carthage, Missouri stopping for approx. one hour in Joplin, Mo. While in Joplin, [REDACTED] attempted to contact a [REDACTED] a former convict but stated he was unable to do so. [REDACTED] stated that he recalls while waiting in the bus depot that he heard of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

While in Carthage, [REDACTED] contacted a [REDACTED], while attempting to contact a girl he had known in 1947.

[REDACTED] traveled to Warsaw, Mo. staying overnight. While in Warsaw, he contacted a [REDACTED] by telephone and stated he wanted to see [REDACTED] that he wanted to borrow money from him. [REDACTED] advised that he was unable to get into town because of his parole status.

[REDACTED] traveled to Columbia, Mo. where he was a sleeper at the Police Dept. and the next day contacted an uncle, [REDACTED], Columbia.

[REDACTED] then traveled to California, Mo. and attempted to locate a [REDACTED] who had been in the MSP Maximum Security with [REDACTED]. He was unable to contact him but stayed overnight at California, Mo.

[REDACTED] then traveled to Maysville, Mo. where he resided at the Lincoln Hotel overnight and contacted Sheriff O. L. Maddox.

St. Joseph, Mo. - [REDACTED] checked in at a small hotel but met a person, name unrecalled, in a bar and they then went to Kansas City, Mo. by car and stayed at the Gladstone Hotel. [REDACTED] met with a [REDACTED] at a bar on 9th St. in downtown, Kansas City, Mo. While with [REDACTED] he and [REDACTED] drove on a Sunday to St. Louis, Mo. attempting to contact a [REDACTED], a former convict described as a large Negro male. They were unable to contact [REDACTED]. They contacted a [REDACTED], a sister-in-law of [REDACTED], the mother of a illegitimate son of [REDACTED] by the name of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] returned to Kansas City that evening which he believes was a Sunday.

[REDACTED] then traveled from Kansas City to Oklahoma City hitching a ride with two young boys from Peculiar, Mo. [REDACTED] stated he believes that this was on 4/19/68. [REDACTED] resided with a [REDACTED] Oklahoma City until approx. 4/23/68 when he left hitching a ride with a Naval Lieutenant to Long Beach, Calif.

[REDACTED] stayed one day in Los Angeles at the bus depot and left Los Angeles on Friday.

[REDACTED] arrived Oklahoma City Saturday night 4/27/68 where he stayed with a [REDACTED]

On 4/28/68, [REDACTED] drove [REDACTED] and his pickup truck to Ft. Smith, Ark. and hitchhiked back arriving approx. 1 PM.

[REDACTED] stated that while incarcerated in the MSP, that JAMES EARL RAY known to him as JIMMY RAY was involved in selling amphetamines to his fellow inmates. He stated that a [REDACTED], an ex-guard in the MSP was his source of these amphetamines. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and RAY were very good friends.

[REDACTED] stated that RAY was extremely quiet, was a person who did not take much from anyone. He stated that to his knowledge RAY has taken amphetamines but had never taken any hard narcotics.

He further stated that whenever RAY was pushed around that he would retaliate fiercely. [REDACTED] stated that on two previous occasions RAY had attempted to escape from the MSP - once by going over the wall and once when he hid in a ventilator shaft and subsequently broke his elbow. [REDACTED] stated that RAY had never mentioned to him where he was from or where he would go when he got out of prison.

He further stated that RAY had never indicated that he disliked Negroes and to [REDACTED] knowledge was even associated with several while in the penitentiary. [REDACTED] stated that he was leaving Oklahoma City on 4/29/68 and was hitchhiking to the home of his mother in Waverly where he would obtain work as a construction worker.

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Name	[REDACTED]
DPOB	[REDACTED]
Height	6'
Weight	175
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Scars and marks	Tattoos - [REDACTED] back of right hand

[REDACTED] back of  
right hand; [REDACTED] left  
outer forearm; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on left bicep;

6" scar [REDACTED]

4 to 5" [REDACTED] scar

[REDACTED] letter

[REDACTED] 1/2" vertical scar [REDACTED]

Glasses:

Military:

U. S. Navy 1943 to [REDACTED] 43;

Army Air Force [REDACTED] 15 to [REDACTED] 46;

U. S. Air Force [REDACTED] 47 to 1948

Arrest record:

Sister:

LEADS:

EL PASO DIVISION

At Van Horn, Texas

Will attempt to ascertain date or dates [REDACTED] resided at hotel in Van Horn, Texas. It is noted [REDACTED] states he believes he was in Joplin, Missouri at the time of KING's murder, however, his presence 1-12-68 in Warsaw, Missouri has been verified. It would therefore appear from a review of [REDACTED] itinerary that he was possibly in Van Horn, Texas at the time of KING's murder. In the event it is ascertained by El Paso that [REDACTED] was not in Van Horn, Texas at time of KING's murder, then El Paso should set out appropriate leads, from the itinerary furnished by [REDACTED] in order to establish his whereabouts on 4-4-68.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Jefferson City, Missouri

Will attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED] for any information re subject RAY.

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Date: 4/30/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: *WJR* SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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ReKctel, 4/29/68.

On 4/30/68, [REDACTED], Beaumont PD advised their records reflect [REDACTED] last handled at Jefferson County, [REDACTED]/65 when he was sentenced to two years, Texas Prison System, Huntsville Unit, [REDACTED].

LEAD:HOUSTONAT BRYAN, TEXAS

Will at Huntsville Unit check records of [REDACTED] and ascertain present location for purpose of interview.  
C. C. Bishop

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1 - Kansas City (Info)  
2 - Houston 1 - Memphis (info)  
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) P

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REBUTEL TO CHICAGO, APRIL TWO NINE, LAST.  
RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
ARMY INTELLIGENCE IN MARCH, SIXTYSEVEN, REPORTED  
THAT [REDACTED] WHO WAS AN ALLEGED "MINUTEMEN" CLAIMED TO AN ASSOCIATE  
THAT HE WAS PART OF A SABOTAGE TEAM WHICH WOULD UNDERTAKE  
ASSASSINATION OF KING. OTHER MEMBER OF TEAM REPORTEDLY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AGE TWENTYONE, INTERVIEWED CHICAGO APRIL  
TWO NINE AND THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT. CLAIMED HAS BEEN IN CHICAGO  
AND CHICAGO INDEPENDENTLY VERIFYING HIS WHEREABOUTS. [REDACTED]  
SAYS [REDACTED] HAS BEEN IN USMC, WAS IN CHICAGO ABOUT DECEMBER TEN  
TO TWO SEVEN, LAST, NOW IN VIET NAM. [REDACTED] DENIES "MINUTEMEN"  
MEMBERSHIP, DENIES EVER STATING WOULD KILL KING, CLAIMS STRONGLY  
AGAINST ALL VIOLENCE.

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SAN DIEGO VERIFY WHEREABOUTS LAST SEVERAL MONTHS OF

25 MAY 6 1968

MSN [REDACTED]

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~~REDACTED~~ FIFTH RECON. BATTALION, FIFTH MARINE DIVISION,  
FMF (REIN), MCB, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AND VERIFY WHETHER  
HAS DEPARTED OVERSEAS AND DATE.

HANDLE LEADS ON TOP PRIORITY BASIS, SUTEL LEADS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN

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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Tampa teletype to Bureau 4/27/68.  
Pittsburgh teletype to Director and Tampa 4/29/68.

SUSPECT [REDACTED]

On 4/30/68, [REDACTED] residence [REDACTED], Lakeland, Florida was contacted at his place of employment, [REDACTED] Lakeland.

[REDACTED] advised he has been living in Lakeland since 3/64, at which time he went to work for [REDACTED]. He said he left [REDACTED] on 1/20/67 and was unemployed until 4/67, when he went to work for the [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated he remained at that employment only until the middle of 10/67 and after a week or two, returned to Parkersburg, West Virginia.

[REDACTED] said while there he contacted [REDACTED] an old friend, who owned a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Parkersburg, and arranged to open an office for him in Florida.

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[REDACTED] advised he returned to Lakeland in 11/67 and immediately opened an office for [REDACTED]. He explained that [REDACTED] sends him a schedule every Saturday, listing the destination in Florida, and the time of arrival, of every company truck, for the following week. It is his job to arrange a load, as close to the period of unloading as possible, for the return trip north.

[REDACTED] exhibited the weekly dispatch sheet for the week ending 4/6/68. It showed return loads, arranged by him, for 4/4, 5, 6, 7/68.

Wanted flyer #442-A concerning JAMES EARL RAY was shown [REDACTED]. He stated that the man in the photograph was unfamiliar to him. He said further that neither the name RAY nor any of the aliases shown on the flyer were names he was acquainted with.

[REDACTED] categorically denied having conspired with RAY or anyone else in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He referred back to previous interview by the FBI concerning an alleged threat by him against KING and stated that he still did not believe he had made the threat, but was too inebriated to recall.

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8-24 PM A RKK

DEFERRED 4-30-68

TO DIRECTOR AND BALTIMORE (PLAINTEXT)

VIA TELETYPE

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ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

BALTIMORE VIA WASHINGTON -----

FROM SAN JUAN (157-61) (P) 2P

MURKIN.

RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE APRIL TWO NINE LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE, [REDACTED]

CAROUSEL BAR, WATERFRONT, CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ALERT FOR JAMES EARL RAY, SINCE ORIGINALLY ALERTED BY CONTACTING FBI AGENTS.

[REDACTED] AT CAROUSEL WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL TWO FOUR LAST, AND DOES NOT RECALL SEEING ANYONE RESEMBLING RAY OR ANYONE FITTING DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY

[REDACTED] BARTENDERS BUD EBERHARDT AND THOMAS BYRD, AS WELL AS WAITRESSES AT CAROUSEL BAR, INTERVIEWED RE [REDACTED] LEAD AND RESULTS NEGATIVE.

JAMES EARL RAY PUBLICITY IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, WITH EIGHT FIVE PERCENT NEGRO POPULATION, HAS GENERATED WIDE INTEREST AND HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTED IN LOCAL NEWS MEDIA.

[REDACTED] THIS INTEREST AS REASON WHY HE DOUBTS RAY COULD BE IN VIRGIN ISLANDS UNDISGUISED AND NOT BE DETECTED.

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SAN JUAN 157-61

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF  
INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FBI DETROIT

405PM URGENT 4-30-68 JRM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS  
FROM DETROIT (44-989) 1P

MURKIN

[REDACTED], GRADUATE STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF MICH.,  
ANN ARBOR, MICH., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT APRIL TWENTY FOUR  
LAST WHILE VISITING GUATEMALA HE WAS TOLD BY [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED] KILOMETER EIGHTY SEVEN, DEPARTMENT  
OF TECTAN, GUATEMALA, THAT JAMES EARL RAY REPORTEDLY IN  
CENTRAL AMERICA AND WAS REPORTEDLY SEEN IN GUATEMALA. [REDACTED]  
STATED HE WAS RECOGNIZED BY [REDACTED] AS AN AMERICAN AT WHICH  
TIME [REDACTED] MADE THE ABOVE STATEMENT. [REDACTED] DID NOT QUESTION  
[REDACTED] ABOUT TIME RAY SEEN IN GUATEMALA OR BY WHOM.  
END.

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Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

7:30 PM 4/30/68  
JRM  
John [unclear]  
4/30

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TELETYPE

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Mr. Callahan	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI EL PASO

911 PM URGENT 5-1-68 LMT  
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 BALTIMORE  
FROM EL PASO 157-186 -P-  
MURKIN

RE PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE  
THREE EIGHT.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BALTIMORE FOUR-THIRTY LAST.

LEADS SET OUT PAGE FOUR RETEL FOR DALLAS RE [REDACTED], AREA  
CODE NINE ONE FIVE TELEPHONE NO. FIVE SIX EIGHT-ONE ONE FOUR SIX.  
THIS AREA CODE IS EL PASO AND TELEPHONE NO. IS FOR AIRLINES TRAFFIC  
OFFICE, FT. BLISS, TEXAS.

OFFICE RECORDS REFLECT [REDACTED] TRANSFERRED TO ABERDEEN  
PROVING GROUNDS, MARYLAND, TOOK AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT TWO  
TO DALLAS, AND AA FLIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT TO BALTIMORE APRIL SIX  
LAST. POST LOCATER, FT. BLISS, ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ASSIGNED TO [REDACTED]  
ABERDEEN .

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BALTIMORE INTERVIEW [REDACTED] IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS  
IN RETEL.

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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END

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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233 PM URGENT 5-2-68 BSH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365) 2P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE: TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

GOLDSBORO, NC., LISTED IN NAME JACK H. PENDLETON. ON  
APRIL THIRTY LAST PENDLETON'S WIFE ADVISED ON OR ABOUT MARCH  
SEVENTEEN LAST SHE RECEIVED CALL FROM HER FATHER-IN-LAW,  
EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON, WHO RESIDES AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, FIVE  
FIVE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES.

TELEPHONE [REDACTED], PEMBROKE,

NC., IS LISTED TO ILA MAE PAUL WHO ADVISED ON MAY ONE LAST  
THAT HER SON WILLIE FRENCH PAUL CALLS HER ALMOST EVERY WEEK'S MAY 6 1968  
FROM CALIF. AND STATED SHE FEELS SURE WILLIE CALLED HER ON  
OR ABOUT FEBRUARY FIFTEEN LAST. HE RESIDES AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN. INSERT  
BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS SEPARATELY.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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END.

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Date: 5/1/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Investigation conducted to date by the San Francisco Division to locate JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO GALT, aka, has not produced any information regarding his whereabouts.

The check of laundry marks has been completed. Samples of pertinent laundry marks were furnished to the FBI Laboratory who advised submitted specimens were not identical with questioned laundry marks.

Investigation at financial institutions, dancing schools, laundries, license checks, motor vehicles, voter registration, credit, and other public records has not provided an identification of RAY under the GALT or LOWMEYER/LOWMYER names.

Investigation of people with the name GALT has not provided any information regarding RAY.

Record checks at law enforcement agencies have not disclosed any current record of RAY, aka.

San Francisco is presently conducting investigation regarding ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ - suspect as conspirator. The Bureau and Memphis will be immediately advised of the results of interview which has been authorized by the Bureau.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM) (RM) REC-106  
1 - San Francisco  
MTG/sms #11  
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Special Agent in Charge

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MTG/sms

This investigation is being closely supervised, leads are on an expedite basis (24 hours), and the Bureau and Memphis will be immediately advised by telephone/teletype of developments.

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Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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FBI DALLAS

1031 PM URGENT 5-1-68 CBB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), DENVER, LOS ANGELES, SACRAMENTO, SAN DIEGO,

SAN FRANCISCO

FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. RE DALLAS TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

FOR INFO OF OFFICES NOT RECEIVING RE TEL, ON THE ABOVE TRIP SUBJECT RAY ALLEGEDLY MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES WHILE IN TEXAS. A CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES ALONG ROUTE TAKEN BY RAY FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, AND SEVENTEEN, OF SIXTYSEVEN, ARE BEING MADE AND THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BY WHOM THE INSTANT TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM. IF RAY MADE CALL, OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE INFO CONCERNING HIM.

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CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS.

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DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, THREE O FIVE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, SIX FORTYFIVE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, TEN FIFTYTHREE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARVADA, COLORADO:

LOS ANGELES

CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT SANDERSON, TEXAS.

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, SEVEN FIFTYTWO PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MOORPARK, CALIF.:

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, TWELVE TWENTYEIGHT PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], SAN CLEMENTE, CALIF;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, ELEVEN THIRTYONE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], LOS ANGELES, CALIF.;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, ELEVEN FIFTYFIVE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MOORPARK, CALIF:

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TWELVE FIFTYEIGHT PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ONTARIO, CALIF.:

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SACRAMENTO

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, SEVEN EIGHTEEN AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEL REY, CALIF.:

SAN DIEGO.

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT SANDERSON, TEXAS

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TWO FORTYEIGHT PM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EL CAJON, CALIF.:

SAN FRANCISCO.

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT SANDERSON, TEXAS

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TWO EIGHTEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OAKLAND, CALIF.

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, TWELVE FIFTYSIX PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA.

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FBI EL PASO

816 PM URGENT 5-1-68 LMT

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 LOS ANGELES 44-1574 MEMPHIS 44-1987  
PHOENIX 44-371

FROM EL PASO 157-186 -P-

MURKIN

TELEPHONE BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW  
ORLEANS.

REBUTEL TO EL PASO DATED APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, AND EL PASO  
TEL TO DIRECTOR AND PHOENIX APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST, WHICH CONTAINS  
BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS RE THIS MATTER.

SURVEY OF TELEPHONE BOOTHS ALONG INTERSTATE TEN ENTERING AND  
LEAVING EL PASO, AS WELL AS MOST LOGICAL ROUTE BETWEEN COMPLETED  
SECTIONS INTERSTATE TEN THROUGH EL PASO, COMPLETED THIS DATE.  
FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS ALONG ROUTE WITH PREFIX OF FIVE  
THREE TWO:

ZERO NINE NINE SEVEN,

ZERO SIX ONE TWO,

ZERO NINE THREE ZERO,

ZERO TWO FIVE NINE,

ZERO ONE FOUR ZERO,

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Mr. Bishop  
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Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

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ZERO SEVEN ZERO SEVEN,

ZERO SEVEN SEVEN SIX,

ZERO SEVEN ZERO SIX,

ZERO THREE ONE FIVE,

ZERO NINE TWO EIGHT,

NINE ZERO ZERO FIVE.

ZERO ONE THREE NINE.

ZERO SEVEN THREE TWO,

ZERO THREE FIVE THREE,

ZERO FOUR TWO SEVEN,

ZERO SEVEN TWO FIVE,

ZERO THREE FIVE EIGHT.

FOLLOWING NUMBERS HAD PREFIX OF SEVEN SEVEN TWO:

ZERO EIGHT FIVE TWO,

ZERO NINE SEVEN FOUR,

ZERO SEVEN ONE SIX,

ZERO EIGHT TWO THREE,

ZERO SIX FOUR SIX,

ZERO NINE EIGHT EIGHT,

ZERO FIVE TWO NINE,

ZERO NINE FIVE FIVE,

ZERO EIGHT SEVEN THREE,

ZERO SEVEN TWO FIVE,

END PAGE TWO



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ZERO SEVEN THREE NINE,

ZERO FIVE FIVE SIX,

ZERO FIVE TWO FIVE,

FOLLOWING NUMBERS HAD PREFIX OF FIVE NINE EIGHT:

NINE ZERO SEVEN ONE,

NINE ZERO EIGHT FIVE,

NINE ZERO SEVEN SIX,

NINE ZERO FIVE THREE,

NINE ZERO FOUR TWO,

NINE NINE ONE SIX,

NINE ZERO SIX NINE,

NINE ZERO FOUR FOUR,

NINE NINE EIGHT THREE,

NINE ZERO THREE FOUR.

FOLLOWING NUMBERS HAD PREFIX OF EIGHT FIVE NINE:

NINE ZERO ZERO FOUR,

NINE ZERO NINE FOUR,

ONE NUMBER WITH FIVE EIGHT FOUR PREFIX, NAMELY  
NINE ZERO EIGHT ONE.

MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE COMPANY, EL PASO, HAS ADVISED  
RECORDS OF LONG DISTANCE CALLS FROM ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBERS  
FILED AT DATA PROCESSING CENTER, MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE COMPANY  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

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BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED TELEPHONE COMPANY BE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED AT EACH PUBLIC TELEPHONE ON PERTINENT ROUTES DURING PERIOD DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN AND HAVE EACH CALL CHECKED OUT.

PHOENIX SHOULD CHECK ABOVE NUMBERS AT ABOVE MENTIONED DATA PROCESSING CENTER FOR PERTINENT DATES AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS. COPY MAILED BIRMINGHAM. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FBI DETROIT

10:15PM URGENT 5/1/68 LPS

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

FROM: DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN

RE DALLAS TEL FOUR THIRTY LAST.

PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] ISSUED TO  
A.B. BROOKS III, [REDACTED] ST. CLAIR SHORES,  
MICHIGAN.

MRS. BROOKS ADVISED THIS DATE PHONE CALL FROM MARATHON, TEXAS,  
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST WAS MADE BY HER GRANDPARENTS MR. AND MRS.  
JOHN MC CALLUM, [REDACTED] ROSCOMMON, MICH., WHO WERE VISITING  
MRS. MC CALLUM'S BROTHER AND HAD RUN INTO AN ICE STORM. PHONE CALL  
ADVISED MRS. BROOKS RE ICE STORM AND NOT TO WORRY ABOUT GRANDPARENTS.

MRS. BROOKS VIEWED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATED RAY  
NOT FAMILIAR TO HER AND SHE HAS NO INFO RE HIM.

AM COPY TO DALLAS (44-2649).

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FBI KAN CITY

455 PM URGENT 5/1/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY

CURRENT INMATES, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, (MSP),  
[REDACTED], ADVISED THAT THEY COULD FURNISH NO  
PERTINENT INFO REGARDING SUBJECT.

[REDACTED] RENTZ PRISON KNEW RAY AS A "HIDE OUT  
GUY", REMEMBERS APRIL TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSEVEN, WHEN THE BREAD

ARRIVED ALL MESSED UP. HE STATED THE BREAD BOX WAS LARGE  
ENOUGH FOR A PERSON TO HIDE IN, BUT COULD FURNISH NO OTHER  
INFORMATION REGARDING RAY'S ESCAPE. EX-110 REC 544-38861-276

RECORDS, PHILLIPS PETROLEUM, KANSAS CITY REVEAL [REDACTED] MAY 6 1968  
[REDACTED] RENTED BOATS AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., SEPT. SIXTY-  
SEVEN USING CREDIT CARD ISSUED BY CANADIAN SHELL LTD., TORONTO,  
CANADA.

RECORDS MSP REVEAL [REDACTED] PAROLED TO DEPARTMENT  
OF CORRECTION, TALLAHASSEE, FLA. [REDACTED] TRANSFERRED TO  
MOBERLY, MO., INTERESTED OFFICE ADVISED.

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cc Long - The no. Room

KC 44-760

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ALL PERSONS NAMED [REDACTED] LISTED IN GREATER KANSAS CITY  
DIRECTORY NEGATIVE RE DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT.

INFO FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] RE MONEY ORDERS VERIFIED  
BY PRISON RECORDS.

AIRTEL RE MURKIN COST DATA FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS THIS  
DATE. LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ATLANTA

420P EDT URGENT 5/1/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 4P

MURKIN

CHARLES V. TYSON, MGR., HERTZ RENTALS, ALBANY, GA.,  
FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO MAY FIRST, INSTANT:

ON APR. NINETEEN, 'SIXTYEIGHT, HE RECEIVED PHONE  
CALL FROM UNIDENTIFIED MALE WHO CLAIMED TO BE CALLING  
FROM CORDELE, GA., ASKING IF HE COULD HAVE A CAR AT ALBANY,  
GA. AIRPORT FOR JAMES E. BODKER. THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED  
BODKER HAD CREDIT CARDS.

AT TWELVE FIFTEEN PM, APR. NINETEEN, LAST, W/M  
IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS JAMES E. BODKER RENTED 'SIXTYSEVEN  
FORD GALAXIE, FOUR-DOOR HARDTOP, WHITE OVER BLUE VIN SEVEN A  
FIVE SIX C TWO ZERO SEVEN SIX TWO FIVE, BEARING 'SIXTYEIGHT  
GEORGIA LICENSE EIGHT J FIVE ZERO THREE NINE. CAR TO BE USED  
IN VICINITY OF ALBANY AND RETURNED TO ALBANY, GA., ON  
APR. TWENTYTWO, LAST. BODKER USED SHELL OIL CO. CREDIT  
CARD NO. [REDACTED]

GIVING HOME ADDRESS AS [REDACTED]

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P.H.  
B.P. [unclear]  
Nelson [unclear]  
J.C. [unclear]

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DOLTON, ILL., AND CLAIMED TO BE MGR OF SUBURBAN MOTORS, ADDRESS NOT GIVEN. GAVE ILL. DRIVER'S LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

TYSON NOT PRESENT WHEN CAR RENTED. CAR RENTED BY DOTTIE OLIVER, A HERTZ EMPLOYEE. ANOTHER EMPLOYEE OF HERTZ, WILLIAM YOMAN WAS PRESENT WHEN CAR RENTED.

VEHICLE NOT RETURNED AND TYSON MADE NUMEROUS CALLS TO LOCATE CAR AND BODKER. NO WARRANT TAKEN AS YET. HE CHECKED WITH SHELL OIL CO. IN TULSA, OKLA., AND WAS TOLD THE CARD ISSUED TO BODKER HAD NEVER BEEN USED BEFORE AND WAS ONE OF A PROMOTIONAL GROUP MAILED TO COLLEGE SENIORS. DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY EMPLOYEES PLACES BODKER BEYOND COLLEGE AGE.

SINCE DOLTON, ILL. IS SUBURB OF CHICAGO, TYSON OBTAINED TELEPHONE NUMBER OF SUBURBAN MTRS, THREE ONE TWO DASH THREE EIGHT EIGHT DASH FIVE TWO EIGHT ZERO AND CALLED THEM APR. TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY, LAST, BUT RECEIVED NO SATISFACTION. HE TALKED TO MR. HANNA, WHO CLAIMED TO BE MGR OF SUBURBAN MTRS. HANNA FURNISHED VIRTUALLY NO INFO EXCEPT TO SAY BODKER WAS PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AND NOT THERE.

END PAGE TWO

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DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY TYSON AS OBTAINED BY HIS EMPLOYEES FIT GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY EXCEPT FOR AGE AND ACCORDINGLY YOMAN AND OLIVER INTERVIEWED AND PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED.

RENTAL CONTRACT OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED TO FBI LAB FOR HANDWRITING AND LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION.

YOMAN DESCRIBED BODKER AS W/M, AGE ABOUT THIRTY, FIVE FT. ELEVEN, ONE SIX FIVE LBS., DARK BROWN WAVY HAIR COMBED BACK SLIGHTLY REDDISH TINT, DARK COMPLEXION, OPEN NECK SPORT SHIRT, DARK PANTS, BEARS CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO 'SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO AND HEAD ON 'SIXTY PHOTO OF RAY AND BELIEVES COULD BE IDENTICAL.

YOMAN IS FIFTYFOUR YRS OLD, W/M, LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE OF HERTZ AND WELL-KNOWN TO THIS OFFICE AND CONSIDERED COMPLETELY RELIABLE.

OLIVER VIEWED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATES BODKER NOT IDENTICAL. BELIEVES FACE IS THINNER THAN 'SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF RAY AND COULD NOT PICK OUT ANY FACIAL CHARACTERISTICS IN PHOTO OF RAY RESEMBLING BODKER.

SHE DESCRIBED BODKER AS W/M, AGE THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTY, FIVE FT. TEN TO ELEVEN, ONE FIVE ZERO TO ONE SIX ZERO LBS.,  
END PAGE THREE



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THICK BLACK WAVY HAIR, COMBED BACK, DARK COMPLEXION, THIN FACE  
LONG NECK, WEARING MUSTARD COLORED SPORT SHIRT WITH DICKIE AT  
NECK AND DARK BROWN PANTS, NO NOTICEABLE ACCENT AND NOT NERVOUS.  
OLIVER IS NINETEEN YEAR-OLD W/F ABOUT TO BE MARRIED, IS STILL IN  
TRAINING, NERVOUS AND NOT BELIEVED TO BE GOOD WITNESS.

CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT DOLTON, ILL.,  
AND SUBURBAN MTRS. IF 'SIXTYSEVEN FORD LOCATED, ADVISE ATLANTA.

SPRINGFIELD REVIEW DRIVER'S LICENSE FILE UNDER NUMBER

~~REDACTED~~

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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FBI WASH DC

LFS

CALLED:

By SP-5 HIPPESTAL

Time 4:45

LAB

CALLED:

By MIKE GRAY

Time 4:50

C- J. Patton

VIA TELETYPE

MAY 1 1968

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SSSURGENT 5-1-68 JMP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) (PLAINTEXT)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) 2P

Mr. DeLoach  
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MURKIN

RE BUREAU TEL TO NEW YORK, FOUR THIRTY PAST.

[REDACTED], NEW HOLLAND, PA., INTERVIEWED IN PRESENCE OF HUSBAND AND STATED SHE MET [REDACTED] TRAILWAYS BUS DRIVER, TORONTO, CANADA, AT WORLD'S FAIR, MONTREAL, AUGUST PAST.

[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HER ABOUT FEBRUARY, CLAIMED IN JAIL FOR INCOME TAX EVASION. HE CALLED AGAIN ONE WEEK LATER, STATED COMING TO NEW HOLLAND, PA. SHE STATED [REDACTED] HAS NOT ARRIVED AND SHE DOES NOT EXPECT HIM. WANTED FLYER FOUR FOUR TWO A OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY SHOWN [REDACTED] WHO STATED [REDACTED] DOES NOT RESEMBLE RAY. SHE DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS AGE FOURTY, FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, HEAVY BUILD, FAT AROUND MIDDLE, DARK CURLY HAIR. SHE CLAIMED SHE MET [REDACTED] WITH HER GIRL FRIEND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW HOLLAND, PA.

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HOLLAND, PA., STATED [REDACTED] AND SHE WERE IN NEW YORK CITY, APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND MET [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] TRAILWAYS BUS DRIVERS FROM TORONTO, CANADA. [REDACTED] CORRESPONDED WITH [REDACTED] AND ARRANGED RENDEZVOUS AT WORLD'S FAIR, MONTREAL, AUGUST PAST BUT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] DUE TO BUS TRIP UNABLE TO KEEP DATE. [REDACTED] CALLED [REDACTED], MONTREAL, AND ARRANGED MEETING IN BOSTON ON RETURN FROM WORLD'S FAIR. [REDACTED] HAS NOT SEEN [REDACTED] SINCE AUGUST PAST BUT UNDERSTANDS [REDACTED] EITHER QUIT OR WAS DISMISSED FROM TRAILWAYS. WANTED FLYER FOUR FOUR TWO A EXHIBITED TO [REDACTED] WHO STATED PHOTO OF RAY DOES NOT RESEMBLE [REDACTED]

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

END  
MKP

FBI WASH DC

1 - Foreign Liaison  
1 - Mr. Long

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TO LEGAT, OTTAWA  
FROM DIRECTOR, REG 544-38861-01

MURKIN

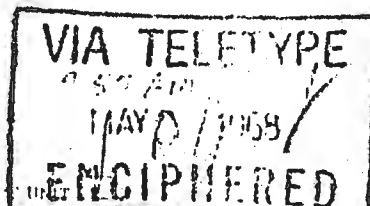
PHILADELPHIA OFFICE ON MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, ADVISED BY  
TELETYPE AS FOLLOWS:

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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TELETYPE TO LEGAT, OTTAWA  
RE: MURKIN

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FBI ATLANTA

1212P EDT URGENT 5/1/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD,  
AND CHICAGO

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, APR. TWENTYFIFTH, 'SIXTYEIGHT, FURNISH-  
ING SOCIAL SECURITY NO. THREE THREE FOUR - TWO TWO - SIX EIGHT SEVEN  
SIX, AS USED BY JAMES EARL RAY IN TWO EMPLOYMENTS.

ON MAY FIRST, INSTANT, [REDACTED] IRS,  
ATLANTA, ADVISED CHECK OF NATIONAL COMPUTER FOR IRS INDICATES  
NOBODY IN-U.S. WITH THIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FILED INCOME TAX  
RETURN FOR 'SIXTYSIX OR 'SIXTYSEVEN.

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
 (Mr. Long 2260)  
 1 - Mr. Conrad  
 1 - Mr. Mortimer  
 1 - Lab File



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1937)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: **MURKIN**  
**CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*John Edgar Hoover*  
 John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: Tampa, Charlotte,  
 Jacksonville

44-38861  
 FBI File No. D-561857 JK  
 Lab. No. D-561858 JK  
 D-561817 JK

Reference: Airtels, 4/26/68  
 Document

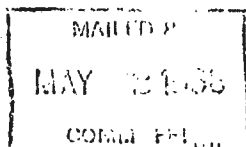
Examination requested:

Remarks:

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Tampa (157-3231) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Charlotte (44-1365) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Jacksonville (44-798) Enclosure (Lab report)

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TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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JER:AW (11)

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561857 JK  
D-561858 JK  
D-561817 JK

Specimens received 4/29/68, from FBI, Jacksonville

K212 Piece of cloth containing fourteen samples of laundry  
tape obtained from Tillman Laundry and Cleaners,  
Jacksonville, Florida

Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, Charlotte

K213 Eight sample laundry tapes obtained from two  
Thermo-Seal machines located at Canton Laundry,  
Canton, North Carolina

Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, Tampa

K214 Three sample laundry tapes obtained from Winter Park  
Laundry, Winter Park, Florida

## Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the laundry tags represented by K212, K213 and K214 when compared with the laundry tags appearing on Q97 and Q99, but the lack of significant characteristics precluded a definite determination regarding these specimens.

K212, K213 and K214 have been retained.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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JHM:AW (11)



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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJ: (MURKIN)

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, Jacksonville, Mobile, and New Orleans dated 5/1/68.

Re subject's calls made from coin telephone en route from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED], Lake City, Fla., is ROBIN C. SHIVER, [REDACTED], Lake City, Fla. SHIVER is in poultry business at Lake City and is owner of a Phillips '66 Service Station. He is reportedly reliable and a well respected citizen. SHIVER advised in December, 1967, exact date unknown, he received a telephone call from his partner, GARLAND STROBLE, age 35, from Texas regarding the poultry business. This was the only telephone call he received from the State of Texas.

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3 - Bureau  
1 - Mobile  
1 - New Orleans  
1 - Dallas (44-2649)  
2 - Jacksonville  
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(8)

MAY 4 1968

Approved: *[Signature]*

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

55 MAY 7 1968 Special Agent in Charge

5-2-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 4-25-68, submitting envelope, Q293, and accompanying message signed Eric S. Galt, Q294 for examination.

Five latent fingerprints of value developed on the envelope and one latent fingerprint of value developed on the message. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #10584EG. These latent fingerprints were compared with latent prints previously reported in this case, but no identification effected.

Result of laboratory examination and disposition of Q293 and Q294 furnished separately.

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EX 101

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1 - Mr. Rosen

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19 MAY 1968

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Date: 5/2/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN.  
RE: [REDACTED] aka  
COMPLAINANT

CALIF.

Re Bureau airtel, 5/1/68.

Results of interview with captioned individual  
submitted by teletype, 4/13/68, under the name [REDACTED]

3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (Info.)  
2 - San Francisco  
MTG/am  
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Approved: [Signature]  
SPECIAL Agent in Charge  
MAY 10 1968

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FBI MIAMI

756PM EST 5-2-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA AND ALBANY  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN - CR.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL THIRTY LAST, AND KANSAS  
CITY TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY FIRST LAST.

RE MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHECKS VICINITY OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], RE MICHEL ST. PIERRE NEGATIVE. CHECKS WITH  
POSTAL AUTHORITIES, MIAMI, NEGATIVE. NO FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR  
MICHEL ST. PIERRE ON RECORD WITH MIAMI POSTAL AUTHORITIES.

MICHEL ST. PIERRE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - VERMONT (LOCAL ADDRESS [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] MIAMI) RENTED FROM CRAFTS LTD.  
INC., FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SEPTEMBER TWO AND THREE, SIXTYSEVEN.

HE USED SHELL CREDIT CARD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN PAYMENT OF RENTALS, GAS AND OIL.

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RENTAL CONTRACTS SIGNED BY "SAL LAPI" AND "GORDON KNOLL"  
AGENTS FOR CRAFTS LTD., INC. LAPI SHOWN PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY  
AND STATES DUE TO LAPSE OF TIME AND PHOTOS, COULD NOT SAY IF  
IDENTICAL. NOTATION ALSO APPEARED ON CONTRACT OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AREA CODE  
FOR MONTREAL, CANADA.

JENNIFER WARREN, TITLE CLERK, SCOTT MOTORS, HALLANDALE,  
FLORIDA, ADVISED SHE HANDLED TRANSFER OF TITLE FOR MICHEL ST.  
PIERRE AT REQUEST OF ANGELO CIULLA, OWNER, AUTORAMA, FT. LAUDERDALE,  
FLORIDA. AUTORAMA NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE AND CIULLA BEING SOUGHT  
FOR INTERVIEW [REDACTED] HIS  
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

MRS. FLORENCE BLAKENEY, FORMER EMPLOYEE, SCOTT MOTORS,  
NOTARIZING FLORIDA TITLE FOR ST. PIERRE NO LONGER EMPLOYED THERE  
AND EFFORTS TO CONTACT AT RESIDENCE NEGATIVE.

MIAMI FILE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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END

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

BISSONETTE RE THEFT OF CADILLAC, IF NOT ALREADY DONE.

SUBJECT RAY AND/OR MICHEL ST. PIERRE. ALBANY ALSO INTERVIEW  
HIM TO FLORIDA AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT HE IS IDENTICAL TO  
CONCERNING BOAT RENTALS, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, WHO ACCOMPANIED

INTERVIEW BISSONETTE

ALBANY DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER TO PHONE

FLORIDA REGISTRATION

ONE LAST, FOR SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC CONVERTIBLE, ID  
MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND HAD FLORIDA REGISTRATION ISSUED AUGUST THIRTY

ST. PIERRE,

WHEN ARRESTED DAUGST HAD CANADIAN SHELL CREDIT CARD OF MICHAEL

LAST IN POSSESSION WHITE SIXTY-SEVEN OLDSMOBILE CONVERTIBLE.

CLAUDE DAUGST, AKA BISSONETTE, ARRESTED EVENING SEPTEMBER TWELVE

SIXTYSEVEN, THAT QUEBEC PROVINCIAL POLICE, MONTREAL, ADVISED

ALBANY TEL TO MIAMI DATED SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN

ALBANY FILE

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TELETYPE

FBI BOSTON

914AM URGENT 5/1/68 1P PJC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 & KNOXVILLE  
FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT [REDACTED]

RE RICHMOND TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

ON MAY ONE INSTANT, [REDACTED], ELLSWORTH  
FALLS, MAINE, ADVISED [REDACTED] RECEIVED MAIL AT P.O. BOX  
ONE ONE SEVEN, ELLSWORTH FALLS, MAINE IN PAST THREE WEEKS, BUT  
THIS MAIL IMMEDIATELY READDRESSSED BY [REDACTED], MEMBER OF ANP  
PRESENTLY RESIDING ELLSWORTH FALLS. FORWARDING ADDRESS PLACED  
ON MAIL BY [REDACTED] REFLECTS [REDACTED] CAN BE REACHED CARE OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

KNOXVILLE ENDEAVOR TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF  
[REDACTED] AND DETERMINE HIS ACTIVITIES DURING PAST FEW MONTHS.  
CONSIDER POSSIBILITY HE COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR INSTANT CASE.

KNOXVILLE NOTE THAT IN MARCH SIXTY FOUR, [REDACTED]  
INQUIRED AS TO WHERE HE COULD OBTAIN SNIPER RIFLE AND ALSO  
COMMENTED HE WOULD KILL KING IF IT WOULD PERVERT INTEGRATION.

[REDACTED] BELIEVED IDENTICAL [REDACTED] FORMER ANP  
MEMBER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FBI SANDIEGO

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1200 PM URGENT 5-1-68 CND

TO DIRECTOR 44-33861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND CHICAGO 44-1114

FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL THIRTY LAST.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

MARY CARTER, CLERK, BASE LOCATOR, CAMP PENDLETON,  
CALIFORNIA, ADVISED HER RECORDS REFLECT [REDACTED],  
MARINE SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED] CURRENTLY  
SERVING OVERSEAS WITH [REDACTED] SECOND BATTALION, THIRTEENTH  
MARINES, HAVING DEPARTED DURING EARLY FEBRUARY, NINETEEN  
SIXTY EIGHT.

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FBI WASH DC

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FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

118PM URGENT 5/1/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE AND

CLEVELAND

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) P 2P

MURKIN.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

ON SEPTEMBER SIX, SIXTYSIX, [REDACTED] TELEPHONED CHICAGO FBI,  
CLAIMED HE HAD MET A WHITE FEMALE, [REDACTED] IN A CHICAGO  
BAR, WHO TOOK HIM TO "NAZI" MEETING. AT THIS MEETING HE WAS  
ASSIGNED TO SHOOT KING IN RETURN FOR HIS FAMILY'S SAFETY. HE CLAIMED  
HE WAS FIRST CLASS VARMINT SHOOTER AND POSSESSED HIGH POWERED  
RIFLE COLLECTION. HE CLAIMED HE WAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AMERICAN  
NAZI PARTY.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED [REDACTED] BE INVESTIGATED ON TOP PRIORITY  
BASIS, SUTELING ALL LEADS, TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE COULD BE  
CONSPIRATOR IN MURKIN.

CLEVELAND TEL APRIL TWO SEVEN, LAST, REPORTED INTERVIEWS  
WITH [REDACTED] RELATIVES IN OHIO, WHO SAID [REDACTED] ALCHOLIC WITH LONG  
END PAGE ONE

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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HISTORY OF MAKING UP STORIES..

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CHICAGO RESULTED LOCATION  
[REDACTED] WIFE, [REDACTED], FROM WHOM SEPARATED. SHE TALKED  
TELEPHONICALLY WITH [REDACTED] ON APRIL TWO FOUR, LAST, AT WHICH TIME  
[REDACTED] SAID LIVING BUSH HOTEL, SIX TWO ONE NORTH JACKSON, SEATTLE,  
WASHINGTON, AND WORKING UNNAMED SPORTING GOODS STORE. [REDACTED]  
SAID THINKING OF MOVING TO YMCA, SEATTLE, OR OF GOING TO VISIT  
FRIEND, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. WIFE BELIEVED [REDACTED] SPENT FEBRUARY  
THROUGH APRIL IN OHIO.

SAN FRANCISCO ATTEMPT LOCATE [REDACTED] THROUGH [REDACTED]  
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] ESTABLISH RECENT WHEREABOUTS, VERIFY THROUGH  
SEPARATE INVESTIGATION.

SEATTLE HANDLE BUSH HOTEL AND YMCA FOR SAME PURPOSE.

CLEVELAND NOTE BROTHER, [REDACTED] SAYS [REDACTED] WAS NOT IN  
OHIO PAST SEVERAL MONTHS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. ASCERTAIN IDENTITY  
AND LOCATION OF MOTHER, FINDLAY, OHIO, AND INTERVIEW FOR RECENT  
VERIFIABLE WHEREABOUTS [REDACTED] LOOKING TOWARDS ELIMINATION OR  
INVOLVEMENT MURKIN.

ALL OFFICES ADVISE IF LOCATED TO AVOID UNNECESSARY INQUIRY.

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 RE: MURKIN

RE: [REDACTED]

Re Bucall to Los Angeles and Los Angeles call to Bureau, 4/20/68, in which was indication that [REDACTED] a look-a-like, was removed from Varig Airline Plane in Bogota, Columbia.

[REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, have known [REDACTED] very well for three and five years respectively as former employee of theirs and present employee of [REDACTED]

Both advised [REDACTED] is definitely not identical with photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. Both stated [REDACTED] employed for past several years as [REDACTED] and as [REDACTED] in Orange County [REDACTED]

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No further investigation is being conducted regarding this matter.

C. C. Bishop

- ③ - Bureau  
 2 - Los Angeles

WNH/pjc  
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55 MAY 10 1968  
 Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 5/1/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: *WSS* SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel dated 4/26/68.

Re: ~~REDACTED~~

The following investigation was conducted 4/29/68:

~~REDACTED~~ is not known at 122 South Broadway, Santa Maria, California, which is Dilbeck's Shoe Store, located in a commercial area.

Mrs. MAE BENSON, manager, Bradley Hotel, 100 South Broadway, Santa Maria, California, was unable to identify ~~REDACTED~~ as a present or former guest at the hotel. No other living quarters are located in the 100 block of South Broadway.

No record of ~~REDACTED~~ was located in the Santa Maria City Directory, Santa Maria telephone directory, Santa Maria Credit Bureau, U. S. Post Office at Santa Maria, Santa Maria Police Department or the Santa Maria Sub-Station of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.

No further efforts are being made to locate ~~REDACTED~~

3 - Bureau (AIR MAIL)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AIR MAIL)  
 1 - Los Angeles  
 WBN:CM  
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 Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 5/1/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 4/29/68.

Re: Telephone Booths St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles

Investigation at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, indicates that telephone number 564-2371 is the listed number for the Holy Cross Hospital, 4725 North Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Hospital officials advised that no record is maintained of who received telephone calls coming in through the hospital switchboard.

Photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY displayed to hospital officials and employees and none were able to identify. No record of RAY or any aliases used by RAY in hospital records. Wanted flyer of RAY was posted on the hospital bulletin board. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Birmingham (Info) (RM)  
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (RM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM).  
1 - Miami  
DNJ:vc  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/1/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231-351A)

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(OO:ME)

Re: TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

ReLatel, 4/29/68.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Sarasota, Fla.:

on 5/1/68, [REDACTED] (PROTECT)  
General Telephone Co., advised telephone # [REDACTED] was  
issued to R. F. DAVIS, [REDACTED] Bradenton, Fla., in  
April, 1959, and DAVIS has maintained this number ever  
since.

Records, Manatee Credit Bureau, Bradenton,  
reflect REGINALD F. DAVIS, [REDACTED] and wife  
SALLY M., have been known to that bureau since 1958. DAVIS  
is retired from Regan and Sons Dairy in Bradenton and his  
wife SALLY is employed at Sharp's Drugs in Bradenton and  
they have three children. He maintained a satisfactory  
credit rating.

Records, Manatee Co. SO and Bradenton PD, checked  
5/1/68, reflect no identifiable record for DAVIS.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)  
2 - Tampa  
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REGINALD F. and SALLY DAVIS were interviewed 5/1/68 and advised they know no one in California other than SALLY DAVIS' sister, RUTH MONTGOMERY, who resided at [REDACTED] Hollywood, Calif. until recently. Mrs. DAVIS remembered that RUTH telephoned her on New Years Eve, 12/31/67. It was nothing more than a social call.

Mrs. MONTGOMERY moved recently to [REDACTED] Long Beach, California.

AT TAMPA, FLA.

GEORGE E. DUVERNOY, [REDACTED], Tampa, advised SA [REDACTED] on 5/1/68, that his wife's daughter, Miss MARYLENE MANSON, [REDACTED] Hollywood, California, no telephone, called her mother 12/25/67. JAMES EARL RAY unknown to DUVERNOY. Mrs. DUVERNOY presently visiting daughter at above address.

LEAD

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

Interview MARYLENE MANSON, above address, re possibility saw RAY vicinity hotel.

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Date: 5/1/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ~~REDACTED~~ - complainant.

RE: WFO teletype to Bureau and Richmond, 4/10/68.  
Bureau airtel to Richmond, 4/30/68.  
Richmond airtel to Bureau, 4/12/68.

Referenced Richmond airtel determined individual  
matching description of unsub to be ~~REDACTED~~  
Investigation determined ~~REDACTED~~ was employed and worked  
on pertinent dates involved in this matter.

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③ - Bureau  
1 - Richmond  
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E.C. Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/1/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

MURKIN

RE [REDACTED]

(TRUE NAME-- [REDACTED])

ReCETel to Bureau and Richmond, 4/11/68, and  
Bureau airtel to Richmond 4/30/68, requesting results  
of investigation.

The Washington Field Office instructed the  
Richmond Office April 11, 1968, they had received a  
telephone call from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Springfield, Va., on the night of  
April 10, 1968, advising that he observed the driver  
of a green Volkswagen, bearing North Carolina License  
[REDACTED] who resembled the artist sketch of the individual  
that had shot Rev. KING. This individual had been  
observed in the vicinity of Gullows Road, Route 50,  
Fairfax, Va.

The license number was determined to be  
registered to a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Fairfax, Va., according to the records  
of the DMV at North Carolina.

SA [REDACTED] conducted the  
following investigation on April 11, 1968 at Fairfax, Va.:

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] and

- (3) - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) REC-116  
2 - Richmond  
REB:sw  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Per: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reside at [REDACTED] at this address and are closely acquainted with the [REDACTED]. Both advised that [REDACTED] have resided here since September, 1967, and that he is a student at American University working toward his Master's Degree. They both advised that neither [REDACTED] have left the area during their residence here. They further advised when shown the artist conception of the killer in this matter that they did not think there was any resemblance between the sketch and [REDACTED]. They advised that [REDACTED] has a conspicuous facial scar extending from his lip caused from an accident a number of years ago.

[REDACTED] were there- after contacted and advised that they have resided in this apartment since September, 1967, and have not been out of the State of Virginia since that time. [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], receiving an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army as a Captain, ASN [REDACTED] after serving from [REDACTED] 1964, through [REDACTED] 1967. He was employed with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Arlington, Va., from September, 1967, through February, 1968, when he left to enroll at American University to work toward his Master's Degree having obtained his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Massachusetts..

Through observation and interview [REDACTED] was observed to be described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	195 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Scars	3" scar on left corner of lip

No additional investigation is being conducted re [REDACTED] in view of the above investigation.

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12:35 PM  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 1 1968

TELETYPE

FBI DALLAS

1036 PM URGENT 5-1-68 CBB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), JACKSONVILLE, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SUBJECT'S CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. RE DALLAS TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

FOR INFO OF OFFICES NOT RECEIVING RE TEL, ON THE ABOVE TRIP SUBJECT RAY ALLEGEDLY MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES WHILE IN TEXAS. A CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES ALONG ROUTE TAKEN BY RAY FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, AND SEVENTEEN, OF SIXTYSEVEN, ARE BEING MADE AND THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BY WHOM THE INSTANT TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM. IF RAY MADE CALL, OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE INFO CONCERNING HIM.

JACKSONVILLE.

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cc. Long

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CALL MADE ON COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS

DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, FOUR SEVENTEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:

MOBILE.

CALL MADE ON COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TWO TWENTYSEVEN AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LILLIAN, ALABAMA;

NEW ORLEANS

CALL MADE ON COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS

DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, TWELVE FORTYTHREE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA.

- ARMED AND DANGEROUS. -

END - ~~HOLD FOR ONE MORE~~

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FBI WASH DC

FBI

Date: 5/1/68

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)  
 RE: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA -  
 FUGITIVE  
 MURKIN  
 CIVIL RIGHTS; UNAC-ROCKWELL  
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Cincinnati teletype to Director and auxiliary offices  
 4/20/68; Cleveland teletype to Director and auxiliary offices,  
 4/21/68, and Louisville airtel to Director and auxiliary offices,  
 4/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Monclova,  
 Ohio:

Mrs. MARIE PAYNE, aka Millie Marie Huff, [redacted]  
 [redacted] Monclova, Ohio, advised on 4/22/68, that  
 she was formerly married to MARCEL VERNON PAYNE, who now resides  
 in Springfield, Ohio. [redacted]  
 [redacted]  
 [redacted]  
 [redacted]  
 [redacted]

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Birmingham
- 2 - Cincinnati
- 2 - Kansas City (88-9449)
- 2 - Louisville (44-947)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Cleveland

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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While she was living with PAYNE on Airport Hwy, Toledo, during 1933-39, one JAMES EARL HARRIS, white, male, about 29 or 30 years of age at the present time, visited Toledo, Ohio, from 1934-1939 in connection with PAYNE and she became friendly with HARRIS and he visited their home on a few occasions. HARRIS had come to Toledo to visit his aunt, LABEL HARRIS, [REDACTED]

Subject is unknown to her by name, photo, or descriptive data and is not related to her by blood or marriage. HARRIS does not resemble subject in any manner, however, she feels PAYNE is confused because HARRIS and subject have the same first and middle names.

She also added that she is generally known as MARIE, however, PAYNE refers to her as HILLIE although this is not a given name or a nickname. She can be reached at her mother's address, above, phone number [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI WASH DC

FBI KAN CITY

255 PM URGENT 5/1/68 PHM.

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, ATLANTA  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL THIRTY LAST.

RECORD PHILLIPS PETROLEUM, KANSAS CITY, REVEALED MICHAEL  
ST. PIERRE, [REDACTED],  
MIAMI, FLA., MADE THREE PURCHASES OF PHILLIPS PRODUCTS USING A  
SHELL CREDIT CARD. THIS CARD IS NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IT IS POSSIBLE FIRST [REDACTED]  
IN THIS NUMBER MAY BE A [REDACTED]. THIS CARD WAS USED BY SHELL CANADIAN  
LIMITED, PO BOX FOUR ZERO ZERO, TERMINAL ANNEX, TORONTO, CANADA.  
PHILLIPS RECORDS REVEAL THAT THE ONLY THREE TIMES THE CARD  
WAS USED FOR THEIR PRODUCTS WAS TO RENT A BOAT ON SEPT. ONE,  
TWO AND THREE, SIXTYSEVEN. THE AMOUNT ON THE FIRST WAS TWENTYFIVE  
DOLLARS AND TWENTYFIVE CENTS, ON THE SECOND WAS TWO DOLLARS AND  
FIFTY CENTS AND ON THE THIRD WAS FIFTY DOLLARS. THESE BOATS WERE  
RENTED FROM CRAFT LIMITED, INC., OAKLAND BOULEVARD BRIDGE,  
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THREE TWO SIX ZERO NORTHEAST, THIRTY SECOND AVE., FT. LAUDERDALE,  
FL. THE OWNER OF THIS CONCERN IS LISTED AS STEVE BERRY. THE  
TICKETS CONNECTED WITH THESE PURCHASES WERE SENT BACK TO THE  
DEALER BECAUSE NO PAYMENTS WERE MADE FOR THEM. THESE RECORDS  
ARE MAINTAINED ON MICROFILM AT PHILLIPS PETROLEUM, KANSAS CITY,  
MO.

IT IS REQUESTED THE BUREAU FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO  
LEGAT, CANADA. ||

MIAMI AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., CONTACT CRAFT LIMITED FOR  
COMPLETE DETAILS RE MICHAEL ST. PIERRE AND RENTALS.

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FBI WASH DC



1 - Foreign Liaison  
1 - Mr. Long

MAY 1, 1968

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO LEGAT, OTTAWA  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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MURKIN

KANSAS CITY OFFICE BY TELETYPE MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, ADVISED  
AS FOLLOWS:

RECORD PHILLIPS PETROLEUM, KANSAS CITY, REVEALED MICHAEL  
ST. PIERRE, [REDACTED]  
MIAMI, FLORIDA, MADE THREE PURCHASES OF PHILLIPS PRODUCTS USING  
A SHELL CREDIT CARD. THIS CARD IS NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IT IS POSSIBLE FIRST [REDACTED]  
IN THIS NUMBER MAY BE A [REDACTED] THIS CARD WAS USED BY SHELL CANADIAN  
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WERE RENTED FROM CRAFT LIMITED, INC., OAKLAND BOULEVARD BRIDGE,

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VIA TELETYPE

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TELETYPE TO LEGAT, OTTAWA  
RE: MURKIN

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NO PAYMENTS WERE MADE FOR THEM. THESE RECORDS ARE  
MAINTAINED ON MICROFILM AT PHILLIPS PETROLEUM,  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

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Date: 5/1/68

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

On 5/1/68, at 10:15 a.m., [REDACTED], U. S. Navy, retired, [REDACTED], Tucson, Arizona, Telephone [REDACTED], by long distance telephone advised SA [REDACTED] WFO, that he had heard over Tucson radio stations KAIR and KPUC that JAMES EARL RAY is reported to have landed in Sidney, Australia. [REDACTED] sound as though he had been drinking. He stated he had friends in Australia who could be of assistance in locating RAY. He identified these friends as [REDACTED], Sidney, and [REDACTED], who lives in Perth, Australia. [REDACTED] further stated he had furnished the above information to the PX Office of the FBI.

At 11:00 a.m., [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] he had telephoned Chief of Police, Sidney, Australia, and [REDACTED], and feels they will be cooperative in locating RAY.

At 11:48 a.m., [REDACTED] telephonically furnished same information to SA [REDACTED] WFO.

- 44-1111
- (3) - Bureau
  - 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
  - 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info)
  - 1 - Phoenix (Info)
  - 1 - WFO

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C. C. Bishop

Approved: 55 MAY 10 1968

Special Agent in Charge

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1159AM 5-2-68 URGENT AMB  
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND NEW ORLEANS  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS 3P

WHEN INTERVIEWED MAY ONE , LAST, NEAR TUSCALOOSA, ALA.,  
[REDACTED] PRESENTLY UNDER SUPERVISION ALABAMA STATE  
PAROLE BOARD, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

RE COOLEY (PH) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION:

[REDACTED] WAS CONFINED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY , JEFFERSON  
CITY, MO., FROM [REDACTED], SIXTY, TO RELEASE ON PAROLE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SIXTY FIVE. WHILE THERE HE BECAME FAIRLY WELL ACQUAIN-  
TED WITH SUBJECT RAY, AND DURING SIXTY THREE, RAY WAS VEHEMENT  
IN HIS RACIST ATTITUDE TOWARDS VICTIM. DURING FALL OF SIXTY  
THREE, HE MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS GOING TO [REDACTED] MARTIN LUTHER  
KING WHEN HE GOT OUT. [REDACTED] DURING CONVERSATION THEN WITH RAY  
HEARD RAY SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THAT COOLEY (PH) OR COOLEY'S  
ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE KING DEAD.  
NO FURTHER INFORMATION IN [REDACTED] POSSESSION RE THIS.

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BIRMINGHAM FILES NEGATIVE RE THIS INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION.

SUGGEST BUREAU ATTEMPT THROUGH FILE SEARCH TO IDENTIFY COOLEY AND OR ORGANIZATION. IF NOT IDENTIFIABLE, SUGGEST BUREAU MAY DESIRE CORRESPOND EACH CONTINENTAL OFFICE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

RE [REDACTED]

IN INTERVIEW, [REDACTED] RECALLED RAY CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF [REDACTED] BELIEVED FROM BATON ROUGE, LA., ORIGINALLY, AND POSSIBLY STILL CONFINED IN PRISON. RECALLED THAT [REDACTED] COULD SPEAK SPANISH AND HE AND RAY TALKED ABOUT VISITING MEXICO. ON ONE OCCASION RAY STATED THAT WHEN RELEASED HE WAS GOING TO VISIT A MUTUAL FRIEND OF HIS AND [REDACTED] NAME UNKNOWN, WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED, WAS MARRIED AND BELIEVED OPERATING A CAFE NEAR MOPERY, MO.

NEW ORLEANS, AT BATON ROUGE, LA., ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND IF NOT NOW LOCATED THERE, SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS FOR INTERVIEW, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE. IT IS RECALLED THAT BANK RECORDS, BIRMINGHAM, CONTAIN NOTATION THAT SUBJECT, AS GALT, WHEN RELEASING HIS SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX ON DEC. THIRTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, WAS THEN IN BATON ROUGE, ALTHOUGH ENVELOPE BEARING POSTMARK NOT RETAINED BY BANK.

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TO SACs KANSAS CITY  
BIRMINGHAM  
NEW ORLEANS  
MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO BH, ME, KC, SI, AND SL, MAY TWO, INSTANT,  
AND BHTEL TO NO, NO CC OTHER OFFICES, MAY TWO INSTANT.

KANSAS CITY, AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, SHOULD  
ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ~~REDACTED~~ WHO WAS REPORTEDLY  
INCARCERATED THERE AT THE SAME TIME AS SUBJECT RAY. SET  
OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO HAVE ~~REDACTED~~ INTERVIEWED WHEN  
WHEREABOUTS LOCATED. NEW ORLEANS, HOLD IN ABEYANCE  
INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE ~~REDACTED~~ PENDING INFORMATION DEVELOPED  
BY KANSAS CITY.

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FBI ATLANTA

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE, NEW YORK,  
MIAMI AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL, MAY ONE LAST AND ATLANTA TELCALL TO ABOVE  
OFFICES, MAY TWO, INSTANT.

DISCONTINUE LEADS TO CONTACT AIRLINES EMPLOYEES AND  
PASSENGERS AS SIXTYEIGHT AMERICAN REBEL RENTED AT HERTZ  
ATLANTA, APR. SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, BY J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTORFER,  
ST. PAUL, MINN. AND LEFT AUTO AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT, APR. NINE,  
LAST.

INVESTIGATION ST. PAUL, MINN., AND ATLANTA, GA., CONTINUING  
TO IDENTIFY WOLKERSTORFER.

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405 PM URGENT 5-2-68 RDS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P) 1 PAGE

MURKIN.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE: [REDACTED], AKA [REDACTED]

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU MAY ONE LAST.

[REDACTED] LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, MAY TWO SIXTY-EIGHT. CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN IN SEATTLE CONTINUOUSLY SINCE EARLY MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT. VERIFIED BY HOTEL RECORDS, EMPLOYMENT RECORDS, AND INTERVIEW OF ROOMMATE. AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED].

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED TO SACS MEMPHIS, SAN FRANCISCO, CHICAGO, AND CLEVELAND.

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525PM URGENT 5-2-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT ~~REDACTED~~

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

~~REDACTED~~ INTERVIEWED THIS DATE BY BUAGENTS. HE DENIED ANY IMPLICATION OR INVOLVEMENT IN ANY PLAN TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING.

~~REDACTED~~ WAS AFFABLE AND COOPERATIVE AND VOLUNTARILY FURNISHED INFORMATION FROM PERSONAL RECORDS AND BUSINESS RECORDS WHICH STRONGLY TEND TO ESTABLISH HIS PRESENCE IN SAN LEANDRO, CALIF., ON MARCH TWO EIGHT AND TWO NINE, LAST, AND APRIL FOUR, LAST. ALSO FURNISHED INFORMATION WHICH INDICATED HIS PROBABLE WHEREABOUTS IN SAN LEANDRO ON MARCH THREE ZERO, LAST.

INFO FURNISHED BY ~~REDACTED~~ AS TO WHEREABOUTS IS OF SUCH NATURE THAT HIS WHEREABOUTS CAN ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION. EX-105 REC-12 44-38861-2794  
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~~REDACTED~~ VOLUNTARILY ADVISED THAT ON ABOUT MARCH ONE, LAST, HE MADE AUTOMOBILE TRIP TO JOHNSON CITY, TENN., IN CONNECTION WITH

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DEATH OF HIS WIFE'S MOTHER. ENROUTE TO TENNESSEE HE STAYED ON FEBRUARY TWO SEVEN, LAST, IN MONTGOMERY, ALA., AND ON RETURN TRIP ON MARCH THREE, LAST, HE AGAIN STAYED IN MONTGOMERY, ALA., FOR PURPOSE OF CONTACTING OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY.

COMPLETE DETAILS OF INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] WILL BE FURNISHED BY SUMMARY AIRTEL WHICH WILL SET OUT NECESSARY LEADS TO CONFIRM HIS WHEREABOUTS AND SUCH OTHER INVESTIGATION AS APPEARS PERTINENT RELATIVE TO HIS TRIP TO TENNESSEE AND ALABAMA.

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FBI DALLAS

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND RICHMOND (44-6579)  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

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RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]

RE RICHMOND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, BOSTON AND DALLAS APRIL  
THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT.

ON MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED  
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED], (NOT  
[REDACTED], WAS FORMER MEMBER OF ANP, BUT WAS A VERY HEAVY  
DRINKER, AND ACCORDINGLY WAS LET OUT OF ANP DURING MIDDLE OF SIXTYSEVEN.  
DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS WHITE, MALE, AGE ABOUT SEVENTYFIVE, SLIGHTLY SENILE,  
ALCOHOLIC. SOURCE ADVISED [REDACTED] DEFINITELY NOT IN DALLAS AREA, AND  
AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANY DALLAS MEMBERS  
OF ANP.

ON MAY TWO SIXTYEIGHT MARY BEDAH SURREY, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DALLAS, WIFE OF ROBERT ALAN SURREY, SOUTHWESTERN  
REG. COORDINATOR OF ANP, INTERVIEWED AND STATES THAT [REDACTED]  
WAS LET OUT OF ANP BEFORE DEATH OF GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL FOR  
EXCESSIVE DRINKING. SHE STATED HE APPEARED AT HER HOME SHORTLY BEFORE  
CHRISTMAS, SIXTYSEVEN, TO VISIT, BUT SINCE SHE HAS TEENAGE DAUGHTER  
LIVING AT HOME, SHE AND HER HUSBAND REFUSED TO PERMIT HIM TO STAY,  
AND HE LEFT STATING HE WAS ANGRY AT THEM. SHE STATES HE IS A WHITE

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MALE AGE ABOUT SEVENTY FIVE OR EIGHTY. MARY SURREY STATED THAT IN VIEW OF [REDACTED] ALCONOLISM, HE IS POSSIBLY IN SOME STATE HOSPITAL IN VIRGINIA, SINCE HE ALLEGEDLY HAS A DAUGHTER, NAME UNKNOWN TO SURREY, IN THAT STATE. SHE BELIEVED DAUGHTER RESIDED EITHER IN OR NEAR ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

DALLAS FILES CONTAIN NO REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] (OR [REDACTED])  
RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]

TODAY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE MENTIONED ABOVE, STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DEVELOPE ANY INFORMATION RE [REDACTED], BUT IS POSITIVE HE HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANP MEMBERS DALLAS. SOURCE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY FBI SHOULD HE DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION RE [REDACTED]

ON MAY TWO SIXTYEIGHT MARY SURREY ADVISED THAT HE NAME [REDACTED] IS ENTIRELY UNKNOWN TO HER, BUT THAT THERE ARE MANY ANP MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE U. S. THAT SHE DOES NOT KNOW. SHE ADVISED THAT HE DEFINITELY HAS NOT CONTACTED ANYONE IN ANP, DALLAS.

DALLAS MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABOVE.

RICHMOND AT SPOTSVYLVANIA, VA. INTERVIEW ALVIS NEIL GRAY, STORMTROOPER LT. FOR ANY BACKGROUND INFO RE EITHER SUSPECT. ALSO CHECK ANY STATE HOSPITALS NEAR ALEXANDRIA, VA. FOR [REDACTED].

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FBI DETROIT

428 PM URGENT 5-2-68 JRM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM DETROIT (44-939) 1P

MURKIN

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE LAST.

[REDACTED]  
LINWOOD, MICH., MOTHER-IN-LAW OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], LINWOOD, MICH., ADVISED SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ON MAY TWO INSTANT THAT HER DAUGHTER [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
DROVE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IN THEIR NINETEEN SIXTY THREE  
CHEVROLET, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT LICENSE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], APRIL TWENTY EIGHT LAST, TO SEE "CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL",  
EXPECTED TO RETURN LATE MAY THREE OR EARLY MAY FOUR NEXT  
[REDACTED] MARRIED [REDACTED] AT LINWOOD, MICH. MAY THIRTY  
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND IS KNOWN AS A [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BAY CITY, MICH. [REDACTED] ALSO KNOWN  
TO BAY COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU, BAY CITY, SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY.  
WEDDING PICTURE OF [REDACTED] DISPLAYED BY [REDACTED] AND  
DOES NOT RESEMBLE JAMES EARL RAY. PHOTO OF RAY NOT FAMILIAR  
TO [REDACTED]

AIR MAIL COPY SENT WFO, AND MEMPHIS.

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FBI DALLAS

1113 PM URGENT 5-1-68 CBB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND EL PASO  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 7 PGS

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO  
NEW ORLEANS. RE DALLAS TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES ALONG ROUTE  
TAKEN BY RAY HAVE BEEN DETERMINED AND INVESTIGATION BEING SET FORTH  
CONCERNING THESE CALLS. SHOULD BE HANDLED AS SET FORTH IN RE TEL.

CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT MARFA, TEXAS

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, FOUR SEVENTEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALPINE, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, FIVE FORTYSEVEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FT. DAVIS, TEXAS;

CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT SANDERSON, TEXAS

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, TWELVE FIFTYTHREE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALPINE, TEXAS;

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DEC. SIXTEEN LAST , TEN FIFTY AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ALPINE, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, SEVEN FORTYSIX AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALPINE, TEXAS:

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, SIX TWENTYTHREE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALPINE, TEXAS:

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, SEVEN THIRTYFIVE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESIDIO, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, TEN THIRTYEIGHT AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EL PASO, TEXAS:

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT TWENTYEIGHT PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EL PASO, TEXAS;

CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE FORTYSIX AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ODESSA, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, THREE FORTYFIVE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MIDLAND, TEXAS:

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, SIX TWENTYFOUR PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MARATHON, TEXAS:

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DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT THIRTYFOUR AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], PECOS, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, NINE FIFTYEIGHT PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], KERMIT, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, SIX ELEVEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MIDLAND, TEXAS.

DEC. SEVENTEEN, LAST, SEVEN FIFTEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MARATHON, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, ONE THIRTYTWO PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], EL PASO, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, NINE FIFTYONE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], FT. STOCKTON, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, TEN THIRTYFIVE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ODESSA, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, NINE EIGHTEEN AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], EL PASO, TEXAS;

DEC SIXTEEN LAST, EIGHT THIRTYSEVEN AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], FT. STOCKTON, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, SEVEN TWENTYFOUR AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MARATHON, TEXAS;

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DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, TEN FORTYONE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], EL PASO, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, NINE THIRTYTWO PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FT. STOCKTON, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, SEVEN TWENTYTHREE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ODESSA, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN, LAST, SEVEN AFTER SEVEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MIDLAND, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT TWENTYEIGHT PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FEBENS, TEXAS:

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, TEN FORTYONE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], EL PASO, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TEN O FIVE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MONAHANS, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, NINE FIFTYFIVE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PECOS, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, TWO THIRTYFIVE PM; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PECOS, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, SIX FIFTY PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FT. STOCKTON, TEXAS;

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DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, SEVEN THIRTYTWO PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FT. STOCKTON, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, NINE O SIX PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MIDLAND, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, NINE FIFTYTHREE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PECOS, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, SEVEN O SIXPM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EL PASO, TEXAS

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE O SEVEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], PECOS, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, SEVEN FIFTYONE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MONAHANS, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, ELEVEN FIFTY PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], EL PASO, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, SEVEN FORTYTHREE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MARATHON, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, FOUR O TWO PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CRANE, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, TWO THIRTYTHREE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], GRANDFALLS, TEXAS;

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DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE TEN AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], EL PASO, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, ELEVEN THIRTEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], SHEFFIELD, TEXAS:

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TWELVE TWENTYTWO PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MONAHANS, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE SEVENTEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], EL PASO, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TEN SIXTEEN AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ROMA, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, THREE THIRTYEIGHT PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], FT. DAVIS, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT FIFTYSEVEN AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], BIG BEN, TEXAS:

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, NINE FIFTYFOUR PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MIDLAND, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, NINE FIFTY PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MIDLAND, TEXAS;

DEC. FIFTEEN LAST, NINE EIGHTEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ODESSA, TEXAS;

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DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, TWELVE FIFTYSIX PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MARATHON, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, SIX FORTYONE PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MONAHANS, TEXAS;

DEC. SIXTEEN LAST, THREE ELEVEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RANKIN, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, ELEVEN FIFTYTHREE AM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FT. STOCKTON, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, SIX TWENTYEIGHT PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MC CAMEY, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT TWENTYFOUR PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MARATHON, TEXAS;

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TEN SEVENTEEN PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MC KINNEY, TEXAS.

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FBI MINNAPLS

12:01 AM URGENT 5/2/68 CMH

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK

FROM: MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

MURKIN

RE [REDACTED] - CO CONSPIRATOR

REMETEL TODAY. JOHN RIEKEN LICENSEE ADMINISTRATOR NATIONAL  
CAR RENTAL MINNEAPOLIS ADVISED [REDACTED] KNOWN TO HIM FOR SEVERAL  
YEARS AS CAR JOCKEY WORKING FOR ANY RENTAL AGENCY THAT WILL HIRE  
HIM.

RECALLS SPECIFICALLY [REDACTED] WORKING FOR AVIS AND HERTZ AGENCIES  
RIEKEN ADVISED THAT HE WILL ARRANGE CIRCULARIZATION DESIRED A M  
MAY TWO NEXT.

NEW YORK CONTACT AVIS AND HERIZ AT NEW YORK AND ARRANGE  
FOR CIRCULARIZATION OF THOSE AGENCIES.

MEMPHIS ADVISE NEW YORK AND MINNEAPOLIS WHAT INFORMATION  
SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN INSTANT CIRCULARIZATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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4:05 PM URGENT 5-2-68 JJR

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY

FROM ST. LOUIS

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TT, APRIL TWO NINE, LAST, REQUESTING KANSAS CITY AND  
ST. LOUIS RECOMMENDATIONS RE USE OF ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

ST. LOUIS RECOMMENDS AGAINST USE IN ST. LOUIS AREA. EXISTING  
SOURCES AND THOSE UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN ST. LOUIS BELIEVED ADEQUATE.  
(P).

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FBI CHICAGO

550PM URGENT 5-2-68 RMF

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ DALLAS /44-2649/ SPRINGFIELD  
/44-561/

FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE [REDACTED]

RE CHICAGO TEL, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT TO DIRECTOR, AM  
COPIES TO DALLAS, SPRINGFIELD; CHICAGO TEL, APRIL TWENTY SIX,  
SIXTY EIGHT, TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS.

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, [REDACTED] FORMER  
EMPLOYER, HAS ALSO ADVISED [REDACTED] ATTENDED ST. JOHN'S GRAMMAR AND  
HIGH SCHOOL AT WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS, AND THIS IS PROBABLY HOME  
AREA, ALTHOUGH COMPANY RECORDS DO NOT LIST ANY RELATIVES. [REDACTED]  
HAD INDICATED TO [REDACTED] HE HAD STUDIED FOR PRIESTHOOD, PLACE UNKNOWN.

FOR INFO DALLAS, COMPANY RECORDS ALSO SHOWED [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] DALLAS, AS FORMER EMPLOYER OF [REDACTED]  
SPRINGFIELD AT WEST FRANKFORT CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RE [REDACTED]

PRESENT LOCATION IN ORDER THAT INTERVIEW MAY BE CONDUCTED RE ANY  
POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT MURKIN AND SUTEL LEADS.

DALLAS HANDLE EMPLOYMENT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI DALLAS

431PM URGENT 5-2-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
AND PHOENIX (44-371)  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 4P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU DATED APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST.

MRS. WARNER MOORE (PATRICIA) COWARD, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FT. WORTH, TEXAS, TODAY STATES HER FATHER HARRY  
ELWOOD (WOODY) LUNSFORD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE STATED HER  
FATHER TELEPHONES HER TWO OR THREE TIMES EACH YEAR [REDACTED] 44-38861-280

[REDACTED] SHE USUALLY SENDS HIM BUS FARE AND HE STAYS WITH HER 6.1968  
SEVERAL WEEKS [REDACTED] HER FATHER USUALLY  
STAYS AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND HAS STAYED AT THE ST. FRANCIS  
AND RECTOR HOTELS THERE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN JAN., SIXTY HER FATHER'S ONLY SISTER, MRS. JOHN  
H. NEEDLES, [REDACTED] PHOENIX, ARIZONA,

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HAD A HEART ATTACK. HER FATHER AT THAT TIME WAS LIVING WITH AND TAKING CARE OF AN OLD MAN IN LOS ANGELES WHOSE TELEPHONE NUMBER SHE HAD BUT CANNOT NOW LOCATE. HER FATHER LATER TOLD HER HE CAUGHT A RIDE [REDACTED] JIM OR BOB AND THE TWO DROVE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA. ON ARRIVAL THEY WENT TO THE HOME OF HER FATHER'S AUNT BLANCHE HAMPTON, [REDACTED] PHOENIX. ANOTHER AUNT ELDA, ALSO RESIDES AT THAT ADDRESS. HER MOTHER HAS REMARRIED AND IS MRS. MELVIN PACK, [REDACTED] PHOENIX. HER FATHER ARRIVED AT HER RESIDENCE, FORT WORTH, ABOUT MARCH FIFTEEN, LAST, AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO. ABOUT APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, HER FATHER ASKED HER FOR MONEY SO HE COULD LEAVE INDICATING HE WANTED TO RETURN TO LOS ANGELES. SHE HAD NO MONEY AT THE TIME. HER FATHER PLACED A CALL ON HER TELEPHONE, [REDACTED], TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN PHOENIX. HER FATHER INDICATED THIS WAS THE SAME PERSON WHO DROVE HIM FROM LOS ANGELES TO PHOENIX WHEN HIS SISTER WAS ILL IN JAN. SHE BELIEVES HER FATHER CALLED A GARAGE BY THE NAME OF DON'S GARAGE IN PHOENIX.

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HER FATHER WAS UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE MAN ON THE OTHER END OF THE LINE AND ON HIS INSTRUCTIONS, SHE GAVE THIS MAN HER RESIDENCE TELEPHONE NUMBER. IN ABOUT TEN MINUTES, HER FATHER RECEIVED A PREPAID CALL FROM A MAN IN PHOENIX. SHE ANSWERED THE TELEPHONE AND HEARD SOMEONE PUTTING MONEY IN A TELEPHONE. THIS MAN TOLD HER FATHER TO COME TO PHOENIX AND LOCATE HIM BY LOOKING IN THE PHOENIX NEWSPAPER WHICH SHE BELIEVES WAS THE TIMES AND LOOK UNDER MISCELLANEOUS ADS FOR AN ADVERTISEMENT STATING, "HOUSE PAINTING, REPAIR, CARPENTER WORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER BLANK" AND TO CALL THAT NUMBER.

SHE BELIEVES HER FATHER IS IN PHOENIX OF LOS ANGELES AND PROMISES TO NOTIFY THE FT. WORTH RA IF SHE HEARS FROM HIM. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

HER FATHER HAS A BROTHER, WILFORD LUNSFORD, WHO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] USUALLY STAYS AROUND LOS ANGELES. WILFORD USUALLY DISTRIBUTES CIRCULARS FROM DOOR TO DOOR. SHE STATES HER FIVE SISTERS AND ONE BROTHER ALL PRESENTLY LIVE IN FT. WORTH AND SHE SEES THEM AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK. HER FATHER NEVER STAYS WITH THEM AND NONE OF THEM HAS HEARD FROM HIM SINCE HE LEFT FT. WORTH.

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ANOTHER SISTER, MRS. JAMES ARLINE DANIEL ALSO LIVES AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND VERIFIED ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

MRS. GOWARD STATED ABOUT THE DAYS AGO SHE GAVE HER FATHER

SIXTY DOLLARS AND THE NEXT MORNING HE WAS GONE.

LOS ANGELES, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WOODY LUNSFORD THROUGH RECTOR

AND ST. FRANCIS HOTELS AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL WHO GAVE

HIM A RIDE FROM LOS ANGELES TO PHOENIX IN JAN, LAST.

MRS. GOWARD STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL, ACCORDING TO HER FATHER,

WHIPPED A MAN IN BAR IN LOS ANGELES FOR MOLESTING OR INSULTING

A WOMAN. SHE BELIEVES THE NAME OF THE BAR WAS ANGEL'S OR ANTHONYS.

SHE HAS NO IDEA WHEN THIS FIGHT OCCURRED.

PHOENIX AT PHOENIX, CONTACT LUNSFORD'S RELATIVES AND ATTEMPT

TO LOCATE LUNSFORD. ASCERTAIN FROM RELATIVES IF THEY CAN IDENTIFY

PERSON WH GAVE LUNSFORD RIDE TO PHOENIX IN JAN. SIXTYEIGHT.

DALLAS AT FT. WORTH, MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH MRS. GOWARD FOR ANY

INFORMATION THAT MIGHT ASSIST IN LOCATING HER FATHER HARRY LUNSFORD.

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FBI ATLANTA

901A EDT URGENT 5/2/68 VSC

TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO, KANSAS

AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT.

INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO SOURCES IN HIPPIE AREA OF ATLANTA AND BELIEVED BY SOME TO BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY, IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED MAY ONE INSTANT. NAME [REDACTED], W/M, AGE FORTYSEVEN, FROM MISS. HE IS [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED] ATLANTA. OTHER SOURCES IN HIPPIE AREA BEING CONTACTED ON REGULAR BASIS AND INVESTIGATION OF NARCOTICS PHASE CONTINUING.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECK CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ABANDONED HERTZ RED REBEL AUTO AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT INDICATES CAR HAD BEEN RENTED AND NOT BELIEVED CONNECTED WITH THIS CASE. HOWEVER, LEAD SET FORTH TO INTERVIEW PERSON WHO RENTED CAR DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. MAY 6 1968

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT LENGTH. HE COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFO.

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AT 44-2386

ABANDONED FARM OWNED BY ALLEGED LEADER OF MINUTEMEN IN RURAL AREA CHECKED MAY ONE. NO EVIDENCE OF HUMAN HABITATION OR BEING USED AS HIDE-OUT.

TAXICAB TRIP SHEETS OF PERTINENT PERIODS BEING SCRUTINIZED AND LOGICAL LEADS BEING CHECKED OUT.

CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING CARS FOR SALE IN CLASSIFIED ADS OF ATLANTA NEWSPAPERS CONTINUING, NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATIONS OF ALL STOLEN CARS IN ATLANTA DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, INCLUDING THOSE FURNISHED BY NCIC CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFO OBTAINED TO DATE.

COMPLAINTS OF LOOK-A-LIKES BEING RECEIVED ON CONTINUING BASIS AND BEING CHECKED OUT.

PLACES FEATURING COUNTRY MUSIC CHECKED OUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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Date: 5/2/68

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 OO: ME  
 RE: [REDACTED]

ReBuairtel to Little Rock, 5/1/68, re [REDACTED]  
 which made reference to Oklahoma City tel to Bureau and Little  
 Rock, 4/12/68.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are 3  
 Xerox copies of Little Rock airtel to Memphis dated 4/16/68 re  
 suspect [REDACTED]. A review of the file reflects  
 this airtel was inadvertently sent only to the Memphis Office.

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Little Rock

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(6) C. C. Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (44-3886) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: (RM)

Re Little Rock 4/12/68 to Oklahoma City,  
4/1/68, and Oklahoma City 4/12/68 to Little Rock,  
4/12/68.

RE: SUBJECT [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted  
by SA [REDACTED]

On April 12, 1968, [REDACTED] with the office  
of [REDACTED]  
Fort Smith, Arkansas, advised that the suspect  
known only as [REDACTED] is [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] informant's report was traced to  
the [REDACTED]  
Fort Smith.

On April 12, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was employed  
there on March 28, 29 and 30, 1968, and, on April 4,  
1968.

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

2 - Memphis  
2 - Little Rock  
R.7/Ch  
(4)

LR 157-1215

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[REDACTED]
Height	5'8"
Weight	135 pounds
Build	Slight
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	[REDACTED]

No further investigation being conducted concerning

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6:38PM URGENT 5-2-68 JLN

TO BUREAU (44-38861)

DALLAS (44-2649)

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES  
TO NEW ORLEANS.

RECORDS PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH, SAN DIEGO,  
CALIFORNIA, REFLECT TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, SUBSCRIBED TO BY  
FRANK SEDLACEK, AND ADDITIONAL LISTING FRANK FELLER, AT

[REDACTED] EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

MR. AND MRS. FRANK FELLER, [REDACTED]

ADVISED FRANK SEDLACEK DECEASED. ALSO ADVISED THEY DEPARTED  
THEIR RESIDENCE DECEMBER THIRTEEN, NINETEENSSPSEVEN,  
ENROUTE TO FLORIDA AND FRIENDS, MR. AND MRS. MILO DVORAK,  
FROM CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, REMAINED IN THEIR HOUSE FROM  
DECEMBER THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, TO APRIL THIRTEEN LAST.

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ENROUTE TO FLORIDA THE FELLERS WERE DELAYED SEVERAL DAYS AT VAN HORN, TEXAS, DUE TO HEAVY SNOW STORM AND THEY DEPARTED VAN HORN, TEXAS, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

FELLERS MADE TELEPHONE CALL AT SANDERSON, TEXAS, DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, TO THEIR HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER TO TALK WITH DVORAKS.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT RAY DISPLAYED TO MR. AND MRS. FELLER AND THEY ADVISED HE IS UNKNOWN TO THEM.

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED SEPRATELY.

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FBI ST LOUIS

929PM URGENT 5-2-68 JPH

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

LOOK ALIKE - UNIDENTIFIED MALE DRIVING CAR WITH TENNESSEE  
LICENSE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI,  
ADVISED BETWEEN FOUR TWENTY TWO AND FOUR TWENTY SIX SHE  
OBSERVED A WHITE MALE WITH CREWCUT, DRIVING ON U S TWO FORTY  
FOUR GOING FAST WHO RESEMBLED SUBJECT. [REDACTED] ADVISE AUTO WAS  
A SMALL LIGHT COLORED AMERICAN MODEL BEARING TENNESSEE LICENSE  
NUMBER [REDACTED]

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE CHECK LICENSE RECORDS ASSIGN LEADS,  
AND CONTACT OWNER OF AUTOMOBILE.

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FBI MEMPHIS

448 PM URGENT 5/2/68 TSJ

TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, ALABAMA, CINCINNATI, AND NEW YORK  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL FIVE PM. MAY TWO INSTANT.

~~REDACTED~~ BENNINGTON, VERMONT PD,  
APPARENTLY IN ERROR CONCERNING HIS IDENTIFICATION. INFO  
AVAILABLE MEMPHIS DISCLOSES SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY DID COMPLETE  
SALE FOR MUSTANG ON AUGUST THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN, IN BIRMINGHAM.  
THEREFORE APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT HE COULD HAVE BEEN IN BENNINGTON.

VT. SAME DATE.

UACB, ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE LEADS.

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CORR ALABAMA

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URGENT 5/3/68 VJM

TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 LP

MURKIN

RAYMOND CURTIS REINTERVIEWED WHITEFIELD CO. JAIL AND ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTO OF HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER THAT NEITHER PHOTO NOR NAME WAS FAMILIAR TO HIM. HE STATED NEVER GOT GOOD LOOK AT MAN HE MENTIONED AS KEEPING JAMES EARL RAY IN SPENDING MONEY BUT DID NOT BELIEVE LOHMEYER WAS THAT INDIVIDUAL.

CONCERNING MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY AND HIS STATEMENT OF BOUNTY TO BE PAID BY "KK OF THE SOUTH" AND THE SOUTHERN BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, CURTIS STATED THAT BY KK, HE DID NOT MEAN KU KLUX KLAN BUT EITHER "KENNEDY AND KING" OR "KILL KING" WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THESE INITIALS WHEN HE HEARD THEM IN PRISON. P

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FBI TAMPA

744PM URGENT 5/2/68 MJR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN.

RE NEWARK TEL TO TAMPA AND SAVANNAH APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST,  
AND NEWARK TEL TO TAMPA APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST.

RE: NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN OR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT BROWN PLYMOUTH  
BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE [REDACTED]

BY MAN IN SAVANNAH, GA., APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST BEING DRIVEN  
BY MAN DESCRIBED AS RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY.

AFTER EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY TAMPA OFFICE TO TRACE VEHICLE  
ON MAY TWO INSTANT, MISS. ANN LIBERTY, SECRETARY AT JIMMY SPEARS  
CENTRAL FLORIDA AUTO AUCTION, AKA. ORLANDO AUTO AUCTION, ORLANDO,  
FLA., ADVISED NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE PLYMOUTH, VIN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS SOLD, JANUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTY  
EIGHT TO [REDACTED]. AUCTION  
AT ORLANDO HAD NO RECORD OF ANY FLORIDA LICENSE TAG ON VEHICLE.

JACKSONVILLE AT PALATKA DETERMINE FROM [REDACTED] TO.

WHOM SOLD CAR AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE  
OWNER AND IF THIS MAN IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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AIRMAIL COPIES TO BH, NK, ME AND SV.

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FBI LOS ANG

7:24PM URGENT 5-2-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND DALLAS  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574).

MURKIN

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT ENROUTE LOS ANGELES TO  
NEW ORLEANS.

CALLS MADE FROM MARFA, TEXAS:

CALL TO [REDACTED]

ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST MADE BY FILIBERTO BARBERA,

[REDACTED], CAMAPILLO, CALIFORNIA.

FILIBERTO BARBERA INTERVIEWED, STATED NUMBER REGISTERED  
TO HER SINCE MAY, SIXTY SEVEN. STATED SHE WAS ON TRIP  
TO TEXAS DECEMBER LAST AND MADE CALL FROM TEXAS TO CALIFORNIA  
RESIDENCE ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN OR SIXTEEN LAST.

CALL TO [REDACTED]

LEO BARRERA INTERVIEWED, STATED HE IS BROTHER-IN-LAW OF  
MANUEL HUGO GARCIA, MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, TO WHOM TELEPHONE  
IS LISTED. BARRERA CALLED GARCIA DURING DECEMBER LAST  
TO ADVISE RETURN TO LOS ANGELES DELAYED DUE TO SNOW STORM.  
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*cc. [unclear]*

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CALL TO [REDACTED]

REGISTERED TO MRS. JOHN C. MC CALLUM, SOUTH PASADENA,  
CALIFORNIA, TO ADVISE SHE RECEIVED CALL DECEMBER SIXTEEN  
LAST FROM RELATIONS EN ROUTE FOR HOLIDAY ADVISING DELAY  
DUE TO CAR TROUBLE.

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FBI CHICAGO

1138PM DEFERRED 5/1/68 GGF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, SPRINGFIELD,  
AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE JOHN GAWRON

INVESTIGATION CHICAGO REVEALED THAT GAWRON, CLOSE  
ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT AND FAMILY, INCARCERATED STATE PRISON,  
JOLIET, PONTIAC, AND MENARD, ILLINOIS, FOR NUMEROUS  
BURGLARY VIOLATIONS. COMPLETE PRISON FILE MAINTAINED  
MENARD, ILLINOIS, ~~REDACTED~~

~~REDACTED~~ INFO FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO SPRINGFIELD.

RE BROTHER JERRY RAY.

JERRY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE ADVISED LEFT CHICAGO  
ONE PM, APRIL TWENTY-NINE LAST BECAME FREE, SPENT UNTIL FOUR  
AM APRIL THIRTY LAST IN MOTEL, BRAIDWOOD, ILLINOIS, ARRIVED  
ST. LOUIS NINE AM. STAYED AT JOHN RAY'S APARTMENT, LEMP  
STREET UNTIL NOON THEN WENT TO CAROL PEPPER'S RESIDENCE,  
STAYED THERE APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS, RETURNED TO JOHN'S  
TAVERN, STAYED THERE AND WITH JOHN UNTIL LEAVING ST. LOUIS  
ABOUT ELEVEN AM INSTANT.

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MOST OF CONVERSATION WITH JOHN AND CAROL CENTERED AROUND ARTICLE IN LIFE MAGAZINE. STATES NO INDICATION, IN CONVERSATION WITH JOHN OR CAROL, THAT THEY AWARE OF SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE UNTIL SEPTEMBER ONE LAST. JOHN TOLD HIM FBI COMBED TWO BLOCK AREA LOOKING FOR JACK GAWRON, BROTHER AWARE GAWRON INTERVIEWED BY FBI BUT NO INDICATION THAT DETAILS OF INTERVIEW KNOWN.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

JERRY STATES WALTER RIFE WAS BROTHER JAMES RAP PARTNER IN LEAVENWORTH AND THAT HE, JERRY, SERVED TIME WITH BOTH LONNIE AND WALTER RIFE IN MENARD. JERRY CONTINUES TO EXPRESS COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE. DID NOT SEE GAWRON WHILE IN ST. LOUIS.

RE JAMES E. BODKER

INVESTIGATION CHICAGO REVEALS BODKER IS AN ACTUAL INDIVIDUAL, HAS CAR SUBURBAN MOTORS, AND WAS AT HIS MOTHER'S RESIDENCE APRIL FOUR LAST. ELIMINATED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BOSTON, CHICAGO (44-1114) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P

MURKIN

RE: [REDACTED] - SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL MAY ONE LAST.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED TODAY AND DETERMINED NOT IDENTICAL  
TO [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] NOT  
RELATED AND NOT KNOWN. ADVISED PHOTO OF [REDACTED] SIMILAR TO  
YELLOW CAB COMPANY DRIVER NICKNAME [REDACTED] FORMER EMPLOYEE OF  
[REDACTED] OPERATOR OF CABS BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO  
AND SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHO SOLD OUT IN OCTOBER,  
SIXTYFOUR.

[REDACTED] DETERMINED TO BE [REDACTED] YELLOW CAB  
COMPANY EMPLOYEE, BORN [REDACTED].  
INTERVIEWED TODAY AND DETERMINED NOT IDENTICAL TO [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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WAS VERIFIED BY EMPLOYMENT RECORDS IN TENN. IN MARCH, SIXTY EIGHT WAS TO OBTAIN NURSERY STOCK. THIS

WAS DETERMINED THAT THE REASON FOR GERALD GERTI MAKING TRIP TO

AND [REDACTED] RECENTLY PAROLED TO THAT CITY FROM MSP. IT

SUBJECT. [REDACTED] MEMPHIS ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

THREE NEGRO INMATES JUNE EIGHT, SIXTY FOUR DOES NOT IMPLICATE

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY MSP RE THE STABBING ATTACK ON

THIS TIME.

RECOMMENDATION MADE AGAINST USING [REDACTED] AT

UNION RECORD NEGATIVE RE TRUCK DRIVER [REDACTED]

TO LOCATE [REDACTED] UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE. KANSAS CITY TRANSFER

MO. STATE PENITENTIARY FURNISHED INTERESTED OFFICES. EFFORTS

INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED] ACTIVITIES IN

DAILY SUMMARY.

MURKIN.

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS

849PM URGENT 5-2-68 DJB

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INTERVIEWS WITH PRISONERS CONTINUE. LOCAL LEADS BEING  
HANDLED ON IMMEDIATE BASIS.

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FBI CHICAGO

954PM DEFERRED 5-2-68 RFJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS (44-775).

AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN SUMMARY

BROTHER JERRY WILLIAM RAY. IN INTERVIEW THIS DATE JERRY ADVISED HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY "SUN TIMES" REPORTED FURNISHING ONLY FAMILY INFO. NO COMMENT MADE AS TO ANY INFO HE HAD FURNISHED TO FBI. DID TELL REPORTER HE BELIEVES FBI WILL FIND SUBJECT SINCE FBI FOUND HIM (JERRY) SO QUICKLY. NO ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATES OF EITHER SUBJECT OR JERRY DEVELOPED. STATES OCCASIONALLY USES PHONE IN COTTAGE, COMMON TO OTHER ROOMERS, BUT ALSO MAKES CALLS FROM VARIOUS PAY PHONES WITHIN COUNTRY CLUB. SURVEY THIS DATE REVEALS FOUR PRIVATE PHONES AND SEVEN PAY PHONES AVAILABLE FOR JERRY'S USE. ALSO, THERE IS SHOPPING CENTER WITHIN FOUR BLOCK AREA WITH NUMEROUS PHONE BOOTHS.

IN CONVERSATION, ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP FURTHER ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, JERRY STATED JOSEPH AUSTIN WAS PROBABLY  
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cc. By - [Signature]

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SEPARATE TEL.

LOOK ALIKE LEADS BEING HANDLED ON AN EXPEDITE CONTINUING  
BASIS. TWO ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE THREATS AGAINST  
KING ELIMINATED AS CO CONSPIRATORS. BUREAU ADVISED BY

[REDACTED]

AS SUBJECT OR CO CONSPIRATOR.

RE JAMES E. BODKER. INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ELIMINATED

RELIEF WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT MIGHT CONTACT GAWRON.

DOES NOT THINK THEY DID. NO OPINION STATED NOR ELICITED AS TO

NO KNOWLEDGE WHETHER GAWRON AND SUBJECT COMMITTED CRIMES TOGETHER BUT

BECAUSE OF TENDENCY TO TALK ABOUT "SCORES" (ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES).

RECENTLY. STATED JACK GAWRON NOT PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO SUBJECT

FIFTYNINE BUT KNOWS OF NO ASSOCIATION

CLOSEST TO SUBJECT AT TIME OF THEIR ARREST AUGUST NINETEEN

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FBI INDAPOLS

446PM URGENT 5/2/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760), MEMPHIS (44-1957)  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL MAY ONE LAST; INDIANAPOLIS TEL MAY ONE LAST.

LUCILLE DALTON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAITRESS MAHOGANY BAR, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., ADVISED  
HAD KNOWN PATRICIA STATLER AS A CLOSE FRIEND FOR A NUMBER OF  
YEARS. STATLER RECENTLY STAYED WITH HER AT INDIANAPOLIS.

DALTON SAID STATLER WAS IN MAHOGANY BAR APRIL TWENTYSIX  
LAST DRINKING. STATLER ASKED DALTON SOMETIME DURING AFTERNOON  
IF SHE KNEW A MAN WHO HAD COME INTO THE BAR TO WHICH DALTON  
ANSWERED "I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME BUT I KNOW THE FACE AND SO  
DO YOU HE HAS BEEN IN HERE A NUMBER OF TIMES BEFORE."

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DALTON SAID THAT THE PICTURES OF RAY WERE CERTAINLY NOT  
IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL. ~~REDACTED~~

~~REDACTED~~  
NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED ALONG THIS LINE.

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FBI

Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN

Re Jacksonville airtel to Bureau 4/30/68;  
Jacksonville telephone call to Tampa 5/1/68; Tampa  
telephone call to Bureau 5/1/68.

Re BAILEY SANDLIN, Orlando, Fla. - Complainant

For the information of the Bureau and interested offices, the following investigation was conducted at Orlando, Florida, by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] BAILEY SANDLIN, Insurance Adjustor, 1906 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] on 4/25/68 that at approximately 8:55 a.m., 4/25/68, he drove up in front of his office and noticed a man sitting in a 1967 or 1968 dark blue, 4-door Chevrolet. He stated the only numbers of the Florida tag he could recall were [REDACTED] with rest of numbers unknown and he could not recall how many digits were in the tag number. He advised the Chevrolet was parked in the carport at his office. He said the man who resembled JAMES EARL RAY, pointed a snubnosed revolver at him, and said, "You ain't seen me" and drove east on Colonial Drive to the next street (Vern Drive) where he turned right. SANDLIN stated he got into his car and tried to follow the individual but never saw the Chevrolet again.

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1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (Info) EX 109  
1-Jacksonville (44-769) (Info)  
2-Tampa (157-3231)

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Approved: Bishop  
Special Agent in Charge

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TP 157-3231

It was noted by SA [REDACTED] during the telephone call from SANDLIN that his voice had been unusually hesitant between words and sentences, however, at the time it was believed to be due to excitement.

[REDACTED] Detective Bureau, Orlando, Florida Police Department, was immediately informed of the above by SA [REDACTED].

Upon arriving at 1906 West Colonial Drive, BAILEY SANDLIN was interviewed in person by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. As the interview progressed, it became evident through SANDLIN'S behavior and by his own admission that he was under the influence of liquor.

[REDACTED]

Every effort was made to ascertain if there was any truth in SANDLIN'S statements, however, he continually changed his description of the suspect and varied the sequence of events as well as the times they were alleged to have occurred.

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. ANN WAGNER, 1904 West Colonial Drive, and Mrs. ALFRED PENKACIK, 1910 West Colonial, who are located immediately adjacent to SANDLIN'S office, advised that from at least 8:00 a.m. until they were contacted by the agents there had been no other car in SANDLIN'S carport except his Dodge. Both women were positive no Chevrolet, described above, had been in or near SANDLIN'S office that day since at least 8:00 a.m.

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On April 25, 1968, Mrs. MARGARET TAYLOR, widow of Deputy Sheriff PHILIP TAYLOR, [REDACTED] advised agents she is the secretary to SANDLIN and that she had received a call from him that morning. She stated he sounded very unusual and she wondered if he had been drinking. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He has also told her that when he drinks, he has hallucinations thinking he has achieved great success. Mrs. TAYLOR further stated that SANDLIN told her during his phone call that morning that when he arrived at his office he had been accosted by a man in a car in the carport of his office who stuck a gun in his face. According to SANDLIN, this had caused him to be upset.

Mrs. TAYLOR also declared that she talked with the landlord and occupants of the other half of the building, in which SANDLIN'S office is located and Mrs. WILLIAM MURRELL, 1904 West Colonial Drive had advised her that she had arrived at the office at the same time as SANDLIN and there was no car in the carport at that time. During the afternoon of April 25, 1968, RONALD E. ZEIGLER, Ziegler and Associates, Insurance Adjustors, Deland, Florida, telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] he was SANDLIN'S employer. He stated he had gone to SANDLIN'S office a short time previous that same day, in answer to a phone call from Mrs. TAYLOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Detective Sergeant, Orlando PD was apprised of the above.

About mid-morning, April 25, 1968, BAILEY SANDLIN, 1906 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] at the Orlando Resident Agency that he had previously telephoned the Orlando Residence Agency on the same morning and he had been contacted by two agents whose names he could not recall. He related he was recontacting the resident agency since the individual whom he had talked with the previous time had telephoned him and threatened him.

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SA [REDACTED] contacted the Orlando PD and was met at 1906 West Colonial Drive by Sergeant [REDACTED] of the Orlando PD and during a short conversation with SANDLIN he stated he was fearful of his life since the previous described individual had threatened to return to his office and to kill him.

During the conversation with SANDLIN it was obvious to SA [REDACTED] that SANDLIN had been drinking and such opinion was confirmed by Sergeant [REDACTED]. SANDLIN was shown the identification order for JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual depicted thereon resembled the individual who had threatened him earlier that same day. Due to the obvious intoxicated condition of SANDLIN, no further attempt was made to interview him.

Due to the above set forth facts, no further action has been taken.

FBI

Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
TELEPHONE BOOTHS, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Re: Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/29/68.

The following telephone numbers were determined to have been called from telephone booths located in the St. Francis Hotel:

February 20, 1968, Norwalk, Conn., at 5:11 p.m., telephone number [REDACTED] listed to HARRY A. EDYK, [REDACTED] Norwalk.

February 26, 1968, Bridgeport, Conn., at 11:18 p.m., telephone number [REDACTED] listed to ERIC PERSON, [REDACTED] Fairfield.

Indices of the New Haven Office negative re EDYK and PERSON.

RE: Telephone Number [REDACTED]

On 5/1/68, ERIC PERSON, above address and telephone number advised his phone number was called by brother-in-law, FRANK SATMARY, JR., who flew to Los Angeles, Cal., for a couple of days on 2/26/68. SATMARY called PERSON to ascertain telephone number of a friend in Los Angeles. [REDACTED]

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2- Los Angeles (44-1574)  
2- New Haven (157-818)  
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FRANK SATMARY, JR., [REDACTED], Fairfield, Conn., advised on 5/2/68, he flew to Los Angeles, 2/26/68, to check on possibility of starting an orchestra there with former members of his band which he previously had in Bridgeport, Conn. SATMARY stayed at the St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles on 2/26/68, leaving the next morning (Tuesday).

SATMARY could furnish no information regarding JAMES EARL RAY with alias. SATMARY did not approximate description of RAY.

RE: Telephone Number [REDACTED]

On 5/1/68, ANTHONY AUGUST SALERNO, of [REDACTED], Norwalk, Conn., advised he visited in California from late January, 1968, until 4/10/68, during which time he lived at the El Dorado, Western Avenue, Los Angeles, except for the last week spent at the apartment of TOMMY SATINNI (phonetic), [REDACTED], Los Angeles, a student at L.A. Community College.

[REDACTED]

SALERNO while in California made a number of telephone calls to his girlfriend, KATHY BOYK, Norwalk, to the home of her parents, telephone [REDACTED], in addition to calling his mother, Mrs. EDILMA CASTELLUCCI, [REDACTED], Bridgeport, Conn., telephone number [REDACTED]. SALERNO advised these were the only collect calls he made from California which he noted were from a pay phone at the corner of Hollywood and Western Avenue, Los Angeles, near the St. Francis Hotel, as well as the El Dorado motel.

SALERNO stated he was not familiar with JAMES EARL RAY whom he stated he has never seen.

SALERNO, based upon description, does not approximate that of JAMES EARL RAY.

UACB and Los Angeles, no further investigation being conducted New Haven.

FBI

Date: 5/2/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re [REDACTED] - Suspect.

Re Bureau airtel to Richmond and New Haven, 4/30/68, and WFO airtel to Bureau, 4/9/68, cc: New Haven and Richmond.

Indices of the NHO negative re suspect.

Investigation Danbury PD, 4/12/68, negative re suspect. PD advised suspect's father, [REDACTED] operates [REDACTED] Danbury, Conn., where family well thought of.

Credit Bureau of Danbury, on [REDACTED] as checked April 12, 1968, reflects he has been known to this Bureau since 8/5/63, when Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington 13, D.C. requested credit check on him, at which time he was living at [REDACTED], Washington 28, D.C. and was employed at the US Government Accounting Office, Washington, DC. Previous employment, according to Washington, DC Credit Bureau files, reflected he was a student.

Danbury Credit Bureau records, in reply to Washington's inquiry, noted suspect as previously residing on [REDACTED], Danbury, Conn., and noted he was a student while living in this area.

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C. C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

[REDACTED], father of the suspect, was contacted at his business on [REDACTED], Danbury, 4/12/68, at which time he advised [REDACTED] has been employed for some three years with the Internal Revenue Office, Government Services Administration, Washington, DC, and lives at [REDACTED], Alexandria, Va., is single, with business phone number in the Pentagon as [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Father noted that he is the owner of a 1964 Chevelle Malibu, two door hard-top, color blue, bearing Conn. dealers license plate [REDACTED], which his son [REDACTED] is in possession of at this time, and of which his son has been the principal driver.

[REDACTED] noted it was logical for his son and the above car to have been seen on 4/9/68, at Arlington, Va. He exhibited photograph of his son, at which time it was noted photo does not match description of suspect-killer of Dr. KING.

In view of the above, it does not appear [REDACTED] is a logical suspect and no further investigation is being conducted re him.

UACB, NH, conducting no further investigation re captioned suspect, and Richmond discontinued investigation at Alexandria in re airtel.

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Date: 5/2/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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(OO: Memphis)

Re Memphis teletype to Miami dated 4/30/68.

Re: Alterman Transport Lines Delivery Man

Referenced teletype stated that [REDACTED] North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised the Minneapolis Office that an unidentified individual resembling a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY delivered a variety of seafood of Michael's Restaurant, Minneapolis, on 4/30/68. This individual was driving an Alterman Transport Lines truck bearing 1967 Florida license 1-0-614. Alterman Transport Lines home office was determined to be Miami, Florida.

DAVID ALTERMAN, proprietor, Alterman Transport Lines, Miami, Florida, advised that Alterman truck bearing 1967 Florida license 1-0-614 left Miami on 4/27/68 and was driven by [REDACTED] accompanied [REDACTED] on this trip as a helper. Company records indicate that both men were working in the greater Miami, Florida area on 4/4/68 and they were eliminated as suspects in this matter on that basis.

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- ③ - Bureau (RM)  
 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (RM) (Info)  
 1 - Minneapolis (157-450) (Info) RM 109  
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM)  
 1 - Birmingham (Info) (RM)  
 1 - Miami

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Approved: [Signature]  
 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38866)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/30/68, Rochester, New Hampshire Police Department advised person resembling JAMES EARL RAY registered hotel in Rochester using name [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] interviewed and advised he departed Memphis 4/30/68 to buy antiques in New Hampshire. He furnished identification indicating his date of birth as [REDACTED], home address [REDACTED] Memphis, Tennessee. HEATH's fingerprints compared with RAY's and determined not to be identical.

Above furnished for the information of the Bureau and Memphis.

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③-Bureau  
1-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Boston  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE CARS STOLEN FROM STATE OF GEORGIA

Re Atlanta airtel dated 4/22/68, and  
San Antonio airtel dated 4/24/68.

On 4/23/68, [REDACTED] National Auto  
Theft Bureau (NATB), Dallas, Texas, advised SA  
[REDACTED] that a check of his records  
reflects that no cars have been recovered in Texas  
since 4/4/68, which were stolen in Georgia which  
were insured by the insurance companies supporting  
NATB.

The 26 files of the Dallas Office which  
have been opened since 4/4/68, were reviewed with  
negative results concerning cars recovered which  
were stolen in Georgia since 4/4/68.

③ - Bureau  
2 - Atlanta (44-2386)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Dallas  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad *Due*

DATE: May 2, 1968

FROM : W. D. Griffith *h*

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The Bureau has received an anonymous hand printed letter and envelope postmarked in Arlington, Virginia on April 26, 1968. The anonymous letter states "Dr. King's assassin is working with a group down in New Orleans, Louisiana and the blond haired woman that the assassin or his brother had the date with in California is the leader of the group, and is a communist."

Differences were noted between the hand printing on the anonymous letter and envelope when compared with the known hand printing of James Earl Ray and other similar anonymous communications which have been received in connection with this investigation; however, the distorted nature of the hand printing on these two items referred to above prevented a definite conclusion from being reached.

The anonymous letter and envelope were searched in the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file and no identifying characteristics were noted on these items which might indicate their immediate source.

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The anonymous letter and envelope have been forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section for appropriate examination.

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Recommendation: None. For information.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

RE: MURKIN

ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Today [REDACTED], Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, furnished the enclosed list of telephone calls made for the above period from coin telephones within the Houston Division, on Interstate 10 and Route 90 to Louisiana. These numbers were obtained through computer equipment programmed by the telephone company. It is noted that there are approximately 300 telephone calls.

New Orleans should have each call checked out.

- 3 - Bureau (encl 1)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(encl 1)  
2 - New Orleans (encl 1)  
1 - Houston

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C. C. - Bishop

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI KAN CITY

806PM URGENT 5-2-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, & ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY ONE LAST.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED FORMER MSP INMATE [REDACTED]  
INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF RAY AT MSP,  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO., WERE [REDACTED],  
SERVING TWENTY YEARS FROM KANSAS CITY: [REDACTED] SERVING  
FIVE YEARS, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FROM WEST  
PLAINS, MISSOURI.

[REDACTED] LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED MAY TWO INSTANT  
BUT COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION AND DID NOT KNOW RAY WELL.

[REDACTED], PAROLED  
[REDACTED] SIXTY SEVEN, AND LAST ADDRESS IS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WHERE  
HE IS EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED] NOT IDENTIFIED.

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS FROM JACKSON COUNTY ASSIGNED MEWS TRAINING  
SCHOOL AT MOBERLY [REDACTED], SIXTY SEVEN, AND  
FORMERLY WAS IN MOBERLY [REDACTED] SIXTY FOUR, TO  
[REDACTED] SIXTY SIX WHEN HE WAS PAROLED. RETURNED  
ON REVOCATION [REDACTED] SIXTY SIX. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ALSO ASSIGNED TO MOBERLY.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW [REDACTED] CONCERNING  
BACKGROUND ASSOCIATES FOR WHEREABOUTS OF RAY.

AT MOBERLY, WILL SIMILARLY INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED]. INQUIRY MSP DOES NOT REFLECT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DISCIPLINED FOR HAVING AMMUNITION IN HIS POCKET. MAJOR  
BERNARD POIRY RECALLS INCIDENT THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN  
AMMUNITION FOUND IN WORK SHOP OF PENITENTIARY AND THIS TRACED  
TO [REDACTED] WHO HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS "KING PEN"  
IN AMPHETAMINE BUSINESS IN MSP AND WHO IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF  
RAY. ST. LOUIS BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY WITH BACKGROUND DATA  
ON [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P.

END

LLD

FBI WASH DC

Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau for latent fingerprint examinations with those of JAMES EARL RAY and for handwriting comparison with samples previously furnished in this matter are the following items:

(1) Frontier Airlines, 30 Day Temporary Air Travel Credit Card No. [redacted] dated 4/26/68 and issued to Mr. CARL RAY, [redacted] Pecos, Texas.

(2) One Frontier Airlines, Incorporated passenger ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mr. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 201829753 6.

(3) Frontier Airlines, Incorporated ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mrs. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 201829754 0.

These enclosures were furnished by [redacted] United Airlines Ticket Agent, Los Angeles International Airport, to SA [redacted]. She was the only airline personnel who handled the enclosures. Enclosures are to be returned to Los Angeles for return to United Airlines, Los Angeles.

4 - Bureau (Encl. 3) (AM) (RM)  
 1 - Denver (Info)  
 1 - El Paso (Info)  
 1 - Memphis (Info)  
 1 - Los Angeles  
 WSB/dlp  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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LA 44-1574

This date, [REDACTED] furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED]

Individual attempted to exchange enclosed tickets for a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii and used enclosed Frontier Airlines Credit Card. [REDACTED] took the tickets and the credit card and told the individual she would have to check the credit card. Individual had previously asked [REDACTED] if he could use two Frontier Airlines tickets, enclosed, as credit toward ticket to Honolulu.

Individual identified himself as Mr. RAY. [REDACTED] and two United Airlines employees who viewed Mr. RAY furnished the following description:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6 feet
Weight	185 pounds
Age	35 - 40 years
Hair	Dark or golden blond
Eyes	Greenish-blue

Other investigation, Los Angeles International Airport, this date, negative to locate person using enclosed credit card. Photos JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to United Airlines employees and they advised photos somewhat similar to RAY but could make no positive identification.

Inquiry at El Paso, Texas reflects credit card is apparently fictitious.

Denver, Las Vegas and Albuquerque Divisions all attempting to identify holder of credit card and purchaser of Frontier Airlines tickets.

The Attorney General

May 6, 1968

Director, FBI

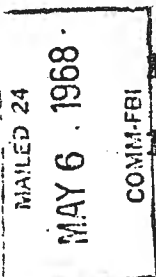
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Martindale  
1 - Mr. McDonough

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reports in the captioned matter submitted by our Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles, and Memphis Offices are being forwarded to the Civil Rights Division as well as to the United States Attorney in Birmingham, Alabama.

The Civil Rights Division and the United States Attorney, Birmingham, are being advised that the reports and/or the contents thereof should not be disseminated outside the Department or the office of the United States Attorney at Birmingham.

This is for your information.



1 - The Deputy Attorney General  
1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General

EJM:vea

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NOTE:

REL:cs.

See memo Rosen to DeLoach dated 5/2/68, captioned "MURKIN,"

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO :

MR. TROTTER *bha*

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM :

S. F. Latona *D*

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

## LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

An envelope postmarked "ARLINGTON VA. APR 26 1968," addressed to the FBI, Q298, and accompanying sheet of paper bearing hand printed message, Q299, have been examined, but no latent impressions of value for identification purposes were developed.

The envelope and hand printed message, which are attached, are being retained in Bufiles.

The Laboratory is setting forth the result of its examination in a separate memorandum.

### RECOMMENDATION:

For information *uf*

Enclosures (2) *ENCLOSURE*

1 - Mr. Rosen

GJB:bb

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EX-116

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MAY 5 1968

DEAR SIR,  
DR. KING'S ASSASSIN  
IS WORKING WITH A  
GROUP DOWN IN  
NEW ORLEANS;  
LOUISIANA AND THE  
BLOND HAired WOMAN  
THAT THE ASSASSIN  
OR HIS BROTHER HAD  
THE DATE WITH IN  
CALIFORNIA IS THE  
LEADER OF THE  
GROUP, AND IS A  
COMMUNIST.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
U.S. POSTAGE

6c

ARLINGTON

1-38861 JK Q298

LABORATORY

OF

FEDERAL BUREAU OF

INVESTIGATION

PENNSYLVANIA AVE. ST. N.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C.



May 1, 1968

FBI  
Washington, D.C.

*Martin*

Gentlemen:

Re: Dr. King Murder

In response to David Lawrence's column in the Evening Star, April 24, 1968, I offer this information for what it is worth.

I realize there must be a lot of Galts in the U.S. However, I am familiar with Ayn Rand's book "Atlas Shrugged" and the name John Galt would ring a bell in my mind.

During the period December 1964 through June 1966, I worked for [redacted] as an assistant bookkeeper. This business is a furniture rental business. I believe, the name has now been changed to [redacted]. It is located on [redacted] in Bladensburg, Maryland. It is still under the same management so I've been told.

One of my duties involved accepting and refunding security deposits on the furniture rentals. Most people who rent furniture do so for only short periods of time, therefore, transients in this area.

I recall handling a security deposit for a John Galt in the Metropolitan Area of Virginia, either as a refund or forfeit. If so, there would be information on the card (dead file) showing where the refund was mailed. In the furniture unit files, there should also be the application with personal information. I believe that a [redacted] is still employed with them and could help you locate either file. The dead file of deposits would in all probability be under the name of Galt.

During this period that I worked for [redacted] I was usually the only person who made and filed these cards and this was the first time I ever recalled seeing the name John Galt other than in Ayn Rand's book.

I realize this is a weak tip but you may wish to check it out.

Yours truly,

[redacted signature]

[redacted address]

5/3/68  
Subject was  
Prison during  
Prison stay  
to, [redacted]

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Act by [redacted] adv [redacted] for [redacted]  
[redacted] 5-7-68

[redacted signature]

EXP. PROC.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION5-3, 1968

Mr. Rosen	Miss Dougherty
Mr. Malley	Miss Eggleston
Mr. Bolz	Mrs. Feeley
Mr. McGowan	Mrs. Sigworth
Mr. Scatterday	Miss Walsh
Mr. Shroder	Miss Wright

Room \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Cavanaugh, 4239  
Mr. Morrell, 4718

Mr. Bates Foreign Liaison

Mr. Boyd	Ident Division
Mr. Deily	Mechanical Sec.
Mr. Egnor	Records Branch
Mr. Fowler	Stat. Section
Mr. Gehring	
Mr. Helgeson	

Mr. Hines	Place on Record
Mr. Hudson	and Return
Mr. Kelly	Please Redate
Mr. Long	Please Handle
Mr. Martindale	Please Initial
Mr. McDonough	Please See Me
Mr. Rowse	Please Call Me

Note & Return

Note File # and

Return R/S

Search, Review

& Return

SUBJECT: RAY WPS in  
Prison during time she  
refers to. Subject  
from "The... for  
observations."

*[Signature]*  
E. J. Hudson

FBI

Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

Via \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Re: [REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT

ReBuairtel 4/26/68.

WFO has made numerous attempts to contact [REDACTED] at his residence and telephonically each day from 4/29/68, to 5/2/68, with negative results. WFO is continuing efforts to contact [REDACTED] and will appropriately advise the Bureau and Memphis.

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- 3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)  
1 - WFO

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C. C. - [REDACTED]

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 4/25/68  
PLAIN TEXT

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
(ATT: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 4/24/68, RICHARD PARDI, Comptroller, Computing Technology, Inc., 26 Park Place, Paramus, New Jersey, telephone 265-4040 telephonically contacted NYO and provided information concerning an electronic scanning device utilizing computers for ballistic examinations. He offered to make this procedure available to the FBI for ballistic examination of the bullet and gun used in the assassination in captioned civil rights matter.

Mr. PARDI said he understood through newspapers that ballistic tests to date were not conclusive. His company has developed a procedure whereby a computer optical scanner, using numerical systems programmed into computers is so sensitive that all surface changes are noted. He is of the opinion that tests with such equipment would be conclusive where other methods have failed.

He explained that with the computer system it is not necessary to depend on the human eye, nor light nor

4- Bureau  
1- Memphis (INFO) (44-1987)  
1- Newark (INFO) (44-854)  
1- New York

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microscopes. The computer system examination has been conducted by a very capable program man within his organization.

According to PARDI this procedure has been demonstrated to the NYCPD and published in one of the scientific journals. He said the NYCPD is attempting to obtain sufficient funds with which to procure and utilize this procedure.

PARDI stated that by letter he previously offered the use of this system to the FBI in Washington, D.C.

An information copy of this airtel is being furnished to Newark in the event it is deemed advisable by the Bureau to have PARDI contacted in Paramus, New Jersey for additional information.

PARDI said his company has expended thousands of dollars in developing this procedure but at the present time it is not being utilized. He said he is not seeking any publicity for his company in offering to make it available to the FBI.

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*See Subj. has  
been brought up  
at the time he was  
seen.*

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 30 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI DETROIT

10:17PM URGENT 4/30/68 LPS 1P

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE PX TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST RE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SALINE, MICH. ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT [REDACTED] CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH [REDACTED] LOS LUNAS, NEW MEXICO.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED] IN AREA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] CALLED HER VIA LONG DISTANCE APRIL TWENTY SEVEN LAST STATING HE WAS BEING FOLLOWED BY "KING'S SLAYERS, THE NIGGERS, AND THE FBI". [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS A VERY IMPORTANT MAN.

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] ADDICTED TO DRUGS AND IN NEED OF PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT.

AIR MAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS. [REDACTED] DANGEROUS.

END.

GFH

FBI WASH DC

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
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Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Gandy	

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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TELETYPE

FBI MEMPHIS

1044PM URGENT 5/1/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL MAY ONE INSTANT:

MEMPHIS "COMMERCIAL APPEAL" DATED APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST  
CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

"THE 'COMMERCIAL APPEAL' AND SCRIPPS-HOWARD NEWSPAPERS  
HAVE EACH OFFERED TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR INFORMATION  
LEADING TO ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE KILLER. BUSINESSMEN AND  
CITIZENS IN MEMPHIS HAVE OFFERED SEVERAL THOUSANDS MORE AND THE  
CITY COUNCIL HAS UNDERWRITTEN THE REWARD UP TO A TOTAL OF ONE-  
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS."

ATLANTA OFFICE ADVISED TELEPHONIC CONTACT OF SOURCE AT  
SCLC HEADQUARTERS, ATLANTA, INFORMED THEM NO INFORMATION  
REGARDING ANY REWARD POSTED BY SCLC. P.

END

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

613 PM URGENT 5-1-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1937)

MURKIN; CR. ME OO.

RE BALTIMORE TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

~~REDACTED~~ REFERRED TO AS ~~REDACTED~~ IN RETEL HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AS SUSPECT. ~~REDACTED~~ EMPLOYER STATES THAT HE WAS AT HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT AT TIME KING WAS KILLED AND HE IN NO WAY RESEMBLES THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY.

NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN CADILLAC DE VILLE CONVERTIBLE, VIN F SEVEN ONE ONE TWO SEVEN NINE FIVE, BEARING NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN - SIXTY EIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE ONE ONE SEVEN NINE ONE THREE ZERO, LOCATED ABANDONED AT ATLANTA, GA., AIRPORT NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN. THIS VEHICLE HAD BEEN AT THE AIRPORT BETWEEN THIRTY AND SEVENTY FIVE DAYS. THE VEHICLE WAS STOLEN AT MONTREAL, CANADA, AUGUST TWENTY SIX, SIXTY SEVEN, AND WAS LATER REGISTERED IN MIAMI, FLA., ON AUGUST TWENTY NINE, SIXTY SEVEN, TO MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, ~~REDACTED~~

~~REDACTED~~, MIAMI, WHICH WAS THE ADDRESS OF THE FAMOUS DOOR LOUNGE. ST. PIERRE UNKNOWN

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*W. J. [unclear]*  
*[unclear]*

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*[Handwritten signature]*



PAGE TWO

TO PERSONNEL AT LOUNGE.

ALTHOUGH IT IS NOTED THE NINETEEN SIXTY SIX MUSTANG WAS PURCHASED BY RAY UNDER THE NAME GALT IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST TWENTY NINE, SIXTY SEVEN, INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO DETERMINE IF POSSIBILITY EXISTS RAY AND ST. PIERRE IDENTICAL.

SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS CALLED FROM PAY TELEPHONE, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., BETWEEN NOVEMBER NINETEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, AND MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST ARE BEING INTERVIEWED IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMIN IF ANY OF THESE SUBSCRIBERS ARE ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

RECORDS, TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL (THP), NASHVILLE, TENN., REVEALED THP OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGH THP LOCATED IN KNOXVILLE DIVISION HAD MADE INQUIRY CONCERNING REGISTRATION DATA AND STOLEN STATUS OF FOUR VEHICLES AND FIVE LICENSE PLATES LOCATED FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA BETWEEN APRIL FOUR AND TWENTY SIX LAST. THESE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND REGISTERED OWNERS OF THE VEHICLES AND LICENSE PLATES ARE BEING CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THESE INQUIRIES ARE OF INTEREST TO THIS CASE. P

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642 PM 5/1/68 URGENT RXP

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND CHICAGO 44-1114.

FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MURKIN.

RE SUBJECT'S BROTHER JERRY RAY.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE FOUR TWENTY-NINE LAST.

JERRY RAY VISITS SON MICHAEL EUGENE RAY ONCE OR TWICE  
YEARLY AND SENDS GIFTS OCCASIONALLY TO SON, WHO RESIDES WITH  
[REDACTED] WHITESBURG, TENNESSEE.

JERRY RAY'S EX-COMMON LAW WIFE, CAROL [REDACTED] AND HER  
PRESENT HUSBAND, RALPH [REDACTED] EMPLOYED [REDACTED]  
JEFFERSON CITY, TENNESSEE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MORRISTOWN, TENNESSEE, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SISTER-IN-LAW OF CAROL, [REDACTED]

RECEIVES PHONE CALLS ABOUT ONCE A MONTH INQUIRING WELFARE OF  
HIS SON, [REDACTED] IF JERRY RAY UNABLE TO REACH [REDACTED]  
HE WILL CALL CAROL'S SISTER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MORRISTOWN, TENNESSEE, UNLISTED

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TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN CONTACTED  
TELEPHONICALLY BY JERRY RAY WITHIN PAST <sup>ER</sup> WEEKS AND ADVISED  
THEM THAT HIS BROTHER WAS SUSPECTED OF MURDING KING. THE  
[REDACTED], CAROL [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STATE NEVER  
MET ANY OF JERRY RAY'S FAMILY AND DID NOT KNOW HE HAD  
BROTHER, JAMES EARL RAY.

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FBI LOS ANG.

9:58PM URGENT 5-1-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE PHONE CALLS FROM RITA STEIN'S PHONE.

RITA STEIN ADVISED SHE CALLED HER SISTER, MARIE LEE,  
AT IVANHOE PIANO BAR, NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN  
ADVISING CHILDREN ARRIVED SAFELY IN LOS ANGELES. STEIN ADVISED  
SHE COMMUNICATES REGULARLY WITH MOTHER IN NEW ORLEANS  
DUE TO MOTHER'S POOR HEALTH. DOES NOT RECALL EXACT DATES  
OF CALLS TO MOTHER, BELIEVES TO BE IN MARCH AND APRIL SIXTY  
EIGHT. EXACT NATURE OF CALLS NOT RECALLED BUT RAY NOT SUBJECT  
OF CONVERSATIONS. STEIN ADVISED COLLECT CALL FROM NEW  
ORLEANS NUMBER [REDACTED]

INCORRECTLY CHARGED TO HER BILL. ADVISED THAT MARYLAND  
NUMBER [REDACTED] CALL OF

MARCH NINETEEN LAST INCORRECTLY CHARGE TO HER.

[REDACTED] NEW ORLEANS, UNKNOWN TO RITA AND CHARLES  
STEIN. PHONE AT LA LISTED IN NAME [REDACTED] RITA RODE FOR PRIVACY.

OTHER UTILITIES LISTED IN NAME OF ROSAS.

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[REDACTED]

AIR MAIL COPY FOR BALTIMORE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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FBI CHICAGO

329PM URGENT 5/2/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO INSTANT.

RE INTERVIEW BROTHER JERRY, MAY ONE LAST - JERRY

STATES HAS NO INFO OR INDICATION FROM JOHN RAY OR CAROL PEPPER THAT  
THEY WERE EVER AWARE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS SINCE IN FUGITIVE  
STATUS. JERRY HAS NO INFO OR INDICATION THAT ANY CONTACT HAS BEEN  
MADE BY THE SUBJECT WITH EITHER JOHN OR CAROL AND IS OF STRONG  
OPINION THAT NO CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE. IN LAST INTERVIEW AND OTHER  
INTERVIEWS, JERRY HAS STATED THAT HE HAS READ THAT THE FIRST  
APPEARANCE OF ERIC STARVO GALT WAS SEPTEMBER ONE LAST AT  
BIRMINGHAM. IN ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE POSSIBILITY OF BROTHER  
JOHN'S ASSISTING SUBJECT IN ESCAPE, JERRY WAS QUESTIONED AS TO  
WHETHER OR NOT JOHN DID AID SUBJECT AND WHETHER JOHN OR CAROL HAD  
ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS FROM TIME OF ESCAPE  
UNTIL NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF GALT'S APPEARANCE IN BIRMINGHAM ON MAY 6 1968  
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SEPTEMBER ONE LAST. TO BOTH QUESTIONS, HE ANSWERED  
NEGATIVELY.

HE SAID THAT BOTH JOHN AND CAROL CLOSELY FOLLOW THE NEWSPAPER  
ARTICLES CONCERNING THE SUBJECT AND IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM,  
THEY HAVE DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS ARTICLES AND TO HIS KNOWLEDGE,  
THIS IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION THEY HAVE. NOTE THAT  
CHICAGO AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS HAVE PUBLISHED MAPS SETTING FORTH  
DATES WHERE SUBJECT KNOWN TO BE IN SPECIFIC TOWNS AND TRAVEL  
ITINERARY.

AM CC TO ATLANTA, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND BIRMINGHAM.

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FBI-BUFFALO

4:34PM URGENT 5/2/68 AMM 2P

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO & MEMPHIS  
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

RE PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT ORDERED BY SUBJECT FROM SUPERIOR  
BULK FILM COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT.  
RE CHICAGO TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

BERT S. LONNGREN, COORDINATOR, OUTBOUND TRAFFIC, EASTMAN  
KODAK COMPANY (EKCO), ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADVISED NO WARRANTY  
GIVEN FOR ANY KODAK CAMERA EQUIPMENT AND SERIAL NUMBERS NOT  
RECORDED WHEN SHIPPED BY COMPANY. RAYMOND PORTER, DIRECTOR OF  
SECURITY, EKCO OFFICE, ROCHESTER, ADVISED WARRANTY IS FURNISHED  
FOR KODAK PROJECTOR M-NINE-FIVE-Z AND APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PER  
CENT ARE RETURNED BY PURCHASERS. APPROXIMATELY SIX THOUSAND  
SOLD AND WARRANTY RETURNED SINCE OCTOBER, SIXTYSEVEN, AND CHECKS

BEING MADE TO DETERMINE IF WARRANTY RETURNED BY SUBJECT, WHICH WOULD  
CONTAIN SERIAL NUMBER.

RICHARD TOWNSEND, GENERAL MANAGER, REPAIR CENTER, EKCO,

ROCHESTER, ADVISED CAMERAS RECEIVED FOR REPAIRS ARE RECORDED

BY NAME AND BY STATE IN WHICH RESIDING. TOWNSEND ALSO ADVISED

REPAIR OFFICES FOR COMPANY LOCATED NEW YORK CITY, ATLANTA,

LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, CHICAGO AND DALLAS, PLUS THIRTYFOUR

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CAMERA SHOPS RECOGNIZED BY COMPANY TO DO REPAIRS ON EQUIPMENT. ALL CAMERA EQUIPMENT HAS GUARANTEE FOR ONE YEAR AFTER PURCHASE IF DUE TO DEFECT BY MANUFACTURER, BUT NO CARD IS FURNISHED FOR RETURN TO COMPANY IN THIS INSTANCE. CONTACTS BEING MADE WITH KODAK EXECUTIVES FOR COOPERATION IN CHECK OF ALL REPAIR CENTERS FOR SUBJECT.

INQUIRY DISCLOSED NO WAY TO DETERMINE PROJECTOR SOLD LOS ANGELES AREA NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN THROUGH MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT.

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FBI BOSTON

259PM URGENT 5/2/68 NTY

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE BUTEL APRIL TWENTY-NINE LAST WHICH REQUESTED CHECKS  
WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED  
LATENT FINGERPRINTS.

CHECKS OF IDENTIFICATION BUREAUS FOR MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE,  
RHODE ISLAND AND MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE NEGATIVE.

CHECKS IN MAJOR PDS WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT  
FINGERPRINTS OBTAINED FROM INVESTIGATIONS OF CRIMES UNDER THEIR  
JURISDICTION NO FINGERPRINTS RECEIVED SINCE APRIL  
TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SEVEN WHICH EVEN CLOSELY RESEMBLE THOSE  
OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

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221 PM URGENT 5/2/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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MURKIN

RECORDS, MSP, AS REVIEWED THIS DATE, REVEAL THE FOLLOWING  
TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE RELEASED DURING THE PAST YEAR FROM THAT  
INSTITUTION:

██████████, MEMPHIS, TENN., MSP NO. ██████████  
██████████, PAROLED. SISTER LISTED AS ██████████  
██████████, MEMPHIS, TENN.

ALSO, ██████████, MEMPHIS, TENN., MSP NO. ██████████  
██████████ WIFE ██████████  
██████████, MEMPHIS, TENN.

MEMPHIS OFFICE ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE ABOVE TWO  
INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE REGARDING SUBJECT IN  
THIS MATTER.

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FBI BOSTON

3:02PM URGENT 5/2/68 NTY

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE [REDACTED], SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL MAY ONE LAST.

TROOPER [REDACTED], MSP, LOGAN AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASS., ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECALLS INTERVIEWING INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME MAY HAVE BEEN [REDACTED] DURING SEPT., SIXTY SIX CONCERNING SOME PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON WHICH [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY STOLE WHILE DRIVING ACROSS COUNTRY. [REDACTED] UNABLE TO RECALL APPEARANCE OF [REDACTED].

SAN FRANCISCO FORWARD PHOTO [REDACTED] FOR DISPLAY TO TROOPER [REDACTED] AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS LOGAN AIRPORT.

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FBI TAMPA

1012PM URGENT 5/1/68 MJR,

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, TAMPA TEL  
APRIL TWENTY NINE, LAST AND BIRMINGHAM TEL MAY ONE INSTANT.

L. B. DEMAY, WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO BUREAU, IS ALSO  
KNOWN AS QUOTE HOTSHOT UNQUOTE.

DEMAY ADVISED HE HIRES AND PAYS PERSONALLY ALL QUOTE EXTRAS  
UNQUOTE AND QUOTE ROUGHIES UNQUOTE ON FAIRGROUNDS, TAMPA. HE HAS  
NOT HIRED ANY EXTRA OR ROUGHIE SINCE IN TAMPA QUARTERS. ONLY HIS  
REGULAR CREW ARE EMPLOYED, HE KNOWS EACH PERSONALLY, AND NONE  
ARE IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY. THE NAME OF [REDACTED]  
IS UNKNOWN TO HIM AND HE HAS NEVER BEEN HIRED BY HIM AND HE COULD  
NOT ASSOCIATE ANY PERSON WITH A DESCRIPTION OF [REDACTED]  
NO ONE DEFINITELY SLEEPS ON ANY TRAIN AND NO EXTRAS ARE TO BE HIRED  
UNTIL THEY REACH THE ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS FIRST STOP. THE SHOWS  
ARE NOT TO MOVE OUT TO TAMPA QUARTERS UNTIL MAY TWENTYFIVE, SIXTY  
EIGHT. DEMAY STATED HE COULD NOT CALL [REDACTED] NOR WIFE,  
BUT IF [REDACTED] IS THE PERSON HE THINKS HE IS QUOTE HE IS HALF CRAZY.

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UNQUOTE. HE SAID NO PERSON ANSWERING [REDACTED] DESCRIPTION NOR DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY HAVE APPEARED AT THE GROUNDS LOOKING FOR ANY EMPLOYMENT AND SINCE SEEING NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND HAVING BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE FBI AGENTS SINCE MURKIN, HE COULD DEFINITELY STATE NO ONE ANSWERING RAY'S DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN SEEN ON THE GROUNDS BY HIM. DEMAY POINTED OUT [REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED [REDACTED] WAS CONCESSIONAIRE WITH HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS IN TAMPA, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN IN TAMPA AND NOW CLAIMS WITH ROYAL AMERICAN; AND SUCH DEFINITELY NOT TRUE.

IN VIEW OF DISCREPANCIES IN [REDACTED] INFORMATION, TAMPA WILL NOT PURSUE MATTER FURTHER UACB. MEMPHIS SHOULD DISREGARD LEAD IN RETEL AS ROYAL AMERICAN HAS NOT LEFT TAMPA.

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TO SACs BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
TAMPA (157-3231)  
MEMPHIS (44-1937)

1 - Mr. Hudson

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) - 2843

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MURKIN.

REBHTEL MAY ONE LAST AND TPTTEL MAY ONE LAST RE

BIRMINGHAM, REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] CONCERNING INFORMATION

HE FURNISHED IN VIEW OF FACT HE IS UNKNOWN TO L. B. DEMAY.

BHTEL OF APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST STATES [REDACTED] SAW [REDACTED]

IN TAMPA THREE DAYS PREVIOUS TO APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST

AND THAT HE FIRST SAW [REDACTED] IN TAMPA ON APRIL EIGHT LAST,

AND OBSERVED HIM DAILY UNTIL HE, [REDACTED] LEFT TAMPA. CONSIDER

FURNISHING TAMPA WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED] AND HIS WIFE TO

ASSIST TAMPA IN IDENTIFYING THEM.

TAMPA, RECONTACT PERSONNEL OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AND  
HAVE THEIR RECORDS THOROUGHLY RECHECKED FOR ANY INFORMATION  
RELATING TO [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED BY.

[REDACTED] IT IS APPARENT IF HE WAS NOT IN FACT EMPLOYED BY

ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, HE IS AT LEAST AWARE OF THE IDENTITY OF

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Loach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Ship \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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"HOT SHOT" WHO TAMPA HAS IDENTIFIED AS L. B. DEMAY.

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NOTE:

[REDACTED] advised Birmingham on 4-28-68, he was former employee of Royal American Shows, Tampa, Florida, and that he had observed one [REDACTED] as an employee there between 4/8 - 28/68. Inquiries Royal American Shows disclosed no record of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], and no one recalls [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] maintains [REDACTED] resembles photograph of subject, Ray.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

409 PM URGENT 5-1-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND TAMPA  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 3P

*Mr. [unclear]*  
*1 [unclear]*

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AND TAMPA  
TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST.

[REDACTED] ROBINWOOD, FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE BY BUREAU AGENTS REGARDING [REDACTED] AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE FIRST OBSERVED [REDACTED] WHEN HE [REDACTED] CAME TO THE WINTER FAIRGROUND OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AT TAMPA, FLORIDA, ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST, SEEKING EMPLOYMENT AS AN "EXTRA". [REDACTED] APPEARED NEATLY DRESSED, WAS WEARING A DARK BROWN BUSINESS SUIT, AND IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, SIX FEET TO SIX FEET TWO INCHES TALL.

ONE SIX FIVE TO ONE SEVEN FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] WAS HIRED AS A "ROUGHIE" AROUND THE CONCESSION STANDS TO PERFORM ODD JOBS, SUCH AS, PAINTING, STOCKING AND MOVING SHOW EQUIPMENT. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH [REDACTED]

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ADVISED HE BELIEVES [REDACTED] IS TOTALLY UNFAMILAR WITH THE OPERATIONS OF AN AMUSEMENT PARK AND THE FUNCTIONS OF A "ROUGHIE." [REDACTED] STATED HE OBSERVED [REDACTED] DAILY FROM THE DATE HE ARRIVED UNTIL FOUR DAYS AGO WHEN HE [REDACTED] LEFT THE COMPANY TO SEEK NEW EMPLOYMENT.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT IN HIS OPINION [REDACTED] ACTED VERY NERVOUS AND WAS WARY OF STRANGERS AROUND THE SHOW.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT AS AN "EXTRA", [REDACTED] WAS PAID IN CASH ON A DAILY BASIS AND PROBABLY LIVED ON THE TRAIN WITH THE REST OF THE SINGLE MALE EMPLOYEES. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT EMPLOYEES HIRED AS EXTRAS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE PAYROLL BY NAME BUT ARE LISTED AS EXTRAS ONLY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE CONCESSION SUPERVISOR FOR ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS IS KNOWN AS "HOTSHOT" AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY KNOW

[REDACTED] STATED HE BELIEVED THE SHOW IS ENROUTE TO MEMPHIS AND WILL EVENTUALLY SET UP IN CANADA. \*

[REDACTED], WIFE OF [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE WAS EMPLOYED ON THE CONCESSION STANDS OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, AND AFTER OBSERVING A PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT RAY, SHE STATED THAT THIS WAS A MAN SHE KNEW AS [REDACTED]

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SP 6:20P  
\* SAC Danals, Bill, advised photo analyzed  
shown [REDACTED] and other photo  
resembled subject but [REDACTED] could make  
no positive identification. 11-8-68

PHOTOGRAPH RETURNED

Booth, [REDACTED]  
Memphis, Tenn  
No change  
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TAMPA, WILL RECONTACT ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AND ATTEMPT TO  
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW "HOTSHOT" REGARDING [REDACTED]

MEMPHIS, WILL CONTACT ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, IF LOCATED IN  
MEMPHIS, TO INTERVIEW "HOTSHOT" REGARDING [REDACTED]  
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FBI ATLANTA

845 PM URGENT 5-2-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD,  
CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

EXPANDED TAXICAB CHECK AND REVIEW OF TRIP SHEETS CONTINUING.  
NEGATIVE TO DATE.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFO  
OBTAINED TO DATE.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS OFFERING USED CARS FOR SALE IN  
CLASSIFIED ADS CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN CARS, INCLUDING THOSE FURNISHED BY  
NCIC FOR THE PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION  
OBTAINED TO DATE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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REC-5 44-38861-2845

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach	1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McDonough	1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Martindale	

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached is a photograph of Ray that has just been obtained from the Postal Inspector of Los Angeles. It has been determined from identifying numbers on the back of this Polaroid print that the film was manufactured in August, 1967. The photograph was mailed on or about 2/17/68 to a girl Ray had written through a correspondence club. This is considered the best picture of Ray yet obtained since it shows more detail of the lines and features of his face than previous photographs have shown.

ACTION:

This photograph is being duplicated for wide distribution through field offices and Legats.

Enclosure

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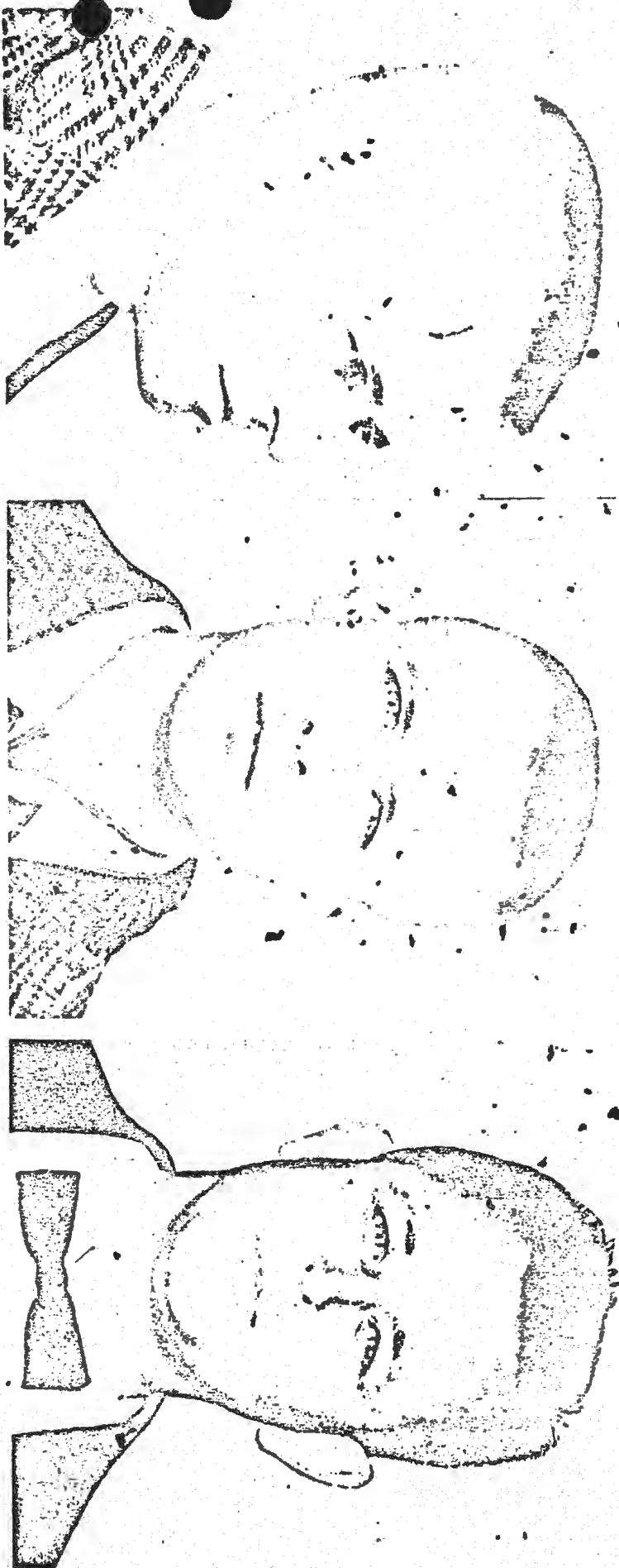
COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

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# WANTED BY THE FBI

**CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY  
JAMES EARL RAY**

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968  
(eyes drawn by artist)

**Aliases:** Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim,"

Age: 40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)

Height: 5' 10"

Eyes: Blue

Weight: 163 to 174 pounds

Complexion: Medium

Build: Medium

Race: White

Hair: Brown, possibly cut short

Nationality: American

Occupations: Baker, color matcher, laborer

Scars and Marks: Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

Remarks: Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.

Fingerprint Classification: 16 M 9 J 000 12

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## CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

## CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

Wanted Flyer 442-A  
April 19, 1968

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535  
TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 8-7117





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FBI MEMPHIS

538PM URGENT 5/2/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P.

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~~REDACTED~~ MAIL LOSS AND  
DEPREDACTIONS DIVISION, POSTAL INSPECTORS, U. S. POST OFFICE  
DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED THAT AVAILABLE RECORDS  
CONCERNING RAY'S CONVICTION IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, FOR POSTAL  
VIOLATIONS WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO FBI, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,  
BY POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, ~~REDACTED~~ AT KANSAS CITY.

SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, REVIEWING  
LATENT PRINTS OF UNKNOWN SUBJECTS IN LOCAL CASES AGAINST  
PRINTS OF RAY. REVIEW BEING MADE ON A CONTINUING BASIS  
DUE TO VOLUME OF LATENTS OBTAINED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

AVIS, HERTZ, AND NATIONAL CAR RENTAL SERVICE BEING 25 MAY 6, 1968  
CANVASSED ON NATIONWIDE BASIS THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE  
CENTRAL OFFICES TO LOCATE ~~REDACTED~~ A AND D. P.  
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FBI KAN CITY

720PM URGENT 5-2-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN

RE HOUSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY ONE LAST.

RE [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT RAY HAD AN INMATE ON MISSOURI  
STATE PRISON BY THE LAST NAME OF [REDACTED] TO BEAT ANOTHER INMATE  
BY THE LAST NAME OF [REDACTED] BECAUSE OF NON-PAYMENT FOR  
AMPHETAMINE POWDER. MSP RECORDS SHOW [REDACTED]  
ALIAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SERVED  
TIME FROM [REDACTED] NINETEEN SIXTYTWO TO [REDACTED]  
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. KANSAS CITY, MO. PD RECORDS REVEAL  
[REDACTED] WAS LAST ARRESTED IN KANSAS CITY [REDACTED]  
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, [REDACTED]

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*Logg*

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RELEASED [REDACTED] NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. NO FURTHER  
INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN KANSAS CITY RE [REDACTED]

RE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS NOT LOCATED THROUGH CREDIT, CRIMINAL, AND  
A CHECK OF ALL TRUCK DRIVER UNIONS IN KANSAS CITY.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO FURNISH KANSAS  
CITY WITH ARREST RECORD OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND THE RECORD OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO.

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CALLER: IDENT

MR. CLARKE

By [REDACTED] Time 1:40

[REDACTED]

FBI

Date:

5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 4/22/68 to Philadelphia.

On 4/24/68 SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] regarding her letter to MR. HOOVER.

[REDACTED] said she saw the referenced individual only one time, at which time she was walking home on Cobbs Creek Parkway behind the individual she believed to be GALT. She said she only saw that he had a full face and was in work clothes. This was on April 5, 1968, the day after the murder.

She has not seen this individual since and could not identify the photo of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical to the individual she saw. [REDACTED] could furnish no further information of value on the individual.

Information copy being furnished Memphis.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861) (RM)  
1 - Memphis (Info) (RM)  
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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FBI LOS ANG.

TELETYPE

2:23PM URGENT 5-2-68 NJZ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) DENVER MEMPHIS AND EL PASO  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE EL PASO TEL MAY ONE LAST RE [REDACTED] REPORTED  
ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY AT LEVENWORTH.

[REDACTED] REFERENCE  
SERVICE BRANCH, FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, BELL, CALIFORNIA,  
ADVISED NO RECORD FOR [REDACTED] MAINTAINED AT BELL. RECORDS  
FOR FLORENCE, ARIZONA PRISONERS ONE THROUGH FOUR SEVEN SEVEN  
SEVEN FOR PERIOD NINETEEN FIFTY TWO THROUGH FIFTY SIX MAIN-  
TAINED AT BELL. [REDACTED] HAD FLORENCE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND RELEASED FROM FLORENCE NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN.  
SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY TWO, FLORENCE PRISONER

RECORDS TRANSFERRED TO FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, DENVER.

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*John*  
*L. J.*

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*cc [unclear]*

*[Handwritten signature]*

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[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONCERNS U. S. AIR FORCE AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONCERNS LA CONTRACTOR MANAGEMENT  
SHIPMENT.

DENVER HANDLE LOS ANGELES. LEAD LISTED IN RETEL.

END

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URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

TO: SACS, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REBUTEL FOUR TWENTY-FOUR-SIXTY-EIGHT.

BUREAU IS DISSEMINATING THE REPORTS IN THIS CASE TO THE DEPARTMENT, THEREFORE, BUREAU AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO BIRMINGHAM TO DISSEMINATE ONE COPY EACH OF THE REPORTS OF ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS TO USA AT BIRMINGHAM. COPIES OF REPORTS SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED TO USA, MEMPHIS OR ANY OTHER USA.

ADVISE USA, BIRMINGHAM IN WRITING THAT REPORTS CONTENTS THEREOF ARE FOR THEIR OWN USE AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO OUTSIDE PERSONS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - ATLANTA  
2 - LOS ANGELES

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NOTE: Reports from Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles and Memphis Divisions received. Process obtained in this case at Birmingham, Alabama, and Birmingham was directed to confirm prosecutive opinion of USA by letter. The above offices were instructed not to disseminate the reports until Bureau instructs otherwise. The reports have now been read and in view of the fact that the evidence and the results of Lab examination of the evidence have been sent to Memphis, the reports should be disseminated to the Department at this time. Birmingham is being instructed to disseminate reports to USA at Birmingham.

See Memo Rosen to DeLoach, same caption, dated 5/2/68, REL:cs..

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FBI DETROIT

9:54PM URGENT 5/2/68 LPS IP

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE DETROIT TEL TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS FIVE ONE LAST.

RE WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE AND HAROLD G. ANDERSON.

RECORDS OF ALL METROPOLITAN DETROIT LOCALS OF BRICKLAYERS  
AND MASONS UNION REVIEWED THIS DATE AND NO ONE IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH HAROLD G. ANDERSON CONTAINED THEREIN.

ATLANTA FORWARD FULL PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND SOCIAL SECURITY  
NUMBER OF ANDERSON TO DETROIT, IF KNOWN, IN ORDER THAT ALL CONTRACTORS  
IN METROPOLITAN DETROIT AREA MAY BE CONTACTED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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*Mr. Bishop*  
*L. By*

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6-53 PM URGENT 5-2-68 KH,

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 BALTIMORE 44-669 PLAINTEXT

BALTIMORE VIA WASHINGTON

FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574

MURKIN.

RE BALTIMORE TEL TO LOS ANGELES MAY ONE LAST CONCERNING  
LOOKALIKE OF RAY ON BOARD AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE  
EIGHT FROM DALLAS TO BALTIMORE AND PHILADELPHIA APRIL SIX LAST.

DONALD HAISCHER, ~~REDACTED~~ ADVISED  
THIS DATE HE WAS TOURIST CLASS PASSENGER ON ABOVE FLIGHT.  
PHOTOS OF RAY EXHIBITED AND HE ADVISED COULD NOT RECALL  
OBSERVING ANYONE ON FLIGHT RESEMBLING RAY. HAISCHER IN NO  
WAY RESEMBLES RAY.

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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I DENVER

7PM URGENT 5-2-68 JRW

DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, EL PASO 157-186 AND PHOENIX  
FROM DENVER 157-203 (P) 3P

ARKIN

RE: [REDACTED], REPORTED ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY AT LEAVENWORTH.

RE: EL PASO TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE LAST AND LOS ANGELES TEL TO  
BUREAU, MAY TWO INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION PHOENIX, RECORDS AT FCI, LA TUNA, FOR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LEAVENWORTH PRISON NUMBER [REDACTED] WHO  
AS REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
WHILE IN FEDERAL PRISON, WERE LOCATED AT THE FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER,  
DENVER, COLORADO. THESE RECORDS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]  
FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, TO SA [REDACTED] ON MAY TWO INSTANT REFLECT  
FEDERAL PRISON CAMP, FLORENCE, ARIZONA FILE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], REFLECT HE WAS FINGERPRINTED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ONE NINE FIVE FIVE BY U. S. PENITENTIARY KANSAS, AND  
HAD PRISON NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS RECEIVED  
AT LEAVENWORTH [REDACTED] ONE NINE FIVE FIVE, FROM FCI, LA TUNA  
TEXAS, AND WAS TRANSFERRED TO FLORENCE, ARIZONA PRISON CAMP, [REDACTED]  
ONE NINE FIVE SEVEN WHILE SERVING A THREE YEAR SENTENCE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] EL PASO FILE NUMBER [REDACTED] NO WHERE  
IN THIS FILE IS SUBJECT RAY'S NAME MENTIONED NOR OF ANYOTHER FRIENDS  
OF ASSOCIATES WHILE IN PRISON AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS. SUBJECT'S FILE  
REFLECTS HE WAS LAST RELEASED FROM FEDERAL PRISON CAMP, FLORENCE,  
ARIZONA [REDACTED] NINETEEN SIXTYTWO AT WHICH TIME HIS DESTINATION WAS  
LISTED AS TUCSON, ARIZ. HIS RELATIVES WERE LISTED AS MOTHER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WICHITA, KANSAS; BROTHER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MESA, ARIZONA; SISTER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MESA, ARIZ; BROTHER, [REDACTED]  
NEVADA; SISTER, [REDACTED] ALHAMBRA, CALIF; SISTER [REDACTED]  
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DENVER 157-203

[REDACTED] BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN; EX-WIFE

[REDACTED], TUSCON, ARIZ; SON,

[REDACTED]

TUSCON, ARIZ; FOUR OTHER SONS RESIDING WITH MOTHER AND ONE SON

IN USMC. FILE REFLECTS [REDACTED] IN LATE NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN,

CONSPIRED WITH [REDACTED] TO STEAL A CAR IN TUCSON AND

TRANSPORT IT TO GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA, PHOENIX FILE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ENTITLED [REDACTED]

PHOENIX WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REGARDING  
SUBJECT RAY.

END

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Date: 5/2/68

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AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel with enclosures, dated 4/26/68,  
copy to Memphis with enclosures.

[REDACTED] Waterloo, N.Y., advised on 5/1/68 that the individual referred to in her letter to the Bureau on 4/22/68 is not known to her personally, and she has not seen him since. She stated she had never seen this person before, does not know where he lives, or what his employment might be. She stated she has made inquiries concerning this individual; however, has been unable to determine his identity.

[REDACTED] described this individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30-35
Height	5'6"
Weight	140-150
Hair	Black, wavy
Speech	Normal (no accent)

She advised that this individual was driving a red MGB, year not known, containing New York License. [REDACTED]

- ③ - Bureau (AM)  
 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (AM)  
 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info) (AM)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
 1 - Buffalo  
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C. C. Bishop  
 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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On 5/1/68, a check of the New York State registrations through the Seneca County SO, Waterloo, N.Y., indicated New York License [REDACTED] is issued to [REDACTED] Waterloo, N.Y. for a 1965 black Austin-Healey. His employment was shown as [REDACTED], Romulus, N.Y.

On 5/1/68, [REDACTED] Waterloo, N.Y., advised that [REDACTED] is her son, and that he currently owns a red MGB automobile, New York License [REDACTED]. She stated her son is only home on weekends, as he currently attends the University of Syracuse, Syracuse, N.Y.

On 5/2/68, [REDACTED] Romulus, N.Y., advised the only record at [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED] is that he worked as a civilian employee from 2/67 to 9/67, has Social Security No. [REDACTED] and was born [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] left [REDACTED] he indicated he was going back to college.

On 5/2/68, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Geneva, N.Y.; advised that [REDACTED] Waterloo, N.Y., has been known to his files since 12/60.



FBI

Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype to Bureau, 4/29/68.

Enclosed for Bureau and receiving offices is one copy of investigative insert regarding RAY EUGENE WARREN.

Inasmuch as he was in solitary confinement from November, 1965, until his release on April 13, 1968, he would not have had any contact with subject during that period.

For benefit of the Los Angeles Office, referenced communication reveals [redacted] Hampshire, Texas, advised ex-wife's name is [redacted] nee [redacted] aka [redacted] presently residing [redacted] Spring Valley, California. [redacted] advised basis for divorce from wife in 1960, was finding letter in wife's purse from EARL RAY, or RAY EARL, or WARREN RAY, or RAY WARREN, who at that time was in the State Prison, at Jefferson City.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1)
- 2 - St. Louis (Enc. 1)
- 2 - San Diego (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Kansas City

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at San Diego, and advised she formerly knew a RAY EUGENE WARREN, who would now be 38 years of age, white male, 5' 8", 150 lbs., dark brown wavy hair, blue eyes; numerous tattoos - rose on back of one hand, RAY on one hand, LOVE on fingers of one hand, and a "Pachuco" type cross on one hand.

[REDACTED] advised RAY EUGENE WARREN, during 1955, was incarcerated at St. Louis City Jail for period of one year prior to being sentenced to 30 years at the State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. [REDACTED] advised it is her opinion that RAY EUGENE WARREN is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, as none of the photographs of RAY displayed to her appeared to be identical with RAY EUGENE WARREN.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
IC [REDACTED] at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 1, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for RAY EUGENE WARREN. The following information was obtained:

RAY EUGENE WARREN was received at the MSP on June 9, 1955, to serve a 10 year sentence on charge of robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon under court case #1941-C. He completed this sentence and began an additional 20 year sentence on July 11, 1961, on charge of robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon, court case number 1945-C. He was assigned MSP number [REDACTED]. WARREN was discharged by commutation of sentence from April 13, 1968. Relatives listed on WARREN's correspondence and visiting list are wife [REDACTED] St. Anne, Missouri; brother-in-law [REDACTED] same address; sister, [REDACTED] Robertson, Missouri. Records reflect that WARREN was visited by his mother and brother, [REDACTED] Robertson, Missouri, and brother, [REDACTED] Pomona, California. While WARREN was in the MSP, he was in the following cells:

From November 6, 1959, until January 4, 1960, G70;

From January 4, 1960, until July 1, 1960, G89;

From July 1, 1960, until August 31, 1960, C20;

From August 31, 1960, until October 31, 1960, E80;

October 31, 1960, until January 6, 1961, E33;

January 6, 1961, until March 17, 1961, F96.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
Attention: Exhibits Section  
Administrative Division

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

OO: ME

Re Bureau routing slip dated 4/30/68 in which certain items were requested to be forwarded to the Exhibits Section, Administrative Division, to the attention of Exhibits Specialist GEORGE C. MUMFORD, JR.

Enclosed herewith is a one-page copy of the results of an engineering survey made by the Memphis PD of the distance from the rooming house window to point where Dr. KING was shot. Also contained in this survey is information regarding the downward angle from the second floor rear bathroom windowsill of 422 1/2 South Main Street to a point 59" above the balcony of the Lorraine Motel.

Being forwarded under separate cover are two copies of an aerial photo of the crime scene, size 40" by 40". Photos of the crime scene taken by the Memphis PD will be forwarded immediately when they are made available.

*Xerox of eng. survey made.*

*1 cc rem in Exh. Sect*

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*Unreplied to*

- (2) Bureau (Enc. 1)  
1-Package (RM)  
2-Memphis

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MAY 1 1968

4/30/68

[REDACTED] Inspectional Bureau, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he and [REDACTED] met Memphis City Engineer ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK, P. E., Tennessee License No. 5173, and a surveying crew at the Lorraine Hotel on April 23, 1968, at 8:30 a.m. Certain engineering measurements were subsequently taken.

[REDACTED] advised that an engineer's transit was placed over the spot where Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot, the telescope being positioned 59 inches above the balcony floor. This height was based on information contained in the autopsy report of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which indicated that the missile entered his body at a point 59 inches above the right heel with the head positioned to correspond with the path of the missile. He stated that the point where Dr. KING was standing when shot was indicated to them by Reverend JAMES BEVEL, a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who was staying at the Lorraine Motel.

From this position, two triangles were established with a baseline common to the two triangles established and measured. Every effort was made to ensure accuracy. It was determined that the level distance from the second floor rear bathroom window sill of 422½ South Main Street to the point where Dr. KING was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel was 206.36 feet and the in-line distance from the window sill to the point where Dr. KING was standing was 207.02 feet. The window sill at the rear of 422½ South Main was determined to be 16.63 feet higher than a point 59 inches above the floor of the balcony of the Lorraine Motel at the location Dr. KING was standing when he was shot. The downward angle of the direct in-line distance from the second floor window sill at the rear of 422½ South Main to a point 59 inches above the balcony of the Lorraine Motel at the point where Dr. KING was standing was determined to be 4 degrees 36 minutes 25 seconds.

44-38861

FBI

Date: 5/2/68 *Heckler*Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) *fy*  
 FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-136) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES  
 FLIGHT 122 FROM LOS ANGELES TO EL PASO

Re LA tel to EP, 5/1/68.

Suspect deplaned, El Paso, Texas, and identified himself to Agents as [REDACTED] exhibited U. S. Passport and Army Identification Card showing that he was a member of the U. S. Army, serial number [REDACTED] and was attached to Headquarters, Third Brigade, Ft. Bliss, Texas, having just returned from Bangkok, Thailand. [REDACTED] bore strong resemblance to RAY, however, [REDACTED] was six feet, three inches tall.

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3-Bureau  
 1-Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
 1-Atlanta (Info)  
 1-Birmingham (Info)  
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 Approved: *[Signature]*  
 Special Agent in Charge

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4:55 PM URGENT 5/2/68 PXB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BOSTON  
CINCINNATI, NEW YORK  
FROM ALBANY (44-493) 2P

MURKIN.

[REDACTED], BENNINGTON, VERMONT PD, TODAY  
ADVISED HE ISSUED SPEEDING TICKET TO ONE JAMES ESTEL RAY AT  
NINE PM, AUGUST THIRTY SIXTYSEVEN. RAY AT TIME DRIVING  
SIXTYTWO WHITE CADILLAC CONVERTIBLE BLACK TOP, SIXTYSEVEN  
TENNESSEE REGISTRATION [REDACTED] OPERATOR'S  
LICENSE, NUMBER UNKNOWN, AND STATE UNKNOWN REVEALED RAY'S  
ADDRESS AS [REDACTED] DAYTON, OHIO.  
TENNESSEE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REVEALED ADDRESS AS  
[REDACTED] HARRIMAN, TENNESSEE.  
RAY BELIEVED EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED], PITTSFIELD,  
MASS., OR [REDACTED] GARDEN CITY, LONG ISLAND,  
N.Y. BOTH COMPANIES WORKED ON WATER SUPPLY PROJECT IN  
BENNINGTON AREA DURING SUMMER OF SIXTYSEVEN. RAY NEVER APPEARED  
TO ANSWER TO SPEEDING TICKET. INVESTIGATION BY [REDACTED]  
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REVEALED RAY LEFT BENNINGTON, VERMONT, NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER  
FOURTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. OFFICER BELIEVES PHOTO OF JAMES EARL  
RAY ON WANTED FLYER FOUR FOUR TWO IS VERY SIMILAR AND PROBABLY  
IDENTICAL WITH JAMES ESTEL RAY.

MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY CHECK MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS, PERTAINING  
TO TENNESSEE REGISTRATION AND ADDRESS IN HARRIMAN, TENN.

CINCINNATI CHECK OUT ADDRESS IN DAYTON, OHIO.

BOSTON CONTACT APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], PITTSFIELD.

NEW YORK CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF JAMES EARL RAY IDENT  
WITH SUSPECT THIS CASE.

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FBI MIAMI

755PM EST 5-2-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS, MONTREAL TO ATLANTA, AUGUST  
TWENTY TWO THROUGH TWENTY SIX LAST.

RECORDS, EAL, MIAMI, INDICATE FLIGHTS ONE ZERO NINE AND  
ONE THREE ONE SCHEDULED MONTREAL TO ATLANTA AUGUST TWENTY TWO  
THROUGH TWENTY SIX LAST. BIRMINGHAM PASSENGERS USED SAME FLIGHTS  
TO CONNECT IN ATLANTA FOR BIRMINGHAM. TICKETS THESE FLIGHTS  
EXAMINED. NONE FOUND IN NAME OF ANY ALIAS OF SUSPECT RAY.

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*Handwritten initials and signature*

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FBI MEMPHIS

520PM URGENT 5-2-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS

NEW YORK

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN.

RE [REDACTED] - SUSPECT CO-CONSPIRATOR.

FOR CIRCULARIZATION AVIS AND HERTZ AT NEW YORK, AND NATIONAL CAR RENTAL AT MINNEAPOLIS, THE PRESENT LOCATION OF [REDACTED] IS DESIRED BY FBI. [REDACTED] IS WHITE MALE, FIVE FOOT SEVEN OR EIGHT, TWO HUNDRED TEN POUNDS, DARK HAIR WITH WAVE IN FRONT. EMPLOYED AS CAR JOCKEY TRANSPORTING RENTAL CARS THROUGHOUT U.S. FURNISH INFO OF HIS PRESENT LOCATION TO CENTRAL OFFICE RESPECTIVE CAR RENTAL AGENCY.

FOR INFO NEW YORK, [REDACTED] U.S. SECRET SERVICE, REPORTED HIS NEPHEW [REDACTED] SAN FRANCISCO, CLAIMED HE AND TWO OTHERS THROUGH NEWSPAPER AD OBTAINED RIDE WITH [REDACTED] AT KANSAS CITY [REDACTED] DISAPPEARED WITH THEIR EFFECTS AND PRIOR TO DISAPPEARANCE TOLD THEM HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT KING.

RECORDS, FBI CHICAGO, REVEAL SIMILAR MODUS OPERANDI MAY 6, 1968

[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SIMILAR DESCRIPTION, WHO  
HAS WORKED AS MERCHANT SEAMAN. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MINNEAPOLIS AND NEW YORK UPON RECEIPT OF INFO RE [REDACTED]  
WHEREABOUTS, ARRANGE TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY.

A&D P END

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Miss Gandy	_____

FBI CHICAGO

308PM URGENT 5/3/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL THIS DATE.

JERRY RAY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHICAGO OFFICE AND ADVISED HE WAS LEAVING FOR ST. LOUIS AT ABOUT ONE FIFTEEN PM THIS DATE DRIVING HIS POA. WILL PROBABLY STAY OVERNIGHT WITH BROTHER JOHN, THEN WITH HIS FATHER JERRY RAYNE ON FARM, CENTER, MISSOURI. EXPECTS TO STAY THREE TO FOUR DAYS AND WILL CALL EMPLOYMENT COUNTRY CLUB MAY SEVEN NEXT TO SEE IF NEWS MEDIA INTEREST HAS ABATED. INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT SA ~~REDACTED~~ ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

IF ST. LOUIS DESIRES TO INTERVIEW JERRY RAY, SUGGESTED THAT SUBJECT'S FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH JERRY BE DISCUSSED AS SET FORTH IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU ET AL APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST. NOTE THAT JERRY IN INTERVIEWS WITH AGENTS CHICAGO STATES ONLY RECEIVED FORTY OR FIFTY DOLLARS FROM SUBJECT WHILE SUBJECT WAS IN PRISON. ALSO STATED THAT HE WAS IN DEBT TO SUBJECT AND WAS PLANNING TO PAY HIM BACK BUT PAYMENTS TERMINATED AT TIME OF BROTHER'S ESCAPE.  
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REVIEW OF INFO IN ABOVE AIRTEL REVEALS SUBJECT ACTUALLY SENT TWO HUNDRED SIXTY SIX DOLLARS TO JERRY. CHICAGO WAS PLANNING TO RESOLVE THIS DISCREPENCY IN INTERVIEW THIS DATE. HOWEVER DUE TO NEWS MEDIA ACTIVITY AT EMPLOYMENT REQUEST ST. LOUIS HANDLE IF THEY DESIRE TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL CONTACT WITH JERRY.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

307 PM URGENT 5-3-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND NEW ORLEANS  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

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MURKIN.

[REDACTED] WAS REINTERVIEWED AT TALLADEGA, ALA..

[REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH  
ANY INFORMATION AS TO THE POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF THE COOLEY ORGANI-  
ZATION. HE DID SAY THAT THERE WERE FOUR OR FIVE PERSONS PRESENT  
WHEN RAY MADE THE REMARK THAT THE COOLEY ORGANIZATION WOULD  
PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLED AND  
HE WAS GOING TO KILL KING UPON HIS RELEASE. HE SAID [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] WERE THE ONLY  
THREE NAMES HE CAN RECALL OF THESE PERSONS PRESENT. HE SAID  
TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE ALL THREE ARE STILL CONFINED TO  
THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. HE SAID THIS WAS IN THE LATTER  
PART OF SIXTYTHREE. HE WILL TESTIFY TO THIS INFORMATION.  
HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ANY INFORMATION HE  
DEVELOPS OR CAN RECALL TO THE FBI CONCERNING SUBJECT.

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BI PHOENIX

55PMURGENT 5-2-68 LEG

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MEMPHIS (44-1997)

FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (1P)

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST  
AND DENVER TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TWO LAST, RE ~~REDACTED~~  
REPORTED ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY AT LEAVENWORTH.

ON MAY THREE, INSTANT, ~~REDACTED~~  
~~REDACTED~~ MESA, AIRIZONA, ADVISED HE  
FORMERLY SERVED TIME AT LEAVENWORTH FROM NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE  
TO FIFTYSEVEN. HE ADVISED THERE WERE THREE THOUSAND  
INMATES AT LEAVENWORTH DURING THAT TIME. HE DENIED KNOWLEDGE  
OR ASSOCIATION WITH JAMES EARL RAY. SAID HE DOES NOT RECOG-  
NIZED PHOTO OF RAY AS FORMER INMATE AT LEAVENWORTH NOR DOES  
HE HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS.

KANSAS CITY ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI BIRMINGHAM

743PM URGENT 5-3-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TODAY.

ON MAY THREE, INSTANT, MRS. MAE COOK, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATTALLA, ALA., ADVISED HER BROTHER, JAMES CURTIS  
WOODS DIED JAN. NINETEEN, LAST, IN FLORIDA, CITY UNKNOWN, AND  
WAS BURIED AT CLAYTON, ALABAMA.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, ATTEMPT TO VERIFY  
DEATH.

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BI CHICAGO

OOPM URGENT 5/3/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND NEWARK (44-254)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU INSTANT.

INFO THAT JERRY RAY HAD RESIGNED HIS POSITION IN CHICAGO AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN GIVEN TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA BY JERRY'S EMPLOYER WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THIS OFFICE, BECAUSE THE VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA HAD CONVERGED ON SPORTSMAN'S COUNTRY CLUB EVENING MAY TWO LAST IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER INTERVIEW AND EXPLOIT JERRY. HE STAYED IN A LOCAL MOTEL EVENING MAY TWO LAST, IS PRESENTLY EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS WHERE HE PLANS TO STAY WITH HIS BROTHER AND FATHER FOR A PERIOD OF THREE OR FOUR DAYS. WILL THEN RETURN TO CHICAGO AREA IF INTENSIVE NEWS MEDIA INTEREST AT HIS EMPLOYMENT HAS ABATED. JERRY HAS MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH CHICAGO OFFICE AND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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FBI PHOENIX

1:57 PM URGENT 5-3-68 MPB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), DALLAS (44-2649), AND LOS ANGELES  
(44-1574)

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) 4P

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Conrad	
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MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY ONE LAST, AND DALLAS TEL MAY  
TWO, LAST.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTH ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD, AKA WOODY, AGE FIFTYFOUR, PRESENTLY  
RESIDING WITH SISTER, MRS. JOHN NEEDLES, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], PHOENIX, ARIZONA, ADVISED HE LIVED AT ST. FRANCIS  
HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, ROOM THREE THREE SIX, FOUR ZERO EIGHT OR  
FOUR ZERO NINE, FROM APPROXIMATELY AUGUST SIXTYSIX TO AUGUST  
SIXTYSEVEN, AND DID PART TIME MAINTENANCE WORK AT HOTEL DURING  
THIS TIME. AFTER THIS TIME HE LIVED AT OTHER HOTELS IN GENERAL  
AREA INCLUDING ROXIE, WANDA APTS., AND MR. FRANK L. BUTTERLY'S  
RESIDENCE, FIVE FOUR FIVE THREE CARLTON, LOS ANGELES.

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LUNSFORD ADVISED HE SPENT FALL OF SIXTYSEVEN UNTIL  
DECEMBER AT [REDACTED] RESEDENCE IN PHOENIX AS WELL AS  
LAST THREE WEEKS IN FEBRUARY, LAST, AND SINCE MARCH FIFTEEN,

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LAST TO PRESENT. LUNSFORD ADVISED THAT WHEN HE HAS NOT BEEN IN PHOENIX OR VISITING RELATIVES IN TEXAS, HE HUNG OUT AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL EVEN THOUGH HE WAS LIVING AT OTHER HOTELS IN THE AREA.

LUNSFORD ADVISED IN FEBRUARY, LAST, HE AUTOED TO HIS SISTER'S RESIDENCE, [REDACTED] PHOENIX WITH A BOB THORIN (PH), WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY FORTY, SHORT, WHO IS NOT SUBJECT RAY. LUNSFORD VIEWED NUMEROUS PHOTOS OF RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

LUNSFORD STATED THAT NAME OF GALT IS FAMILIAR TO HIM AND HE BELIEVES THIS IS WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE FEET TEN, HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, WAVY BLACK HAIR, WITH SPANISH OR ITALIAN ACCENT, WHO SMOKES CIGARS, WHO WAS ASSISTANT MANAGER AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL ABOUT THREE WEEKS IN DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, UNTIL FIRED BY BERT DAVIDSON, GENERAL MANAGER OF HOTEL. HE ADVISED THIS ASSISTANT MANAGER HAD ASSOCIATE NAMED DAVE (LNU), A ST. FRANCIS HOUSEMAN, WHO WAS FIRED AT THE SAME TIME AS THIS ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR BREAKING AND ENTERING THE HOTEL ROOMS.

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LUNSFORD ADVISED THE ASSISTANT MANAGER HAD APARTMENT EIGHT OF THE HOTEL WHICH HE SHARED WITH AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION.

LUNSFORD ADVISED THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH RESIDENTS OF THE HOTEL:

BOB (LNU), RESIDENT OF THE HOTEL TWO YEARS, HOTEL ROOM

[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

UNKNOWN CRIPPLED MAN WHO HAS LIVED AT HOTEL ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS.

JOE PETERS, ST. FRANCIS ROOM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

GIL (LNU), OWNER SULTAN ROOM BAR, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

ANN SHELL (PH) AND BOB DUCE (PH), OWNERS OF NEW ANGELINA BAR, ONE SIX FIVE SEVEN WESTERN STREET, LOS ANGELES.

"MURF", OWNER OF PAMPERED PUP, CAFE LOCATED AT REAR OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL [REDACTED]

NO LEADS BEING SET OUT FOR LOS ANGELES TO INTERVIEW ABOVE NAMED PEOPLE SINCE PHOENIX DOES NOT KNOW EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY LOS ANGELES AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

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LUNSFORD STATED WHILE HE WAS RESIDING WITH MR. FRANK  
L. BUTTERLY, HE MADE A LONG DISTANCE CAL TO HIS DAUGHTER  
AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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14PM URGENT 5-2-68 DPK

DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, BIRMINGHAM,  
KANSAS CITY, AND ATLANTA  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE CHARLES STEIN

REINTERVIEW OF CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, MAY TWO INSTANT.

PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW WAS TO REVIEW INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY  
FURNISHED BY STEIN AND OBTAIN FROM HIM DETAILED INFORMATION  
REGARDING HIS MEETING OF INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM AS ERIC  
GALT (JAMES EARL RAY), THE DISCUSSIONS THEY HAD, THEIR  
TRIP TO AND FROM NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, THEIR ACTIVITY  
WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS, AND THEIR ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES  
SUBSEQUENT TO NEW ORLEANS TRIP.

INTERVIEW, ONE OF WHOM IS FAMILIAR WITH NEW ORLEANS AREA  
AND IN THEIR POSSESSION EXTENSIVE INFORMATION REGARDING  
STEIN'S BACKGROUND.

STEIN FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION  
IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS. STEIN ADVISED ONLY ACTUALLY  
SERVED GALT (RAY) MAKING ONE PHONE CALL; HOWEVER, BELIEVES

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THOUGH NEVER IN PRESENCE OF STEIN.

I A "DOPEHEAD", BUT POSSIBLE HE MIGHT HAVE TAKEN "PILLS",

ATED WOULD KNOW A "DOPEHEAD" IF HE SAW ONE. STATED GALT WAS

[REDACTED]

US TO GALT (RAY), OR EVER HAVING SEEN GALT (RAY) USE ANY.

CEMBER FOURTEEN LAST. DENIES EVER HAVING FURNISHED ANY TYPE

ETING IN SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD, NIGHT OF

[REDACTED] HOLLYWOOD, NOR EVER HAVING MET GALT BEFORE THEIR

[REDACTED] STEIN DENIED GALT EVER VISITED HIM AT [REDACTED]

S MADE BY GALT (RAY).

IN ORLEANS HE WOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH IN WHICH CALL

STEIN STRONGLY FEELS BY RETRACING TRIP ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO

NOT LOMAX TRACED TRAVEL IN REVERSE FROM WAY IT ACTUALLY OCCURRED.

A QUESTION, WHEN TRIP RETRACED BY THEM. FEELS THIS DUE TO

STEIN ADVISED HE AND LOUIS LOMAX DID NOT LOCATE PHONE BOOTH

STEIN ADVISED ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST.

BOTH DURING NIGHT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

ATED ONE CALL HE OBSERVED MADE FROM PUBLIC COIN BOX PHONE

AY HAVE MADE OTHER CALLS WHILE NOT IN STEIN'S PRESENCE. STEIN

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STEIN STATED HE WAS QUITE IDENTIFIED WITH LOUIS LOMAX, CAUSE LOMAX USED HIM FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES. STEIN

PRESSED CONCERN FOR HIS LIFE FROM THE KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BECAUSE OF PRESS EXPOSURE GIVEN HIM BY

MAX.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT STEIN TELLING TRUTH AS BEST HE MEMBERS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH GALT (RAY).

BUREAU MIGHT DESIRE TO CONSIDER RETRACING STEIN'S IP WITH GALT (RAY) TO NEW ORLEANS, WITH PURPOSE IN MIND

LOCATING PHONE BOOTH IN WHICH STEIN PERSONALLY OBSERVED LT (RAY) MAKING CALL. POSSIBLE SUCH RETRACING MIGHT BE

PRODUCTIVE IF CONDUCTED IN LOGICAL MANNER AND MIGHT POSSIBLY ING OTHER FACTS TO MEMORY OF STEIN.

STEIN ADVISED HE RECALLS THAT GALT (RAY) ON TRIP TO W ORLEANS, TOLD HIM NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON HE WAS

ING TO SEE. STEIN STATED NAME WAS ITALIAN SOUNDING, WAS A LL-KNOWN NAME IN NEW ORLEANS, AND ADDRESS GAVE STEIN

NIAL PICTURE OF CHALMETTE-INDUSTRIAL CANAL AREA. STEIN VISED WHEN ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH ON TRIP WITH

UIS LOMAX, LOMAX ASKED HIM IF



AS PERSON NAMED BY GALT (RAY). STEIN ADVISED TOLD LOMAX  
E COULD NOT REMEMBER NAME, NOR COULD HE RECALL IT DURING  
INTERVIEW, THIS DATE.

REINTERVIEW WITH RITA STEIN

RITA STEIN, AKA RITA ROSAS: SISTER OF CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN

INTERVIEWED TODAY SEPARATELY BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH REINTERVIEW  
OF HER BROTHER, PURPOSE WAS TO REVIEW IN-DETAIL WITH HER FACTS  
SURROUNDING ORIGINAL MEETING WITH ERIC GALT AND ATTEMPT TO FILL  
OUT ANY FACTS SHE MIGHT HAVE OVERLOOKED DURING ORIGINAL INTERVIEWS.

INFORMATION FURNISHED WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH INFORMATION

ORIGINALLY FURNISHED. CLAIMS NEVER MET GALT PRIOR TO MEETING WITH

IN IN SULTAN ROOM BAR, IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD, IN MID-

DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN, DAY BEFORE HE BROVE HER BROTHER TO NEW

ORLEANS TO BRING BACK HER DAUGHTERS. STATES

HE WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM THAT EVENING BY HER COUSIN, CHARLIE.

ARTIST IN SULTAN ROOM BAR. SHE SAID SHE TRIED TO MAKE

IM UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL SHE GET HER KIDS BACK

FROM NEW ORLEANS, AND QUOTE THIS WAS NO PLAY CLEVER QUOTE.

E CLAIMED HE UNDERSTOOD, AND STATED HE WOULD BE GLAD TO TAKE HER

S HE WAS ON VACATION AND NOT WORKING. SHE WENT HOME AND TOLD HER

BROTHER THERE WAS A GUY AT SULTAN ROOM BAR THAT WAS WILLING TO DRIVE

HER TO NEW ORLEANS. HAD CHARLIE GO TO SULTAN ROOM TO SEE HIM UP

THAT EVENING.

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NEXT MORNING SHE CONVINCED CHARLIE HE SHOULD GO TO NEW

ORLEANS IN HER PLACE, AS SHE WAS AFRAID TO RIDE ALONE TO NEW

ORLEANS WITH MAN SHE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN. GALT SHOWED

UP AT HER HOUSE EARLY THAT AM AND SAID THAT HE WAS DOING A FAVOR

FOR HER, AND SHE COULD DO A FAVOR FOR HIM BY HAVING HER BROTHER,

HER COUSIN MARIE, ACCOMPANY HIM TO REGISTER AT WALLACE

HEADQUARTERS, AND FOR HER TO DO LIKEWISE. SHE AND BROTHER AND

COUSIN AGREED, AND DROVE IN HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO WALLACE

HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. SHE RODE IN BACK SEAT WITH

HER TWO SONS. GALT, MARIE AND CHARLIE RODE IN FRONT SEAT.

FOLLOWING RETURN TO HER HOME ON  GALT

AND CHARLIE LEFT FOR NEW ORLEANS.

NEXT SAW GALT EARLY AM ON THE MORNING HE AND CHARLIE

RETURNED WITH HER TWO DAUGHTERS FROM NEW ORLEANS. HE HELD

UNLOAD CAR AND LEFT IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. RETURNED BRIEFLY NEXT

DAY TO DELIVER CHILD'S BLACKBOARD OVERLOOKED IN UNLOADING CAR

REVIOUS MORNING. SHE INSISTS HE NEVER ENTERED HER HOME EARLIER THAN

ALF WAY ACROSS FRONT ROOM. NEVER HAD FOOD OR DRINK OR USED

ATHROOM IN HER HOME. SHE ALSO INSISTS SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE HE

AS OR MAY HAVE BEEN NARCOTICS USER OR PEDDLER.

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ADDED ON THIS INTERVIEW THAT HER SECOND HUSBAND, STANLEY

JIMO ROSAS, WHO DIED OF OVERDOSE OF MORPHINE IN HOLLYWOOD, WAS NOT

KNOWN TO HER TO BE ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS; HOWEVER, SHE SAYS HE

COMMITTED TO HER AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE THAT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON

NARCOTICS CHARGE IN LOUISIANA. SHE CLAIMS SHE DOES NOT KNOW

DETAILS OF THAT ARREST; WHETHER HE WAS USER OR PUSHER, THINKS HE

MAY HAVE SERVED TIME IN ANGOLA STATE PEN, BUT IS NOT SURE. SAYS

HIS WAS ALL BEFORE SHE MET HIM.

*How do they know?*  
PHOTO OF GALT (JAMES EARL RAY) TAKEN BETWEEN AUGUST SIXTY

EVEN AND FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT, FURNISHED BY U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS,

EXHIBITED TO RITA STEIN. SHE STATES THIS IS BEST LIKENESS OF GALT

IF ANY PHOTOS SHE HAS SEEN. PHOTO OF GALT IN DARK GLASSES TAKEN

URING FALL SIXTY SEVEN-PUERTO VALLARTA RESHOWN AND SHE STATES IT

S VERY POOR LIKENESS. STATES GALT'S WALK, POSTURE, AND STATURE

AS NEVER RELAXED, IMPRESSED HER AS ALWAYS BEING IN STATE OF

MILITARY ATTENTION. CHARLES STEIN ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT

PHOTO FURNISHED BY USPO BEST LIKENESS OF INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS GALT.

RE GALT'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH "SWINGER" CLUB.

U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS OFFICE, FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF

ALL TAKEN DURING PERIOD AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN TO FEBRUARY SIXTY

EIGHT AND LETTER WRITTEN BY GALT, FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST.

THESE ITEMS FURNISHED U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS BY PATRICIA K.

ANDERSON [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, WHO RECEIVED

LETTER AND PHOTOGRAPH FROM GALT, RESULTANT FROM HER NAME BEING

INCLUDED ON LIST OF QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE A

CORRESPONDENCE CLUB IN DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA.

JAMES E. O'DOWD AND ANN L. MEYERS, OWNERS OF QUOTE

THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE STATED THEY RECALLED INDIVIDUAL

NAMED ERIC GALT HAD SENT IN FEE OF ONE DOLLAR FOR LIST OF SWINGERS.

GALT RECALLED GALT HAD SENT FIVE LETTERS TO CLUB FOR TRANSMITTAL

OF INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED IN LIST OF SWINGERS BY SYMBOL NUMBER.

OF RECORD OF INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM GALT SENT LETTER MAINTAINED.

RECORDS THIS CLUB CONTAIN NAME OF PATRICIA SHUBERT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES.

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*In view of the fact that the club is not a legal entity, the club is not a legal entity, the club is not a legal entity.*

RE ADVERTISEMENT PLACED IN LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS BY GALT.

ON MAY TWO INSTANT, GENE TURNER, ACCOUNTANT, LOS ANGELES

FREE PRESS, L.A. AVANT GARDE NEWSPAPER, MADE AVAILABLE ADVERTISE-

MENT PLACED BY ERIC S. GALT ON JANUARY THIRTY LAST. ADVERTISEMENT

PROBABLY RECEIVED AT "FREE PRESS" BY MAIL. ADVERTISEMENT READS:

SINGLE MALE CAUC. THIRTY SIX YEARS, FIVE ELEVEN ONE HUNDRED

SEVENTY LB. DIES FR. CULT. DESIRE'S DISCREET MEETING WITH PASSIONATE

CARRIED FEMALE FOR MUTUAL ENJOYMENT, AND/OR FEMALE FOR SWING SESSIONS

ST. FURN. WITH EX. PHOTO. WRITE ERIC S. FOUR ZERO SIX SO.

SECOND ALHAMBRA, NINE ONE EIGHT ZERO TWO.

NOTATION BELOW ADVERTISEMENT READ "RETURN NAME AND ADDRESS,

ERIC S. GALT. SAME AS ABOVE. INCLOSED IS M.O. FOR FOUR DOLLARS

SEVENTY FIVE CENTS, BUN AND UNDER THIRTY ONE UNIT SYSTEM. THANKS"

EXAMINATION OF ABOVE REVEALED ENTIRE CONTENTS TYPEWRITTEN

ING RED RIBBON. NO HANDWRITING INVOLVED.

TURNER STATED ADVERTISEMENT RAN IN FEBRUARY TWO DASH EIGHT

ST EDITION OF ABOVE PAPER, ALSO MADE AVAILABLE.

ABOVE ADDRESS IN ALHAMBRA IS THAT OF [REDACTED] IN

REVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS ON APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. HE STATED GALT

S PAYING CUSTOMER OF HIS MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE AT FOUR ZERO

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IX SOUTH SECOND STREET FROM FEBRUARY ONE LAST TO MARCH ONE  
AST. ALL MAIL WAS TO BE FORWARDED TO GALT AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL  
N HOLLYWOOD. [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS CERTAIN GALT NEVER RECEIVED  
NY MAIL THROUGH HIS FORWARDING SERVICE.

PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT, LETTER AND ORIGINAL OF LA FREE PRESS  
ADVERTISEMENT FURNISHED BUREAU FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION VIA  
IR TODAY.

LOS ANGELES WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PATRICIA K.  
ANDERSON FOR INTERVIEW.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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URGENT 5-3-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHICAGO (44-1114) PLAINTEXT  
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE-CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWO LAST, REQUESTING  
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF MARJORIE FETTERS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR MARJORIE FETTERS IS AREA CODE  
[REDACTED]

NEWS REPORTS THIS A.M. REFLECT THAT JERRY RAY,  
BROTHER OF SUBJECT RAY, HAS RESIGNED HIS POSITION IN CHICAGO  
AND HIS WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO  
ADVISE NEWARK IF THIS IS THE SITUATION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEWARK REQUESTS THIS INFORMATION AS THE  
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT IF JERRY RAY'S WHEREABOUTS ARE  
UNKNOWN HE MAY POSSIBLY APPEAR IN THE CAMDEN, NJ, AREA.  
NEWARK TAKING APPROPRIATE STEPS TO INSURE THAT IF HE DOES  
APPEAR THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED.

MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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END

JDR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Mr. Conrad

DATE: May 3, 1968

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W. D. Griffith

ECT: MURKIN  
CR

The Bureau has received a picture post card postmarked "SAINT PAUL MINN APR 29 '68" addressed to "F.B.I., Washington, D.C." This card is hand printed and handwritten and bears the message "Happy Hunting Sincerely Eric Galt."

It was concluded that the handwriting and hand printing appearing on the post card referred to above were not prepared by James Earl Ray, the subject in this case.

The above described material has been forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section for appropriate examination.

Recommendation: None. For information.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

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5-3-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 4-26-68, submitting a white envelope, Q296, and a piece of paper with attached mailing address sticker, Q297.

Two latent fingerprints of value developed on the envelope. No latent impressions of value developed on Q297.

The two latent fingerprints on the envelope are identical with the fingerprints of SA [REDACTED]

Results of laboratory examination and disposition of Q296 and Q297 separate.

1 - Mr. Rosen

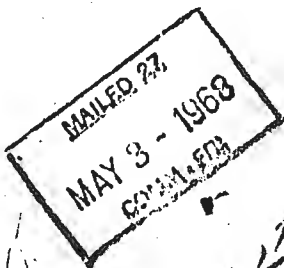
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1 - Mr. Rosen  
 (Mr. Long 2260)  
 1 - Mr. Conrad  
 1 - Mr. Mortimer  
 1 - Lab File



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 3, 1968

To:

Date:

Re: **MURKIN**  
**CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
 John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861  
 FBI File No. **D-562099 JK**  
 Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **Omaha**  
 Reference: **Airtel 4/30/68**  
 Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**  
 Remarks:

You will be separately advised regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q302 and Q303.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Omaha (44-310) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 3, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562099 JK

Specimens received 5/1/68

- Q302 White envelope postmarked "OMAHA, NB APR 26 AM"  
bearing handwritten address "F B I Omaha Neb."
- Q303 Accompanying sheet of ruled paper bearing handwritten  
message beginning "James Earle Rays girl..."

## Result of examination:

Specimens Q302 and Q303 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

No indented writing, watermarks or other identifying features were noted on either Q302 or Q303.

It was concluded that the questioned writing on these items was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K171 and K211.

The submitted material will be returned separately.  
Photographs are retained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

MURKIN  
CR

OO: Omaha Memphis (44-1987)

File #

Lab. # 44-38861

D-562099 JK

Examination requested by:

SAC, Omaha (44-310)

Airtel 4/30/68

Examination requested:

Document, Fingerprint

Date received:

5/1/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Kortimer

*Pls. Return 4302 & 4303 to DM by 5/1/68**Q's returned to Omaha with 2 FBI airtels*Specimens submitted for examination

- Q302 White envelope postmarked "OMAHA, NE APR 26-68" bearing handwritten address "F B I Omaha Neb."
- Q303 Accompanying sheet of ruled paper bearing handwritten message beginning "James Earle Ray's girl....."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Mr. Rosen

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bates
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Boyd
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Deily
1 - Mr. McDonough	1 - Mr. Hudson
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Helgeson

There is set out hereunder the extra-duty schedule for the captioned case:

Saturday, 5/4/68

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., SA [REDACTED]

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., SA [REDACTED]

4:00 p.m. - 12:00 Midnight, SA [REDACTED]  
(Stand-By Shift)

Sunday, 5/5/68

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., SA [REDACTED]  
(Stand-By Shift)

4:00 p.m. - 12:00 Midnight, SA [REDACTED]  
(Stand-By Shift)

SA [REDACTED] will cover the Murkin Special on the four to midnight shift, 5/6/68 - 5/10/68.

Other Agents assigned to the Murkin Special will, of course, work during the normal working hours as well as any additional period required by the developments in the case.

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29 MAY 13 1968

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, New York (44-1609)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re New York teletype to Bureau dated April 30, 1968.

Enclosed for New York are two copies of the mat and proof concerning subject James Earl Ray.

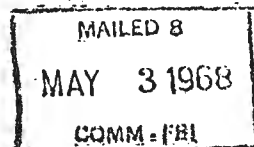
You should contact the appropriate officials of Avis and Hertz Car Rental Agencies and provide a copy of each mat and proof to them for inclusion in their magazine which will be circulated on a world-wide basis to their agencies.

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Enclosures (4)

1 - Memphis

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NOTE: We have requested our New York Office to contact the Avis and Hertz car rental agencies to determine if a filler may be inserted in their publication concerning our subject Ray. New York now advises that they are willing to accept filler for publication, however, both also publish bulletins which are distributed directly to counter personnel and may be of more value in this matter. The bulletins are single pieces of paper and accommodate printed matter and photograph. Indication by New York is that if a mat is available they would possibly publish this on a world-wide distribution basis. New York being instructed to furnish mats to Hertz and Avis for consideration in their publication, we cost to Bureau 1 mat each.

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VIA TELETYPE  
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FBI NEW YORK

5:05 PM URGENT 4-30-68 AWS

TO DIRECTOR (PLAIN)

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN

RE CONTEMPLATED CIRCULARIZATION OF CAR RENTAL AGENCIES  
CONCERNING SUBJECT RAY.

RE BUTEL TO NEW YORK DATED APRIL TWO NINE, LAST.

BOTH AVIS AND HERTZ PUBLISH HOUSE ORGANIZATIONS AND ARE WILL-  
ING TO ACCEPT FILLER FOR PUBLICATION.

HOWEVER, BOTH ALSO PUBLISH BULLETINS WHICH ARE DIS-  
TRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO COUNTER PERSONNEL AND MIGHT BE OF MORE  
VALUE IN INSTANT MATTER. BULLETINS ARE SINGLE PIECES OF  
PAPER, EIGHT AND ONE HALF BY ELEVEN INCHES, AND ACCOMMODATE  
PRINTED MATTER AND PHOTOGRAPH. BOTH REQUIRE GLOSSY PRINT  
OF SUBJECT FOR REPRODUCTION OR NAT IF AVAILABLE. ALSO  
REQUIRE TEXT OF MATTER TO BE CIRCULARIZED.

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REL: 5/3/68*

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REQUEST TO BOTH AGENCIES SHOULD INCLUDE THE REQUEST  
THAT WORLD WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BULLETIN BE MADE.

PUBLICATION OF BULLETINS WILL BE AT NO EXPENSE TO  
THE BUREAU. REQUESTS FOR INCLUSION OF SUBJECT IN A BULLETIN  
SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO: [REDACTED] AVIS NEWS, NINE  
ZERO ZERO OLD COUNTRY ROAD, GARDEN CITY, LONG ISLAND, NEW  
YORK, AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HERTZ RENT A CAR SYSTEM, SIX SIX ZERO MADISON AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI KAN CITY

1158AM URGENT 5/3/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RECORDS OF MSP REVEAL THE FOLLOWING TWO INDIVIDUALS  
WERE RELEASED FROM THAT INSTITUTION DURING PAST YEAR AND ARE  
CURRENTLY RESIDING IN ALABAMA: [REDACTED] MSP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JASPER, ALA., WIFE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JASPER, ALA. [REDACTED] GADSDEN ALA.,

MSP [REDACTED] SISTER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ATTALLA, ALA.

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE WILL INTERVIEW BOTH OF ABOVE TWO.  
INDIVIDUALS RE ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT INASMUCH AS THEY  
WERE IN MSP AT THE SAME TIME AS RAY.

END

CC

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, -MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReButel 4/29/68.

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Milwaukee PD Identification Division, caused a search of his latent fingerprints and could find none that were identical with Subject JAMES EARL RAY.

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Milwaukee County SO, Identification Division, caused a search of his fingerprint records with negative results concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

Both [redacted] and [redacted] advised they do not know of any other departments that retain fingerprint records.

Milwaukee is continuing to canvass all police departments in the division in an effort to have latent fingerprints compared with Subject.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (AM)  
1 - Birmingham (Info) (AM)  
1 - Memphis (Info) (AM) 2/4-1957  
1 - Milwaukee (44-388)

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FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-188) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Butel to EP, HO, and SA, 4/25/68;  
DL tel to the Bureau and EP, 5/1/68.

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE  
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

SA [REDACTED], San Antonio Office, was advised by FTS telephone call on 5/3/68, that referenced Dallas teletype contained a lead on page 6 for the San Antonio Office, which is as follows:

A telephone call was made from a coin telephone in Alpine, Texas, on 12/17/67, at 10:10 a.m., to telephone number [REDACTED], Roma, Texas.

SA [REDACTED] advised that the lead would be handled by the San Antonio Office.

C. C. - Bishop

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- 3-Bureau
- 1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- 1-Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 2-San Antonio (44-1242)
- 1-El Paso

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547P EDT URGENT 5/3/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR AND DETROIT, MI

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

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RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS, MAY TWO, LAST.

RE HAROLD G. ANDERSON:

REFERENCE OF ALBERT PICK MOTEL, ATLANTA, REFLECTS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF ANDERSON AS [REDACTED] AND INDICATES ANDERSON CAME TO ALBERT PICK MOTEL THRU ATLANTA UNION MISSION.

ANDERSON DESCRIBED AS FORTYFIVE TO FIFTY YRS OF AGE, FIVE FT THREE IN., ONE THIRTY LBS., GRAY-BLACK HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION AND INDICATES INTELLIGENCE-ABOVE LEVEL OF ORDINARY ITINERANT LABORER. ANDERSON WORKED AS UTILITY MAN AND DISHWASHER AT MOTEL.

DETROIT THRU LABOR UNIONS AND MISSIONS, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ANDERSON, BEARING IN MIND ANDERSON WAS FIRST PERSON TO OCCUPY ROOM FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY JAMES EARL RAY, ONE ONE THREE - FOURTEENTH ST., NE, ROOM TWO. IF LOCATED, EXHIBIT KNOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND INTERVIEW IN DEPTH CONCERNING CONDITION AND ITEMS IN ROOM, WHICH ANDERSON MAY HAVE USED, TAKEN AND/OR THROWN AWAY.

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*Handwritten initials*

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44-38861-2879  
SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS IS

UNKNOWN. STATE HAS NO DEFINITE PLANS TO VISIT THEM AT SAN JOSE, RECENTLY RETURNED BY POST OFFICE AS MOVED AND WHEREABOUTS STORE. A LETTER ADDRESSED TO HIM AT BUSH HOTEL, SEATTLE, FROM RE RESIDING AT BUSH HOTEL, SEATTLE, AND WORKING UNKNOWN PORTING GOODS LAST SAW IN CHICAGO PRIOR TO MARCH, LAST. LAST KNEW TO SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED NIGHT OF MAY TWO, LAST,

RE CHICAGO TEL, MAY ONE, LAST.

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:  
AKA

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 1P

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) & SEATTLE

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FBI PHOENIX

537 PM URGENT 5/3/68 DLN  
TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND NEW ORLEANS  
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) 1P

MURKIN.

RE EL PASO TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY ONE LAST.

RE TELEPHONE BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO  
NEW ORLEANS.

ON MAY THREE INSTANT, RECORDS MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE CO.  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA, REFLECT THE ONLY NEW ORLEANS CALL FROM PHONE  
BOOTH IN REFERENCED EL PASO TEL FOR DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, AND  
SEVENTEEN, WAS CALL ON-DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN MADE FROM  
SEVEN SEVEN TWO ZERO SIX FOUR SIX IN EL PASO TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW ORLEANS. CALL LASTED TWO MINUTES.

NEW ORLEANS WILL DETERMINE LISTING OF PHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND DETERMINE ANY CONNECTIONS WITH SUBJECT  
RAY. AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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BI ST LOUIS

008PM URGENT 5-3-68 JLS

O DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE: JOHN RAY. COVERAGE INCLUDING SPOT CHECKS CONTINUING.

RE: CAROL PEPPER. SAME. [REDACTED]

0 ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANCE IN LOCATING SUBJECT NOTED.

RE GRAPEVINE TAVERN. ATU REPRESENTATIVE QUALIFIED TO FURNISH AUTHORITY STATEMENT AS TO ELEMENTS AND EVIDENCE USUALLY NEEDED FOR LIQUOR TAX STAMP VIOLATION, AND FIRST ASSISTANT USA WHOSE OPINION DESIRED ON MATTER, NOT AVAILABLE TODAY. WILL CONTACT MONDAY.

RE: JERRY RAY. IF HE CONTACTS OFFICE AS DIRECTED, SE WILL INTERVIEW BEFORE HE LEAVES SL AND BEFORE HE LEAVES CENTER, MO., TO OBTAIN RESULTS OF HIS CONTACTS WITH RELATIVES IN THIS DIVISION.

RE TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

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FOR ASSISTANCE OF OFFICES COVERING RELATIVES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOLLOWING ARE PHONE NUMBER OF SL RELATIVES OR OTHER PERSONS OF INTEREST THIS CASE:

16 MAY 6 1968

PR SIX DASH NINE FOUR ONE SEVEN, GRAPEVINE TAVERN, JOHN LARRY RAY. NO PHONE AS RESIDENCE.

[REDACTED], ALBERT AND CAROL PEPPER.

[REDACTED], JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MO.

[REDACTED], LANDLADY OF [REDACTED]

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AGE TWO

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[REDACTED], FORMER RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESENT RESIDENCE

[REDACTED] PORTAGEVILLE, MO:  
[REDACTED]

PORTAGEVILLE, BILLED TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PORTAGEVILLE.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS CONTINUING.

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AS ALSO SUFFERING SEVERE DEPRESSION AND WAS PRIMARILY TREATED  
ELEMENTS INCLUDING EMPHYSEMA, HEART TROUBLE AND ASTHMA. HE  
AND STATED HE WAS AN ALCOHOLIC SUFFERING FROM SEVERAL PHYSICAL

WHILE A PATIENT AT THE HOME. ALL REMEMBERED WELL 6 MAY 1968  
LL VIEWED PICTURES OF RAY AND ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT CONTACT

AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 44-38861-2882

HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO [REDACTED] CONVALESCENT HOME  
[REDACTED] SIXTEEN - OCTOBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH  
[REDACTED] FROM AUGUST

[REDACTED] RESULTS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INVESTIGATION, [REDACTED] MISSING HOME,

CLEVELAND, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND AND NORFOLK.  
RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE MAY TWO, LAST, TO DIRECTOR

MURKIN

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 3P

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND NORFOLK

930 PM URGENT 5-3-68

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THAT HE HAD ANY POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE. THE DOCTOR DID NOT  
 HE TALKED AS THOUGH HE MIGHT HAVE SOMEONE THE DOCTOR DOUBTED  
 HE RECALLED [REDACTED] SUFFERED FROM SEVERE DEPRESSION AND ALTHOUGH  
 ADVISED HE WAS NOT HEARD FROM HIM SINCE OCTOBER SIX, SIXTYSEVEN.

[REDACTED] PSYCHIATRIST WHO TREATED

SIXTYSEVEN.

[REDACTED] WAS WITH [REDACTED] PRIOR TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND HIS LAST EMPLOYMENT

[REDACTED] HIS RESIDENCE WAS LISTED AS [REDACTED]

ON TWO OCCASIONS WHERE PERSONS FROM ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WERE

HE SHOULD BE COMMITTED TO A STATE HOSPITAL. HIS ONLY VISITORS

NOT LIKE NEGROES AND JEWS AND THE OPERATORS OF THE HOME. THAT

DALLAS, TEXAS, BEARING A LARGE SWASTIKA. HE OFTEN STATED HE DID

CHRISTMAS SIXTYSEVEN, SENT THE HOME A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM

ALWAYS TALKED OF THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY AND PRIOR TO

BY ELECTRIC SHOCK. ALL DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS SLIGHTLY IRRATIONAL.

FROM [REDACTED] HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS TREATED FOR THE DEPRESSION

FOR THIS LATTER AILMENT THROUGH MEDICATION. HE WAS ADMITTED

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RECOGNIZE PHOTOS OF SUBJECT RAY AND NEVER HEARD [REDACTED] MENTION  
KING. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING  
[REDACTED] IN CLEVELAND.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO KNOXVILLE AND RICHMOND.

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LEADS BEING HANDLED ON A CONTINUING AND EXPEDITE BASIS.

INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

NEXT TO SEE IF NEWS MEDIA INTEREST HAS ABATED. THROU MAY 10 1968

EXPECTS TO STAY THREE OR FOUR DAYS. WILL CALL EMPLOYMENT DAY SEVEN

BROTHER JOHN THEN WITH FATHER JERRY FAYNES, OFFICE, MISSOURI. 44-38861-2883

ONE FIFTEEN PM THIS DATE, DRIVING HIS TRUCK. WILL STAY OVERNIGHT WITH

OFFICE THIS MORNING ADVISING HE WAS LEAVING FOR ST. LOUIS ABOUT -

EMPLOYMENT, STAYED IN A HOTEL LAST EVENING, AND CONTACTED CHICAGO

LAST EVENING TO INTERVIEW JERRY FAY, AS RESULT, JERRY LEFT

THE VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA CONVERGED ON SPORTSMAN'S COUNTRY CLUB

REGISTS TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, NEWARK INSTANT.

MURKIN SUMMARY

FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ ST. LOUIS /44-775/

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45PM URGENT 5-3-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

COMPLETE PSYCHIATRIC REPORTS REGARDING [REDACTED]  
OBTAINED FROM MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD,  
MO., AND FORWARDED BUREAU AND MEMPHIS  
RECORDS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) REVEAL INMATES

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH FROM ALABAMA WERE RELEASED DURING  
LAST YEAR. BIRMINGHAM ADVISED.

OFFICIALS MSP ADVISED THAT LEDGER BEARING SIGNATURES OF 1968  
INDIVIDUALS VISITING PRISONERS AT THE PENITENTIARY COMPARED WITH  
SIGNATURE CARD, THEN DESTROYED AT END OF DAY. FBI LABORATORY  
ADVISED PERSON SIGNING SIGNATURE HARVEY LOWMYER CANNOT DEFINITELY  
BE IDENTIFIED AS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT HANDWRITING  
SIMILARITIES WERE NOTED, THUS KANSAS CITY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN  
ADDITIONAL HANDWRITING SAMPLES FROM RECORDS U. S. PROBATION OFFICE  
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THIS AREA AND U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KS. ADDITIONAL  
SAMPLES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECORDS U. S. PROBATION OFFICE,  
ST. LOUIS, MO.

MSP INMATE [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED, COULD FURNISH NO  
INFORMATION RE SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS ADVISED [REDACTED] RESIDING THEIR AREA, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] CURRENTLY AT MOBERLY, MO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IDENTIFIED AS KINGPIN IN AMPHETAMINE BUSINESS IN MSP AND  
LOSE ASSOCIATE OF RAY. [REDACTED] NOT IDENTIFIED YET FROM PRISON  
RECORDS. EFFORTS CONTINUING. KANSAS CITY OFFICE REQUESTS MEMPHIS  
FURNISH A COPY OF PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT OBTAINED FROM POSTAL  
INSPECTORS, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

INTERVIEWS WITH PRISONERS CONTINUE. LOCAL LEADS GETTING  
IMMEDIATE COVERAGE.

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556 PM 5/3/68 URGENT CEK

O DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, DENVER, NEWARK,  
EATTLE, AND ST. LOUIS  
ROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE BUREAU TEL MAY ONE LAST.

RE FULL COVERAGE OF RELATIVES.

THREE CLOSE RELATIVES OF SUBJECT RESIDE IN QUINCY,

ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

SISTER - MELBA MARIE RYAN, VIRGINIA HOTEL, VIRGINIA,  
HOTEL TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO THREE ZERO FOUR ZERO THREE.

STEPMOTHER - RUBY CARPENTER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

16 MAY 6 1968

AUNT - MRS. FRANK (MABLE) FULLER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

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RUBY CARPENTER WORKS AS BABYSITTER AND DOES HOUSE  
WORK ON PART-TIME BASIS.

FRANK FULLER AND WIFE ARE ELDERLY AND RETIRED.

AGENTS IN DAILY CONTACT WITH PATRONS, VIRGINIA HOTEL,  
INCLUDING CIS AND APPROPRIATE COVERAGE MAINTAINED ON  
CARPENTER AND FULLER.

END APGE TWO



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FRI-BUFFALO

3:47P URGENT 5/3/68 LND

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: BUFFALO (44-374)

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MURKIN

REFUTEL, MAY ONE LAST RE IO DISTRIBUTION AT BUFFALO.

BUFFALO OFFICE PLANNING TO DISTRIBUTE IO'S TO ALL BORDER  
PATROLMAN, INS INSPECTORS AND INVESTIGATORS AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS  
IN BUFFALO DIVISION AND TO TOLL COLLECTORS AT ALL THREE BRIDGES  
ENTERING CANADA. SIMILAR DISTRIBUTION PLANNED TO CANADIAN  
AUTHORITIES.

ADDITIONAL IO'S HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY NUMEROUS U.S. AND  
CANADIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, BUFFALO DIVISION. DISTRIBUTION  
PLANNED TO NYSP THRUWAY PATROL AND TOLL COLLECTORS, TO BANKING  
INSTITUTIONS, HOTELS, MOTEL, AND ROOMING HOUSES.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES HAVE ASKED FOR COPIES OF IO'S  
TO DISTRIBUTE TO PLANT SECURITY OFFICERS AND BANK GUARDIAN  
S PATROL CARS.

BUFFALO ESTIMATES THREE THOUSAND MINIMUM NUMBER OF IO'S TO  
MEET CURRENT DEMANDS.

ND  
5 MAY 9 1968  
AB  
C Q SMITH  
BI WASH DC

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FBI

Date: 5/3/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel 4/25/68.

At the time Charlotte was originally requested to conduct investigation to determine the manufacturer of the bedspread found abandoned at Memphis, Tennessee, the identity of the subject had not yet been determined and investigation was being requested which would have assisted in identifying the man who was known as GALT.

Since it is now known that GALT is JAMES EARL RAY, and since investigation regarding the bedspread would not in all likelihood assist in determining RAY's present whereabouts; Charlotte should disregard leads to further identify the manufacturer of the bedspread.

3-Bureau  
 2-Charlotte  
 2-Memphis  
 JCH:wp  
 (7) C. C. Bishop

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S. D. \_\_\_\_\_

Del. \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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FBI KAN CITY

1009 AM URGENT 5/3/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

INFO RECEIVED FROM MSP THAT VISITOR'S CARD IS ISSUED TO PERSONS DESIRING TO VISIT INMATES BY THE WARDEN. THIS CONTAINED SIGNATURE OF THE VISITOR. WHEN THIS PERSON MAKES VISIT, THE CARD OF THE INMATE IS PULLED BY THE MATRON IN THE VISITING ROOM, WHO CHECKS THE CARD UPON PRESENTATION. THE PERSON VISITING SIGNS THE REGISTER OF VISITORS. THIS IS A SHEET OF PAPER IN COLUMNS. THIS IS CHECKED ON THE INMATE'S FILE ACCORDING TO DATE AND WHEN SUCH ENTRIES ARE MADE ON THE INMATES CARD FOR ALL VISITORS EACH DAY, THE SHEET SIGNED BY THE VISITOR IS DESTROYED.

THE ONLY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE OF THE VISITOR IS CONTAINED ON THE INMATE'S OFFICIAL VISITOR'S CARD. IF THE SIGNATURE DOES NOT AGREE IN THE OPINION OF THE CHECKING MATRON, NO VISIT WOULD BE ALLOWED AND TROUBLE MIGHT RESULT BOTH TO THE INMATE AND THE VISITOR. THEREFORE, IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT A VISITOR WOULD

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USE SOMEONE ELSE'S IDENTITY IN VISITING ONE OF THE INMATES AT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Re New York teletype to Director and SAC's,  
dated 4/25/68.

MARVIN L. RAY, formerly residing [REDACTED]  
Walla Walla, Washington, now employed by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Colville, Washington,  
was raised in the Colfax, Washington area. Investigation  
has determined that he is not identical with subject, RAY,  
and not a relative of RAY's.

SUBJECT CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Seattle  
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: LETTER SIGNED [REDACTED] AND ASSOCIATES TURNED INTO MONROE,

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT JUNE TWENTY TWO NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAVE ALL BEEN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

THEY ALL STILL RESIDE IN AREA OF CALHOUN, LA., THEY ALL ADVISE

THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION WHATEVER RELATIVE TO THE

ORDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. THEY STATED THAT THE LETTER

WRITTEN, BUT NOT MAILED, IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE WAS MERELY

PRANK OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WAS NEVER INTENDED AS A

THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OR MARTIN LUTHER KING.

THEY ALL DENIED EVER BEING ASSOCIATED WITH ANY KLAN OR HATE

TYPE ORGANIZATION. WHEREABOUTS OF ABOVE PERSONS FOR

THE PERIOD OF APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ACCOUNTED FOR.

THEY ALL ADVISE THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS UNKNOWN TO THEM.

CONTACTS WITH MOTELS LOCATED ALONG TULANE AVE. NEW ORLEANS.

INASMUCH AS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT JAMES EARL RAY

WAS IN NEW ORLEANS PROBABLY ON THE EVENING OF MARCH

TWENTY ONE SIXTY EIGHT, MOTELS LOCATED ALONG TULANE AVENUE

WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF NEW ORLEANS

WERE CONTACTED. MOTEL RECORDS CHECKED AND CONTAINED NO

PERSON IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN

NAMES. PERIOD CHECKED WAS FROM MARCH SEVENTEEN

TO MARCH TWENTY FOUR SIXTY EIGHT.

CONTACT IN RESIDENTIAL AREA'S KNOWN TO BE FREQUENTED BY HIPPIES.

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ND TO DATE CONTACTS REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY IN  
THESE AREAS HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE.

E INFORMANT CONTACTS.

TO DATE CONTACTS WITH CRIMINAL AND APPROPRIATE  
SECURITY AND RACIAL INFORMANTS HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE,  
IN REGARDS TO RAY. CONTACTS CONTINUING.

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES.

INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS CONTINUING.

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BI BIRMGHAM

46PM URGENT 5-3-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TODAY.

WIFE OF [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE HAS NOT COMMUNICATED WITH  
HUSBAND FOR THREE WEEKS. HAS NOT SEEN HIM FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.  
STATED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED], BIRMINGHAM,  
WHEN HE PHONED HER THREE WEEKS AGO. NO [REDACTED]  
LOCATED BIRMINGHAM.

KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW RECORDS OF MSP  
OR ALL DATA RE [REDACTED] AND FURNISH TO BIRMINGHAM ALONG WITH PHOTO  
OF [REDACTED] IF AVAILABLE.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AT BIRMINGHAM CONTINUING.

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REF: FBI COMMUNICATION TO SYDNEY POLICE  
AND MANILA 10041 TO AMCONSUL SYDNEY

SYDNEY POLICE REQUEST FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION RAY.  
BE SENT SUPERINTENDENT CENTRAL FINGERPRINTS, NEW SOUTH  
WALES POLICE, SYDNEY TELEGRAPHICALLY, AND PRINTS AIR  
MAILED TO GPO BOX 45, SYDNEY, 2001, AUSTRALIA.  
AUTHORITIES UNAWARE ANYONE THEIR CUSTODY RESEMBLES RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)

RE: MURKIN  
TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY  
EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau 4/30/68.

Referenced airtel enclosed duplicate bills from Western Texas Telephone Co. reflecting that various long-distance telephone calls were made. One of these was a call to Fratt, Texas, telephone number [REDACTED], made on 12/17/67.

The Postal Guide fails to reflect any such town as Fratt, Texas; therefore, El Paso is requested to conduct further inquiry to determine in what town this number is located.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - El Paso (157-186) (AM SD) (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM SD) (RM)  
2 - San Antonio  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)  
RE: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau, San Antonio, Memphis, and Birmingham dated 5/1/68.

San Antonio, Texas, interviewed by SA [redacted] 5/3/68, and advised that to her knowledge [redacted] is not acquainted with RAY in this case.

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- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 1 - Birmingham
- 2 - SA
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CONTACTS WITH SOURCES IN HIPPIE AREAS AND WITH SOURCES  
EMPLOYEE.  
LAST NAME RAY NOTED ON DELTA FLIGHTS ELIMINATED AS FEMALE DELTA  
AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING. SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WITH  
GARNER CONTINUES TO BE COOPERATIVE.

RESIDED REINTERVIEWED. NOTHING NEW OF PERTINENCE LEARNED. 1968

JIMMY DELTON GARNER, OWNER OF ROOMING HOUSE WHERE RAY  
CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. REC-12 44-38861-2894

STORES HANDLING PORNOGRAPHIC LITERATURE ATLANTA AREA  
DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

FORMER INMATE MISSOURI STATE PEN. OKLAHOMA CITY,

FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY, BUT FURNISHED INFO RE

[REDACTED] LOCATED ATLANTA AND INTERVIEWED. COULD

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY THREE SIXTYEIGHT.

MURKIN.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

OKLAHOMA CITY AND LOS ANGELES.

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY,

8:25 PM URGENT 5/3/68 LRM

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ROOMERS AT ONE ZERO SEVEN AND ONE THIRTEEN FOURTEEN

STREET WE ARE BEING REINTERVIEWED. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION

OBTAINED.

SEVERAL LOOK ALIKES BEING THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT. ATLANTA

CONTINUES TO RECEIVE NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS OF LOOK ALIKES.

SAFETY DEPOSIT CUSTOMERS AT TENTH STREET C & S BANK, THE

ONLY BANK IN AREA OF BAY'S RESIDENCE HAVING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

CHECKED FOR ALL CUSTOMERS ENTERING SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT APRIL

FIVE AND TWELVE LAST. SEVERAL BEING FURTHER CHECKED OUT. NEGATIVE

TO DATE.

EXPANDED CAR CHECK CONTINUING. TRIP SHEETS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED

AND PERTINENT DRIVERS BEING INTERVIEWED. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION

OBTAINED TO DATE.

CONTACTS OF INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING CARS FOR SALE IN CLASS-

IFIED COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

KANSAS CITY REQUESTED TO ADVISE ATLANTA OF IDENTITIES

RELEASEES MISSOURI STATE PEN FROM ATLANTA AREA OF DESIGNATED

ATLANTA AREA AT PLACE THEY WERE GOING FOLLOWING RELEASE.

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BI MEMPHIS

14 PM URGENT 5/3/68 TSJ

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC KANSAS CITY  
FROM SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

RE KANSAS CITY TEL MAY TWO LAST.

ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] AND SISTER, [REDACTED],  
ETERMINED TO BE FICTITIOUS IN UNDEVELOPED FIELD AREA.

[REDACTED] UNKNOWN AT [REDACTED]  
MEMPHIS TENN.

CITY DIRECTORY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORY NEGATIVE RE  
BOVE AND STATE OF TENN. PATROL OFFICER, MEMPHIS, HAS NO  
RECORD FOR [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED]

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ARE ON  
PAROL AND LOCATION OF OFFICE FURNISHING LAST KNOWN PAROLE  
REPORT.

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FBI DALLAS

311PM URGENT 5-3-68 LMB

TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOUISVILLE

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 1P

Mr. Tolson	_____
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MURKIN.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES  
TO NEW ORLEANS.

RE DALLAS TELS APRIL THIRTY AND MAY ONE LAST.

FOR INFO LOUISVILLE, ON ABOVE TRIP SUBJECT RAY ALLEGEDLY  
MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM PUBLIC COIN TELEPHONES WHICH  
IN TEXAS. A CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MADE FROM COIN PHONES ALONG ROUTE FOR  
DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT ARE BEING MADE AND THE  
FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE. LOUISVILLE SHOULD ESTABLISH  
IDENTITY OF THE SUBSCRIBER TO THE TELEPHONE NO. LISTED AND ATTEMPT  
TO IDENTITY BY INTERVIEW WHOM INSTANT CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM. IF RAY  
MADE CALL, OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE INFO CONCERNING HIM.

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS:

DEC. SEVENTEEN LAST, TWO ZERO FOUR PM, ~~REDACTED~~

~~REDACTED~~ LOUISVILLE, KY.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

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	2928	ST. LOUIS AT		1	1				✓	
	2929	LEWIS, OTTAWA TT		4	4				✓	
	2930	NEW ORLEANS TT		2	2				✓	
	2931	KNOXVILLE AT		1	1			✓		
	2932	CHARLOTTE AT		2	2			✓		
	2933	DALLAS AT		2	2			✓		
	2934	REPORT TO MEMPHIS		2	2					
	2935	SPRINGFIELD TT		1	1				✓	
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	2937	JACKSON AT		2	2				✓	
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	2939	TAMPA AT		2	2				✓	
	2940	SPRINGFIELD TT		1	1				✓	
	2941	EL PASO AT		2	2				✓	
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		2947	ST. LOUIS TT	4	4							
		2948	LOS ANGELES TT	2	2							
		2949	MEMPHIS MEMPHIS	1	1							
		2950	KANSAS CITY AT	1	1							
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		2954	LEHT, NERCO CITY TT	4	4							
		2955	OKLAHOMA CITY AT	2	2							
		2956	MEMPHIS AT	2	2							
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	2986	WASH TIT		2	2				✓			
	2987	LOS ANGELES TIT		2	2				✓			
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	3016	JACKSONVILLE AT		1	1				/								
	3017 SC	SAN ANTONIO TIT		1	1		/										
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) -P-

MURKIN  
OO MEMPHIS

Re Tampa airtel to Director 4/16/68; in case entitled \_\_\_\_\_ the following references: Jackson airtel to Oklahoma City 3/23/65, Oklahoma City airtel to Jackson 3/29/65; in case entitled "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER" the following references: Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/2/65, Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 4/8/65, Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/8/65, Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/22/65, Phoenix airtel to Jackson 4/27/65, and Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 5/17/65.

RE: DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, FBI # 716 18A  
FORMER TOP TEN SUBJECT

Enclosed herewith for the information purposes to Jackson and Atlanta, is one copy of Tampa airtel to Director, 4/16/68, for background information.

Set forth hereafter is a recapitulation of investigation concerning DONALD EUGENE SPARKS (former Top Ten Fugitive) and his allegedly being offered money by the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in 1964.

Jackson Division by airtel to the Bureau 4/2/65 in case "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER"

- 3) Bureau
- 1 Atlanta (Info)(Enc. 1)
- 2 Birmingham
- 1 Jackson (Info)(Enc. 1)
- 2 Memphis
- 1 Tampa (Info)(157-3231)
- 3 Oklahoma City (2-44-686)  
(1-170-5)

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Special Agent in Charge

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forwarded to the Bureau an original and 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum showing information received from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who is acquainted with members or former members of the WKKKKOM. [REDACTED] in reporting this information that was overheard as general rumor among Klansmen and he did not know the source, was doubtful of its truthfulness.

The information in substance was that on 3/17/65, [REDACTED] advised that he had received unverified information that in 1964, the original Knights of the KKK of Mississippi had hired a "killer" from the State of Oklahoma to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. when KING was in Jackson, Mississippi. This "killer" was known as "TWO JUMPS" and came to Jackson, Mississippi to "case" the layout and while in Jackson, stayed at the Terrymore Motel. He was to use a high-powered rifle with telescopic sights. This deal allegedly fell through when the Klansmen could not raise the \$13,000 demanded by "TWO JUMPS."

[REDACTED] also reported "TWO JUMPS" was allegedly also the killer of a Bureau Top Ten fugitive later identified as JOHN GIBSON DILLON. "TWO JUMPS" allegedly killed DILLON at the Flamingo Motel in Jackson, Mississippi and thereafter transported the body to Oklahoma or Kansas where it was dumped in an old well.

The Oklahoma City Division by airtel of 4/8/65, advised Bureau and Jackson Division that complete background in the case involving Top Ten Fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON did not substantiate that DILLON was killed in Mississippi. From facts available to Oklahoma City, it was doubtful in fact if DILLON was killed in Mississippi.

The Jackson Division on 4/2/65 interviewed [REDACTED] described by Jackson as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was asked if he knew an individual named DONALD SPARKS or GENE SPARKS to which he promptly replied, "Who, TWO JUMPS?" He was thereafter shown a photograph of DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department Number 38224 dated September 7, 1963. [REDACTED] promptly identified this photograph of SPARKS as being identical to the person he has known for many years as "TWO JUMPS." [REDACTED] went on to relate that SPARKS got the nickname of "TWO JUMPS" from his ability as a cowboy and according to [REDACTED] SPARKS was an excellent "broncho buster" and could ride almost any horse. [REDACTED] considered SPARKS to be an extremely hard and tough individual who would not hesitate to kill anyone. Extensive investigation was conducted in several field offices to concretely identify "TWO JUMPS" and from the identification of [REDACTED] it was felt that DONALD EUGENE SPARKS was identical to "TWO JUMPS."

Investigation by the Jackson Division at the Terrymore Motel in Jackson failed to disclose any registration that could be identified as being that of SPARKS. In addition to the above identification of SPARKS as "TWO JUMPS", [REDACTED] was interviewed [REDACTED] on 1/26/65. This informant advised he knew DONALD EUGENE SPARKS and was well aware that SPARKS' nickname is "TWO JUMPS."

Based on this identification on 5/14/65, an attempt was made to interview DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, Inmate Number 71755, at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Following his being advised of his rights, SPARKS stated at the outset he would not furnish any information. He did deny being contacted by anyone at any time to commit a murder and said he did not kill anyone for money or any other reason. He denied ever being hired by anyone in the South and specifically in Mississippi to commit any murder. He denied knowing anyone connected with the Ku Klux Klan.

SPARKS at this time stated he had never cooperated with any police officers and did not intend to start doing so now. He said he had been contacted by numerous officers and would appreciate it if police officers would not bother him again since they wasted his time, as he was working in the plumbing shop in the Penitentiary and could not be away from his job. SPARKS terminated the interview by getting up and leaving the room.

By airtel to the Bureau dated 5/17/65, in case "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER", the Bureau was advised of the attempted interview with SPARKS. Additionally, 9 copies of an FD 302 dated 5/17/65, was furnished to the Jackson Division. This showed the interview with SPARKS. At that time, it was the considered opinion of Agents that had worked cases involving SPARKS, his associates, and Agents who handled the former case involving former Top Ten Fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON, that information that SPARKS was hired to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and that he did kill DILLON was not accurate nor truthful information. It was pointed out that following DILLON's murder there was a massive amount of rumor, speculation and hearsay information circulated among the criminal element concerning the death of DILLON. It was this hearsay information that was probably being reported by [REDACTED] informant in all honesty.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that [REDACTED] is the subject of a current pending file, Oklahoma City [REDACTED], Bureau file [REDACTED]. He is an [REDACTED] ex-convict, [REDACTED] who travels extensively throughout the United States. He was last interviewed by Bureau Agents, 3/5/68, where he was living at [REDACTED] Oklahoma. He was at that time employed at [REDACTED].

#### LEADS

#### ATLANTA, JACKSON AND TAMPA DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copies of this communication are being furnished to Divisions above in the event additional inquiry appears necessary.

#### BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Fort Payne, Alabama

Although DONALD EUGENE SPARKS is notorious for his failure to cooperate with police officers, it is suggested an attempt be made to interview him concerning his using the name "TWO JUMPS" and being offered money by the Ku Klux Klan of

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Mississippi in 1964 to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. An attempt should be made in the interview with SPARKS to determine if he is at all familiar with JAMES EARL RAY, present fugitive being sought for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and exhibit photograph of RAY to him.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI

Date: 4/26/68-

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: Buenos Aires (173-1) (P)

MURKIN

ReBucab 4/24/68.

Instructions set forth in re Bucab have been complied with and pertinent information which may be received by this office will be acted upon immediately.

It is suggested that consideration be given to preparation of subject's Wanted Flyer in Portuguese, the official language of Brazil, for distribution in that country. This would afford more efficient coverage in that area and would give less cause for possible offense to Brazilian officials.

In the event that investigation indicates need for more intensive coverage in Latin America it is suggested that consideration be given to possibility of putting an appropriate article with subject's picture in the Spanish and Portuguese editions of Readers' Digest, which receives the widest distribution of all mass communications media in this area.

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Bureau may also desire to consider advisability of contacting U. S. Information Service Headquarters in Washington, D. C., to request assistance in insuring frequent reference to Ray in mass news media of Latin America and other countries, especially those in which the Bureau has no representatives. It is noted that they maintain representatives in most countries who are well connected with foreign news media.

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Date: 4/27/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re threats to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in Chicago and Indianapolis teletype, 4/26/68.

Enclosed herewith for San Francisco is one photograph of [REDACTED], as requested in referenced Indianapolis teletype to be exhibited in determining if [REDACTED] is a possible co-conspirator.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis  
2 - San Francisco (Encl. - 1)  
1 - St. Louis  
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VIA TELETYPE

APR 29 1968

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Mr. Tolson\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan\_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter\_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes\_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy\_\_\_\_\_

OTT 0 1 430PM JL

URGENT 4-29-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 3P

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL APRIL TWENTYSEVEN AND BU TEL CALL APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

REPLIES RECEIVED FROM ALL BUT TWO PROVINCES INDICATING EITHER NO SUCH NUMBER AS [REDACTED] OR CAR IN POSSESSION OF OWNER AND NOT IN OHIO AREA APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST. MOST LOGICAL PROVINCE, ONTARIO, RECORDS INDICATE [REDACTED] ISSUED BEIGE SIXTYSIX VALIANT WHICH IS BEING CHECKED OUT. BUREAU TO BE FURTHER ADVISED.

WITH REFERENCE ANONYMOUS TEL CALL TO BUREAU TEN TWENTYFIVE PM, APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST FROM FINDLAY, OHIO INDICATING MAN RESEMBLING PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY SEEN BRUNSWICK, CANADA BY CALLER WHO PICKED UP GIRL NAMED MONA AND TOOK TO BRUNSWICK, CANADA MAY 7 1966 NOTED NO BRUNSWICK, CANADA, BUT COULD REFER PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK. AS THERE IS A FORT FAIRFIELD, MAINE

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cc - Long



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ACROSS BORDER FROM PERTH, NEW BRUNSWICK, INQUIRIES BEING MADE THERE;  
HOWEVER, BUREAU'S ATTENTION CALLED TO FAIRFIELD, MAINE ON U. S. TWO  
ZERO ONE NORTH OF AUGUSTA AND A. BRUNSWICK, MAINE AT JUNCTION  
U. S. TWO ZERO ONE AND INTERSTATE NINETYFIVE. FELT ANONYMOUS  
CALLER COULD HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO BRUNSWICK, MAINE AND  
SUGGEST APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

*/BS  
4-27-68*

REINTERVIEW QUINTALS RESULTED IN STATEMENT INDICATING  
NOW BELIEVE GALT DEPARTED APARTMENT MONTREAL JUST PRIOR LABOR  
DAY WEEK END, SIXTYSEVEN, HAD TAKEN TRIP TO U. S., DESTINATION  
NOT KNOWN, FOR THREE-DAY PERIOD ABOUT ONE WEEK PRIOR TO  
DEPARTURE, PAID ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS IN CASH AT TIME  
SIGNED LEASE, DOES NOT RECALL IF PAID RENT ON AUGUST EIGHTEEN  
SIXTYSEVEN AND DEFINITE DATE LAST SAW GALT NOT RECALLED.

OWNER OF APARTMENT, ROTHMAN, ALSO REINTERVIEWED AND SAID  
NO ATTACHMENT TO LEASE LOCATED AND SINCE NO ACCURATE RECORDS  
KEPT COULD NOT ESTABLISH EXACT DATE OF GALT'S DEPARTURE BUT  
BELIEVED JUST PRIOR LABOR DAY WEEK END. ALSO RECALLED GALT'S  
TRIP TO U. S., NO DETAILS RECALLED, FOR THREE-DAY PERIOD A  
WEEK OR TWO PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, AND COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL

3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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INFORMATION.

RCMP MONTREAL REQUESTED CIRCULARIZE CANADIAN MERCHANT  
MARINE FACILITIES, DANCE STUDIOS, USED AND NEW CAR OUTLETS  
AS WELL AS RENTAL AGENCIES AND BANKS AND POSTAL SUBSTATIONS.

END .MKR

MKP

FBI WASH DC

SRD CC: MR. BRENNAN

- ① Subj. of interest seen in  
car in Montreal.
- ② Check of bus station was  
negative re subject  
at car.
- ③ Exp'd by check and  
negative re employment.
- ④ MV and DL checked  
for subject including  
aliases negative.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson  
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FBI NEW ORLS

12:30PM URGENT 4-29-68 JKW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND LITTLE ROCK  
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL TWENTYSIX,  
SIXTYEIGHT, TWO PM.

REFERENCED TELETYPE STATES [REDACTED] OF SPRINGHILL,  
LOUISIANA, ALLEGEDLY MADE A THREAT AGAINST KING ON  
JANUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFIVE. THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF  
SPRINGHILL DID NOT GIVE ANY CREDENCE TO THE REPORT.

[REDACTED] WAS REPORTEDLY A GUN COLLECTOR OF GOOD REPUTATION  
RESIDING IN CULLEN, LOUISIANA.

RECENT INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE REVEALS [REDACTED]  
NOW RESIDES AT MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS, AND HAS LIVED THERE  
FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. LITTLE ROCK HAS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION  
TO ELIMINATE [REDACTED] AS THE SUBJECT OF THIS CASE BY  
ASCERTAINGING HIS WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATES.

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REFERENCED TELETYPE STATES THAT, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT IN THIS CASE, INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

LITTLE ROCK AT MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/29/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

Re Bureau teletype to Knoxville 4/26/68.

JACK WILLIAM BROWN, [REDACTED] died  
10/4/65.

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(3) - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info.)  
2 - Knoxville  
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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/29/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Charlotte 4/26/68.

RE JAMES W. COLE

On 5/10/66, Associated Press representative in Charlotte, N. C., reported that BRYAN SEYMOUR, a free-lance reporter, Kinston, N.C., received a call from JAMES WILLIAM "CATFISH" COLE on 6/9/66 and met with COLE at his request. At that time, COLE had a prepared written statement in which he stated he was going to Mississippi for the purpose of killing MARTIN LUTHER KING. In the statement he said that he would go alone and did not need any help for the job.

On 6/10/66, COLE was located and interviewed at Kinston, N.C., and after being advised of his rights, he refused to furnish any statement concerning the press release he had issued to BRYAN SEYMOUR. He refused to discuss his statement to SEYMOUR or the contents of the statement. He advised he had no plans to leave North Carolina and that he had never planned to go to Mississippi.

On 6/10/66, BRYAN SEYMOUR was interviewed concerning the press release. He advised at that time that COLE did not identify any of his supporters and would not give any details as to when he would leave Kinston.

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- 3 - Bureau C. G. Bishop  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Charlotte

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On 7/27/67, COLE was killed in an automobile accident near Greensboro, N. C.

Inasmuch as no information was developed in 6/66 indicating that COLE had any supporters in his alleged intention to go to Mississippi for the purpose of killing KING, and due to the fact that COLE was killed in 7/67, no further action is being taken regarding COLE.

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Special Agent in Charge



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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel dated 4/25/68 re threats against KING.

ReBuairtel referred to matter captioned "ALLEGED OFFER OF \$100,000 BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, TO ANYONE WHO KILLS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM, RACIAL MATTER". Initial information in that case was received from [REDACTED], who at the time he reported the information, was incarcerated [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was released on \$1,000 bond on [REDACTED] 67 and was believed to have returned to Atlanta, Georgia.

On 4/30/68, investigation at [REDACTED], revealed that the last known address of [REDACTED], as of [REDACTED] 67, was to be care of [REDACTED], Atlanta, Georgia, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised they have heard nothing from [REDACTED] since his release on bond. The charge against him is still pending but the county has no intention of proceeding with prosecution.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Jackson (157-9586)  
2 - Atlanta (44-2386)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Dallas  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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DL 44-2649

Jackson was designated office of origin in this matter and Dallas has had no investigative interest since submitting RUC letter to Bureau and interested offices dated 7/14/67.

Jackson should refer to their file captioned as set forth in paragraph one and conduct logical investigation to determine if [REDACTED] and persons referred to by him are implicated in KING's death.

Atlanta se urfile [REDACTED] Locate [REDACTED] through above address and interview for any information he may have obtained re alleged offer to kill KING since [REDACTED] release from jail on [REDACTED] 67.



Mr. Mortimer  
Lab File

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

**MURKIN**  
Re: CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861  
FBI File No. D-561772 JK  
Lab. No. D-561773 JK  
D-561774 JK

Examination requested by: Tampa, San Francisco  
Reference: 4/26/68, Airtels  
Examination requested: Document  
Remarks:

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - San Francisco (173-65) Enclosure (Lab report)
  - 1 - Tampa (157-3231) Enclosure (Lab report)
- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561772 JK

D-561773 JK

D-561774 JK

Specimens received 4/27/68, from FBI, Tampa

K208 Four sheets of ruled paper each containing samples of laundry tapes obtained from four Thermo-Seal machines located at Oak Park Cleaners, Tampa, Florida

Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, San Francisco

K209 Three pieces of white cloth containing sample of laundry tapes obtained from Economy Cleaners, San Carlos, California (three different Thermo-Seal machines)

Specimen received 4/28/68, from FBI, San Francisco

K210 Four pieces of cloth containing a total of sixteen laundry tapes obtained from Deluxe Laundry, Oakland, California

## Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99 were not prepared by the machine with serial number 30942 (a portion of K210) or the machine with serial number 32667 (a portion of K209). Differences were noted between the questioned laundry tags and the other known specimens but the lack of significant differences precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

The submitted items described above have been retained.

Folson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI

Date: 5-1-68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL INSTANT.

RE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESIDING [REDACTED]

ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS TODAY. [REDACTED] ADVISED INCARC-  
ERATED AT MISSOURI STATE PEN, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., FROM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NINETEEN FIFTY TWO TO [REDACTED] NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR

[REDACTED] NEVER MET OR  
KNEW OF JAMES EARL RAY DURING TIME HE WAS IN MISSOURI STATE PEN.  
[REDACTED] INDICATED ON RELEASE ON PAROLE IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR HE  
WENT TO GADSDEN, ALABAMA WHERE WORKED EIGHTEEN MONTHS, THEN TO  
CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA WHERE WORKED NINE MONTHS FOR E. I. DUPONT.  
CAME TO [REDACTED] ILLINOIS AND HAS BEEN WORKING AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SINCE JULY SIXTYSEVEN. LAST TWO JOBS IN PEN  
WERE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

AIRMAIL COPY KANSAS CITY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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EX-116  
1 - Bureau (44-38861(AM))  
1 - Kansas City (AM)  
1 - Springfield (44-561)

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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URGENT 4-30-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 210

VIA TELETYPE  
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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN.

REMYCAB APRIL TWO NINE LAST.

RE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TRUE NAME [REDACTED], LOCATED AT MEXICO CITY APRIL TWO NINE LAST AND AT FIRST DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF CALL TO CINCINNATI ALLEGING THAT ASSASSIN WAS IN GUATEMALA. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN ON TWO DAY DRUNK AND CALL PROBABLY MADE BY DRUNKEN FRIENDS FROM HIS RESIDENCE. ON APRIL THREE ZERO INSTANT [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY THAT HE HIMSELF MADE THE CALL BUT STATED THAT HE WAS APPARENTLY TOO DRUNK TO RECALL IT. HE WAS EXTREMELY APOLOGETIC AND STATED THAT HE HAD NO CONCRETE FACTS REGARDING LOCATION OF SUBJECT BUT HAD HEARD RUMORS OR SPECULATION IN ACAPULCO, BUERRERO, THAT SUBJECT HEADED FOR CUBA AND WAS IN GUATEMALA CITY PREPARING FOR THIS TRAVEL. HE COULD NOT QUOTE SOURCE OF THIS SPECULATION BUT THEN CONTACTED A FRIEND IN ACAPULCO WHO CONFIRMED THAT

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THIS WAS ONE OF SEVERAL RUMORS WITH NO APPARENT BASIS WHICH HAD CIRCULATED IN THAT RESORT CITY.

RE SUSPECT IN SAN LUIS POTOSI:

IF HOUSTON SUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING [REDACTED] IT APPEARS DESIRABLE TO INTERVIEW THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR DETAILS CONCERNING HIS BUS TRIP INTO MEXICO, INCLUDING EXACTLY WHEN AND WHERE HE BOARDED BUS AND LEFT BUS AND WHERE HE WAS SEATED DURING TRIP. OBJECT IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE IS IDENTICAL WITH PERSON CONSIDERED A SUSPECT BY DEPUTY SHERIFF [REDACTED] OF SAN ANTONIO WHO WAS ON SAME BUS ON APRIL SIX LAST. HOUSTON SHOULD COORDINATE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THIS WITH SAN ANTONIO, IF NECESSARY, AND RESULTS SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO THIS OFFICE.

RE LATENT FINGERPRINT SEARCH:

POLICE AGENCIES WITH LATENT FINGERPRINT FILES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO COMPARE ANY LATENTS FOR CRIMES SINCE TIME OF SUBJECT'S ESCAPE FROM PRISON WITH HIS PRINTS AND BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED RESULTS. NO BANK ROBBERIES KNOWN TO HAVE OCCURRED IN MEXICO DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER LAST.

LEADS TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY OTHER SUSPECTS REPORTEDLY IN MEXICO RECEIVING INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RECEIVED: 11:34PM (4-30-68) MSE

CC MR. TROTTER

3RD CC MR. BRENNAN

FBI

Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson, Dallas, and  
Jacksonville 4/25/68.

Referenced Bureau airtel set out instances  
of threats from the main file on KING.

Paragraph 2 of referenced communication con-  
cerning SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR., Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM,  
reportedly making a statement at a Klan meeting near  
Harrisville, Mississippi on 11/15/64, that two men had  
requested his permission to shoot KING.

A review of the Jackson file in this matter  
disclosed that [REDACTED] furnished this  
information.

C. C. Bishop

- ③ - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM)  
2 - Jackson (157-9586)  
(1 - 157-18)

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[REDACTED] advised on 11/16/64 that at a state-wide meeting of the WKKKKOM near Harrisville, Miss. on 11/16/64 SAM BOWERS was asked by an unknown Klansman why MARTIN LUTHER KING was not killed when he came to Miss. during the Summer of 1964. BOWERS allegedly replied that two men came to him who claimed they were good with a rifle and wanted his approval to take care of KING. BOWERS stated at this particular meeting that he gave these two men strict orders not to take any chances whatsoever and added that these two men never returned and he heard no more concerning this matter.

On 11/16/64 [REDACTED] advised that during the same state meeting as set forth above, some individuals reported that MARTIN LUTHER KING had expected to come to Mc Comb, Miss. on Monday, 11/16/64 and that all business places in Mc Comb would be tested by integrationists on that date. Someone remarked that something should be done about this and SAM BOWERS stated that when MARTIN LUTHER KING last toured the State of Miss., two men were assigned with high-powered rifles to take care of KING, but plans went amiss when KING took a route other than the one he was supposed to. BOWERS stated that these two men are working on this matter. He did not identify the two men.

On 4/30/68 [REDACTED] was located and interviewed. He could add nothing further to the information he furnished on 11/16/64.

On 5/1/68 [REDACTED] reported that he had nothing additional concerning the above incident.

[REDACTED] was contacted during the evening of 4/4/68 immediately after the assassination of KING and he had no information of value at that time.

Other incidents summarized in referenced airtel are being investigated, where possible, to determine if any persons concerned <sup>are</sup> or implicated in anyway with KING's death.

FBI

Date: 5/1/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Re Bureau teletype to NY dated 4/29/68.

The following sources, reliable in the past, were contacted on 5/1/68, and all advised they had no information regarding any conspiracy involving OAAU members in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

Source

[REDACTED]

Contacting Agent

[REDACTED]  
"  
[REDACTED]  
"  
[REDACTED]

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1-Memphis  
1-New York

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NY 44-1609

All of the above sources are familiar with OAAU activities which organization now has only 10 to 15 active members.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/2/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN  
CR  
(OO:ME)

Re Dallas teletype to the Director, 4/30/68, re telephone calls by subject RAY en route from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

On 4/30/68, a review of the Dade City, Trilby, Lacoochee and San Antonio 1967 phone book, revealed that telephone number [REDACTED] was subscribed to by a Mr. RAY RICHTER, [REDACTED], San Antonio, Florida.

On 5/1/68, Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER were interviewed at which time they stated that their phone number was [REDACTED] and has been that for at least the past year. Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER stated that the call in question on 12/16/67, at 8:42 p.m. was made by their son-in-law, DON SAMEC, [REDACTED], Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER stated that SAMEC was on his way to San Antonio to marry their daughter, PAT, and had been in an accident somewhere in Texas, but could not recall the name of the town. SAMEC had called to notify them of this accident and that there would be no delay in

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- 1 - Dallas (44-2649) (Info)
- 1 - Tampa
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the forthcoming marriage. Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER stated that DON SAMEC is now married to their daughter and lives with her in Portland, Oregon.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was shown to the RICHTERS who stated that they had no information regarding the subject and that if at anytime anything came to their attention, they would notify the FBI immediately.

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO SPRINGFIELD MAY ONE LAST.

ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD BRANCH, FILE ON

~~REDACTED~~ AKA, REVIEWED MAY ONE LAST. NOTHING  
PERTINENT TO WHEREABOUTS OF JAMES EARL RAY FOUND.

DETAILS WILL FOLLOW BY AIRTEL.

COPIES MAILED TO MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO.

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- 1 - Springfield (44-561)
  - 1 - Bureau (AM)
  - 1 - Chicago
  - 1 - Memphis (AM)
- JWD/smr  
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Approved: C / [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 5/2/68

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(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-166) (P)

MURKIN

PERSON RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 338

Re FTS tel call from EP to AQ, 5/2/68, which furnished the following:

By teletype dated 4/30/68, from New York to Baltimore, Dallas, El Paso, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Richmond and WFO, the following information was set forth:

[REDACTED] (protect identity), [REDACTED] Edmond, Oklahoma, was re-interviewed and IO #4182 displayed to her. [REDACTED] said the individual she saw on American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 4/6/68, very strongly resembled RAY and she believed him to be identical with RAY. She stated she first noticed this individual in Love Field Terminal, American Airlines waiting area a few moments prior to boarding this flight. [REDACTED] could not locate her ticket stub but believed she occupied Seat 14-C, an aisle seat on left side of plane in tourist section and that the above individual occupied the aisle seat one row up on the right. [REDACTED] said this individual did not get off the plane when it landed at Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, and did not converse with anyone on the plane and carried no luggage. She informed that he departed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and she lost sight of him when her husband met her at the airport. A report of American Airlines of persons traveling tourist class on American Airlines Flight 338 which departed Dallas, Texas, 4/6/68, at 9:05 a.m. and made one stop at Friendship Airport, Baltimore before arriving at Philadelphia, 1:31 same date, included the following:

- ③ - Bureau (REG. AM)
- 2 - Albuquerque (REG. AM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (In Reg. AM)
- 1 - El Paso

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[REDACTED], area code 915, telephone number [REDACTED], El Paso, Texas

El Paso telephone [REDACTED] was dialed on 5/1/68. A Mr. D. A. DEPUE answered and advised:

This number was that of the family housing management of White Sands Missile Range located at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. This office handles some 800 housing units at White Sands looking out for their rental, repair and maintenance. This office has no one named [REDACTED] working there and no one of this name is in the indices of tenants. Mr. DEPUE did not know anyone of this name.

LEAD

ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, NEW MEXICO:

Will endeavor to locate and interview [REDACTED], El Paso, Texas, telephone number [REDACTED] to determine if above mentioned individual is identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

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FBI SAN FRAN

1152AM URGENT 5-2-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
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Miss Gandy

MURKIN

REBUTEL APRIL TWO NINE, LAST, AND SAN FRANCISCO TEL, SEPTEMBER TWO SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, ENTITLED "UNSUB, THREAT AGAINST SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, INFORMATION CONCERNING."

ON MAY ONE, LAST, [REDACTED], ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP, ADVISED NO RECORD OF [REDACTED] COULD BE LOCATED IN THE RECORDS OF THEIR SPECIAL OPERATIONS BRANCH. [REDACTED] OPINED IF ANY RECORD HAD BEEN MADE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AFTER ONE YEAR.

BUREAU WILL NOTE IN REFERENCED SAN FRANCISCO TEL [REDACTED] WAS NOT IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE MIG OR NBC, BUT THAT WHEN HE HAD BEEN BEATEN UP IN WASHINGTON, D.C., SAID BEATING HAD BEEN WITNESSED BY MEMBERS OF THE MIG AND NBC. FOR THE BUREAU'S INFO, SAN FRANCISCO ATTEMPTED TO FURTHER IDENTIFY [REDACTED] IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX BY SHOWING [REDACTED] PHOTOS OF FUGITIVES WHO MET [REDACTED] DESCRIPTION, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS.

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[REDACTED], HALF MOON BAY,  
CALIF., <sup>G</sup>AE NINETEEN YRS., STUDENT, COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO, <sup>E</sup>ON MAY ONE,  
LAST, ADVISED HE COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING  
[REDACTED] THE HITCHHIKER HE GAVE A RIDE TO ABOUT A YEAR OR TWO AGO.  
HE STATED HE HAD NEVER HEARD NOR SEEN [REDACTED] AGAIN AND HAD NO OTHER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM. COP CERSANSKI, HALF MOON <sup>N</sup>BAY PD, ADVISED  
NO RECORD REGARDING [REDACTED]

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/2/68

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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
 RE: MURKIN  
 C.R.  
 (OO: ME)

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/30/68,  
 re telephone booths St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles.

Southwestern Bell  
 Telephone Company, Little Rock, Arkansas, [redacted]  
 [redacted] advised that due to the telephone strike, unable  
 to locate telephone bills for Little Rock subscribers  
 for February, but a check of IBM message charge tickets  
 located a telephone call on February 16, 1968, from Los  
 Angeles telephone number 462-9910 to Little Rock  
 telephone number [redacted] a station to station  
 call in the daytime.

Mrs. E. H. WILSON, [redacted]  
 Little Rock, Arkansas, subscriber to the above Little  
 Rock telephone, recontacted on May 2, 1968, and she  
 advised she has now determined that her son, E. H.  
 WILSON, JR., telephoned her apartment on February 16,  
 1968, and talked to Mrs. WILSON's daughter.

No further action being taken in this matter.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Info.)
- 2 - Little Rock
- LJM/ds
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Date: 5/2/68

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AIRTELVia \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)P  
RE: MURKIN

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau 4/30/68.

Re telephone calls by subject RAY en route Los Angeles to New Orleans 12/67.

Rev. R. H. COMBS, Pastor, Church of the Nazarene, 1316 Park Drive, Las Cruces, N.M., on 5/2/68, advised he received a telephone call about 12/16/67, from J. A. CECIL, a builder from VanHorn, Texas, who was snowed in. He has had no contact with subject RAY.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED & DANGEROUS

3 - Bureau  
2 - El Paso (157-186)  
2 - Albuquerque  
HFG/jvp

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FBI EL PASO

609 PM URGENT 5-2-68 LMT

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 DALLAS 44-2549

FROM EL PASO 157-186

MURKIN

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

RE BUTEL, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, LAST, AND DALLAS TELETYPES APRIL THIRTY AND MAY ONE, LAST.

RECORDS WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY, PECOS, TEXAS, AND SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS, REFLECT ABOUT SEVENTY SEVEN TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, FROM PHONE BOOTHS AND PAY STATIONS ON INTERSTATE TEN AND HIGHWAY NINETY BETWEEN SIERRA BLANCA AND SANDERSON, TEXAS, TO OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE GENERAL AREA AND BETWEEN COMMUNITIES ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED ROUTE. FOR EXAMPLE, TEN CALLS WERE MADE FROM MARFA, TEXAS, TO ALPINE, TEXAS, SEPARATED BY ABOUT TWENTY SIX MILES ON ROUTE.

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IT IS BELIEVED THESE TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN VARIOUS POINTS  
IN THE LOCALIZED AREA IN WEST TEXAS HAVE NO BEARING ON THIS CASE.  
THEREFORE, THESE CALLS WILL NOT BE CHECKED OUT, UACB.

DALLAS NOTE THAT MC KINNEY, TEXAS, MENTIONED IN DALLAS  
TEL MAY ONE LAST IS IN DALLAS TERRITORY.

AIRMAIL COPY BIRMINGHAM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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*How do they  
know to follow  
a Texas  
bullet?*

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 01-11-83 BY 60322

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 2, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
 1 - Mr. Rosen  
 1 - Mr. Malley  
 1 - Mr. McGowan  
 1 - Mr. Long

DeLoach ☒  
 Mohr ☐  
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 Holmes ☐  
 Gandy ☐

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

PURPOSE:

To recommend that the reports in this case be disseminated to the Department and that Birmingham be instructed to disseminate one copy of each of the reports to the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

BACKGROUND:

Based upon evidence left at the scene of the crime and investigation conducted, we established that a person using the name of Eric Starvo Galt was responsible for the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. With Department approval, and authorization of the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, we obtained a warrant of arrest for Galt in Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/17/68.

We have subsequently determined that James Earl Ray's fingerprints match the latent fingerprints developed on the evidence, and we are conducting an investigation to locate and apprehend James Earl Ray.

The Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles, and Memphis Offices have submitted reports on this case. At the outset of this investigation Attorney General Ramsey Clark requested a copy of any reports and thereafter Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, Stephen J. Pollak, requested a copy of any report. The U. S. Attorney in Birmingham, has requested that we submit our investigative reports to them as soon as possible. To date the reports have not been disseminated. The evidence as submitted by Memphis has been returned to the Memphis Police Department accompanied by a report reflecting the results of our Laboratory examination.

Enclosure - 4 copies

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that we have returned the evidence to the Memphis Police Department and in view of the fact that if the subject is located and apprehended we will need to show identity and probable cause, it is recommended that the reports be disseminated to the Department. The Department will be specifically advised in writing that the reports or the contents thereof are for their use only and they should not be disclosed to any person outside the Department. USA, Birmingham will be so advised also in writing.

If approved, it is recommended that the attached teletype be transmitted to Birmingham and Memphis.

*[Handwritten marks: "cy", "V", "JRM", "R", "cum", "OK", "D", "12"]*



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

DATE: May 6, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special  
Agent \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☒ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. NOTE: Enclosed is one copy each of reports in this matter from our Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles and Memphis Offices. Copies are being furnished to USA, Birmingham, Alabama.

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NOTE CONTINUED:

Reports in this matter and/or information contained therein should not be disseminated outside the Department or the USA's Office, Birmingham. USA, Birmingham is being advised similarly.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI ST LOUIS

MAY 2 1968

1040PM URGENT 5-2-68 JHH

TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS KANSAS CITY CHICAGO

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN SUMMARY

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ST. LOUIS THIS DATE.

RE GRAPEVINE TAVERN.

LICENSE OBTAINED BY CAROL PEPPER, SUBJECTS SISTER, AS  
SOLE OWNER AND OPERATOR, WHEREAS JOHN LARRY RAY, SUBJECTS BROTHER,  
WHO HAS CRIMINAL RECORD, HAS EVERY APPEARANCE OF BEING ACTUAL  
OPERATOR. ALLOWING EX-CON TO OPERATE IS GROUND FOR LICENSE  
REVOCATION UNDER STATE LAW. LEASE IS IN NAME OF CAROL PEPPER,  
AND RENT PAID BY HER CHECKS. UTILITIES IN HER NAME. SUPPLIERS  
PAID IN CASH ON DELIVERY. JOHN RAY EXECUTED MORTGAGE FOR BEER  
COOLER WITH CAROL AS CO SIGNER. FACTS WILL BE DISCUSSED  
HYPOTHETICALLY WITH ATU TO DETERMINE IF SUFFICIENT TO CONSTITUTE  
VIOLATION OF TITLE TWENTY SIX, SECTION SEVEN TWO ZERO SIX PARAGRAPH  
TWO, U. S. CODE. IF SO, WILL BE USED AS LEVER TO OBTAIN COOPERATION  
OF BOTH.

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TAVERN BEING COVERED BY SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS 1225 MAY 7 1968

CONNECTION WITH COVERAGE OF JOHN RAY. HE HAS NO TELEPHONE AT  
RESIDENCE.

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RE JOHN LARRY RAY:

RE INTERVIEWED TODAY. APPEARED COOPERATIVE. SAID BROTHER JERRY ARRIVED NINE THIRTY AM APRIL THIRTY. THEY TALKED WITH CAROL PEPPER OF HARASSMENT BY REPORTERS. JERRY SAID IF IT CONTINUED HE WOULD QUIT JOB. JERRY LEFT FOR CHICAGO ELEVEN AM MAY FIRST. JOHN HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE JERRY OR CAROL CONTACTED OR HEARD FROM SUBJECT SINCE ESCAPE. JERRY SAID IS ONLY MEMBER OF FAMILY WITH STABLE ADDRESS KNOWN TO SUBJECT, WHO HAS NOT MOVED SINCE ESCAPE. ADMITTED SENDING MONEY TO SUBJECT IN PRISON AS SUBJECT HAD DONE SAME FOR HIM. UNABLE TO RECALL SPECIFIC DATES OR AMOUNTS. BELIEVED IF SUBJECT KILLED KING HE WAS EITHER CRAZY OR PAID. IF CRAZY, WOULD NOT CONTACT FAMILY. IF FOR MONEY, WOULD NOT CONTACT AS WOULD NOT NEED HELP, AND WOULD PROBABLY BE KILLED BY PAYER. BELIEVED SUBJECT BECAME NARCOTICS USER IN ARMY AS HAS NOT SEEMED RIGHT SINCE. KNEW OF NO CLOSE FRIENDS OF SUBJECT. NO IDEA OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS. WELCOMED RECONTACT AT ANY TIME.

END PAGE TWO

RE ALBERT PEPPER AND PEPPER STATIONERY CO.

NO INDICATION OF EXISTENCE OF PEPPER STATIONERY CO.,

TO WHOM SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY SENT MONEY THRU SUBTERFUGE FROM MSP.

ADDRESS GIVEN WAS FORMER RESIDENCE OF ALBERT PEPPER, HUSBAND

OF CAROL PEPPER, SUBJECTS SISTER.

ALBERT PEPPER REINTERVIEWED. NOT ANTAGONISTIC. DENIED

KNOWLEDGE OF RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM SUBJECT IN MIP OF AT

STATIONERY CO., BUT INDICATED WIFE MIGHT HAVE, AS SHE IS HOME

AND HE IS GONE DURING DAY. NEVER MET SUBJECT. MARRIED CAROL

AFTER SUBJECT IN MSP. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS

OR ANY CONTACT WITH FAMILY. TOLD RUNNING OFF LIFE REPORTER WITH

CLUB. REALIZED FBI NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LIFE ARTICLE.

[REDACTED]

REINTERVIEWED TODAY. LEARNED AT GRAPEVINE LAST NIGHT OF

JERRY RAY SL VISIT. DENIED TELLING JOHN RAY OF PREVIOUS FBI

CONTACTS. WAS CONVINCED FROM PREVIOUS TALKS WITH JOHN AND CAROL

SUBJECT HAD NOT COME TO SL AFTER ESCAPE. RECALLED SUBJECT

CONTACTED HIM THRU CAROL THREE TIMES WHILE IN MSP WITH REQUEST

HE PURCHASE CASE OF COLD INHALANT, PROBABLY BENZEDRINE.

UNIDENTIFIED MSP GUARD MADE TRIPS TO PICK UP SAME AND STATED

PAID ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH TRIP. [REDACTED] BELIEVED SUBJECT

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END.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RE

RAY HAD NOT SPENT NIGHT WITH ENROUTE SL.

RAYNES HAD NO VISITORS PAST WEEK. CHECK MADE TO BE SURE JERRY

NEIGHBORHOOD SOURCES IN RURAL AREA ADVISED TODAY

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER.

DISCUSSION THIS WEEKEND.

MSP. WAS FURNISHED COPY OF LTR AND AGREED TO VISIT CAROL F.

BOILED DOWN FOR SALE TO PRISONERS AND ALSO HAD LGAN BACKET IN

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FBI LOS ANG.

11:02

PM DEFERRED 5-2-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), WASHINGTON FIELD (44-703), AND RICHMOND  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 3 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TT TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST.

RE MAR. TWO TELEPHONE CALL FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS  
ANGELES TO WDC, [REDACTED]

LA INDICES NEGATIVE RE RICHARD LEE OGG AND PETER HOLDEN.  
SAM LUGASH, MANAGER, AUTO DRIVE AWAY, TWO TWO SEVEN SOUTH VERMONT,  
LA, ADVISED HOLDEN, NOW RESIDING [REDACTED] LA,  
CONTRACTED MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST TO HAVE HIS NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HALF  
TON CHEVROLET PICKUP TRANSPORTED FROM COLONIA PARK INCORPORATED, WDC,  
TO AUTO DRIVE AWAY, LOS ANGELES. LUGASH'S RECORDS REFLECT  
TRUCK DRIVEN FROM WDC TO LA BETWEEN APRIL EIGHT AND APRIL  
FIFTEEN LAST BY RICHARD L. OGG, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND, AND THAT HOLDEN TOOK POSSESSION  
LATER DATE. LUGASH BELIEVES OGG ACCOMPANIED BY BROTHER,  
FURTHER DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN. HE DESCRIBED HOLDEN AS WMA,  
FORTY FIVE TO FORTY EIGHT YEARS, FIVE FOOT TEN INCHES, ONE  
NINETY POUNDS, STOCKY, SHORT BROWN HAIR, REPUTABLE SELF-EMPLOYED  
PAINTER AND NOT RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY PHOTOS,

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Relayed to [REDACTED]

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LUGASH CERTAIN HOLDEN AND OGG UNKNOWN TO ONE ANOTHER.

MRS. FOWLER, MANAGER, [REDACTED],  
LA, ADVISED HOLDEN AND FAMILY RESIDED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HER LOCATION, AND THAT HOLDEN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER.  
HOLDEN PERSONALLY CONTACTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED MAR. TWO CALL  
TO WDC TO ARRANGE RELEASE OF HIS TRUCK. HOLDEN OCCASIONALLY  
USED TELEPHONES AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL WHEN RESIDING AT NEARBY  
RESIDENCE OF ONE SEVEN FOUR THREE GARFIELD. NAME AND PHOTO OF  
JAMES EARL RAY UNKNOWN TO HOLDEN.

RICHMOND DISCONTINUE RE HOLDEN. \*

WASHINGTON FIELD WILL FORWARD PHOTO OF OGG FOR DISPLAY  
IN UNSOLVED LA AREA BRS.

MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED AIR MAIL.

END

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FBI WASH DC\*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : C.L. McGowan

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Helgeson

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 10:30 p.m., 5-3-68, a call was received by Extra-Duty Supervisor [REDACTED] from a female who identified herself as [REDACTED]. She stated she resides at [REDACTED] New York City, and that she was then calling from the Plaza Hotel, Hamilton, Bermuda, where she was vacationing with her son. She was very excited in her speech and at times incoherent. She said she had been in the Pan American Airways Office at the Civil Air Terminal, Hamilton Airport, just a short time before her call and had observed an employee of PAA whom she felt was identical with James Earl Ray. She said she called this to the attention of other PAA personnel and they "let him get away." She said they told her he was a [REDACTED] one of their employees. She stated this individual was a white male, age 35, 5'10", 135-140 pounds, dark hair, dark eyes. She then became rambling in her conversation and talked about a [REDACTED] at Kimberly Air Force Base and said "they" are trying to get her committed. When asked who "they" were, she said local police and members of the Klan. She said a local police officer was with her as she was making her call. When she was asked to put this officer on the phone, she said he declined.

ACTION:

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The above information was telephonically furnished to Night Supervisor [REDACTED] New York Office, and he was instructed to check with the Security Officer for PAA on 5-4-68, to determine if they do in fact have an employee by the name of [REDACTED] at their Bermuda Office and further if there had been any incident wherein a woman may have tried to identify this individual as James Earl Ray on the night of 5-3-68. SA [REDACTED] was advised that if they do have an employee by the name of [REDACTED] the New York Office should determine how long he has been employed with PAA. He was instructed to sutel results of inquiries on 5-4-68. It should be noted that Security Agent for PAA is [REDACTED].

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Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

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Re Baltimore airtel to the Bureau dated 4/25/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Memphis is one copy of Classification Material, which includes psychiatric reports, obtained on 5/2/68 at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, re [REDACTED] Material made available to SA [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE

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3 Bureau (Enc. 1) (AMSD)  
2 Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1) (AMSD)  
2 Kansas City  
JAM:rmb C. C. Bishop  
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Approved

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/3/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI. (44-38861)  
 FROM: *WR* SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CR

ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

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- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Denver
- 2 - Louisville
- 2 - Miami
- 2 - New York City
- 2 - Norfolk
- 2 - Omaha
- 2 - Philadelphia
- 2 - Sacramento
- 2 - Seattle
- 2 - Springfield
- 2 - St. Louis
- 2 - Tampa
- 2 - Houston

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>DENVER:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9495 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Colorado Springs, Colo.
<u>LOUISVILLE:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9074 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Ft. Campbell, Ky.
<u>MEMPHIS:</u>			
12/16/67	468-9078 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Cornersville, Tenn.
12/16/67	468-9078 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Cornersville, Tenn.
12/15/67	468-9081 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Cornersville, Tenn.
12/15/67	468-9081 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Cornersville, Tenn.
<u>MIAMI:</u>			
12/15/67	769-9108 (Vidor, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Immokalee, Fla.
<u>NEW YORK CITY:</u>			
12/15/67	673-9289 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Brooklyn
12/15/67	673-9236 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	New York City
<u>NORFOLK:</u>			
12/16/67	452-9260 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Hampton, Va.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>OMAHA:</u>			
12/15/67	835-9546 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Pierson, Iowa
<u>PHILADELPHIA:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9318 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Hanover, Pa.
12/12/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Allentown, Pa.
<u>SACRAMENTO:</u>			
12/15/67	468-9850 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Stockton, Calif.
<u>SEATTLE:</u>			
12/15/67	468-9868 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Seattle, Wash.
<u>SPRINGFIELD:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9435 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Normal, Ill.
12/15/67	835-9419 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Springfield, Ill.
12/17/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	West Frankfort, Ill.
<u>ST. LOUIS:</u>			
12/16/67	682-9361 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	St. Louis, Mo.
<u>TAMPA:</u>			
12/17/67	769-9103 (Vidor, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Tampa, Fla.

1 - Mr. McGowan, 27  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Devine

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URGENT

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

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REURAI TEL MAY TWO SUBMITTING HERTZ RENTAL AGREEMENT  
SIGNED [REDACTED], LOOK-ALIKE FOR SUBJECT RAY.  
DIFFERENCES NOTED INDICATE THAT [REDACTED] SIGNATURE ON  
RENTAL AGREEMENT NOT EXECUTED BY JAMES EARL RAY, SUBJECT  
IN THIS CASE; HOWEVER, LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED  
WRITING PRECLUDES A DEFINITE OPINION.

LATENT RESULTS FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY BEING  
SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987) - Airmail

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NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted  
regarding the results of the examination  
set out above.

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5/2/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2286) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory is Hertz Rental Agreement executed 4/19/68, signed [REDACTED] and bearing his initials.

For the information of the Laboratory, an employee of Hertz at Albany, Ga. has described [REDACTED] generally the same as JAMES EARL RAY and has viewed his photos and believes possibly identical. The only handwriting appearing on this contract which is in [REDACTED] handwriting is [REDACTED] and the initials [REDACTED].

The Laboratory is requested to compare this handwriting with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

It is also requested that the contract be processed for latent fingerprints in this matter re [REDACTED], Hertz, Albany, Ga. who has handled this document. He was in the U.S. Army with serial number [REDACTED]. This document should be returned to Atlanta for return to [REDACTED] unless it becomes of value as evidence in the MURKIN case.

(3-Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
2-Memphis  
2-Atlanta  
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2 - San Francisco  
2 - San Diego  
2 - Houston

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C. C. Bishop

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>INDIANAPOLIS:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9040 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Mexico, Indiana
<u>KANSAS CITY:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9443 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Wathena, Kansas
<u>LITTLE ROCK:</u>			
12/17/67	673-9950 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Little Rock
12/16/67	468-9864 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Pine Bluff, Ark.
12/15/67	468-9818 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Hot Springs, Ark.
12/15/67	682-9114 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Pine Bluff, Ark.
12/15/67	682-9333 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Judsonia, Ark.
<u>LOS ANGELES:</u>			
12/16/67	892-9993 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Santa Monica, Calif.
12/17/67	452-9133 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	San Pedro, Calif.
12/17/67	452-9133 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	San Pedro, Calif.
12/17/67	452-9133 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	San Pedro, Calif.
12/17/67	452-9133 (Houston, Texas) (Three calls same date)	[REDACTED]	Torrence, Calif.

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12/17/68	452-9133 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Torrence, Calif.
12/17/67	452-9133 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Torrence, Calif.
12/17/67	673-9974 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Downey, Calif.
12/16/67	673-9395 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Downey, Calif.
12/16/67	468-9725 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Long Beach, Calif.
12/15/67	468-9725 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Long Beach, Calif.
12/17/67	468-9063 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Burbank, Calif.
12/16/67	468-9725 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Los Angeles
12/16/67	886-9976 (Orange, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Rosamond, Calif.
12/16/67	682-9120 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Bakersfield, Calif.
12/16/67	682-9248 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Berkeley, Calif.
<u>MOBILE:</u>			
12/15/67	453-9577 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Mobile, Ala.
12/16/67	452-9133 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Mobile, Ala.

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12/15/67	886-9976 (Orange, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Butler, Ala.
12/17/67	682-9322 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Mobile, Ala.
<u>OKLAHOMA CITY:</u>			
12/15/67	453-9646 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Tulsa, Okla.
12/15/67	453-9646 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Tulsa, Okla.
12/16/67	452-9247 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Oklahoma City
12/17/67	452-9260 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Tulsa, Okla.
12/17/67	468-9150 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Britton, Okla.
12/17/68	673-9118 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Wynona, Okla.
12/17/67	673-9996 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Oklahoma City
12/17/67	673-9395 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Wilson, Okla.
12/17/67	468-9887 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Tulsa, Okla.
<u>SAN FRANCISCO:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9439 (Beaumont, Te	[REDACTED]	Hayward, Calif.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
12/15/67	835-9324 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	San Mateo, Calif.
12/16/67	673-9501 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Monterey, Calif.
<u>SAN DEIGO:</u>			
12/17/67	468-9844 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	La Mesa, Calif.
12/17/67	468-9887 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Escondido, Calif.
12/17/67	769-9115 (Vidor, Texas)	[REDACTED]	San Diego, Calif.
12/17/67	769-9104 (Vidor, Texas)	[REDACTED]	San Diego, Calif.

VIA TELETYPE

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URGENT 5-3-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 214 215

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REMYCAB AND BUCAB MAY ONE LAST.

RE EXTENT OF PUBLICITY COVERAGE:

FOLLOWING POLICE AGENCIES IN MEXICO CITY HAVE RECEIVED VOLUME DISTRIBUTION OF WANTED FLYERS IN SPANISH AND IDENTIFICATION ORDERS: METROPOLITAN POLICE OF MEXICO CITY; FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE OF MEXICO; FEDERAL FISCAL POLICE; FEDERAL SECURITY POLICE; MEXICAN IMMIGRATION. LAST FOUR NAMED HAVE NATION WIDE RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPRESENTATIVES IN ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY TO WHICH DISSEMINATION MADE. IN ADDITION, SEPARATE PHOTOGRAPHS WITH DESCRIPTIVE MATERIAL FURNISHED TO AGENCIES AND SOURCES AND, ON APRIL TWO TWO LAST, FORWARDED BY CONSULAR CIRCULAR TO ALL U.S. CONSULATES IN MEXICO, INCLUDING CONSULATE AT MERIDA, YUCATAN, WHICH COVERS ENTIRE PENINSULA ON GULF OF MEXICO, INCLUDING CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE. CIRCULAR

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*Request of Bureau of PD*

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PREPARED IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF PHOTOGRAPHS FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION OF GALT AS RAY BY BUREAU. IDENTIFICATION ORDERS, FLYERS AND ADDITIONAL PICTURES TAKEN TO MERIDA AND CAMPECHE BY AGENT ARRIVING THERE MAY TWO INSTANT FOR CONCENTRATED DISSEMINATION TO POLICE AGENCIES ON PENINSULA. ALL MEXICO CITY PAPERS AND THOSE IN <sup>IN</sup> MAJOR CITIES <sup>IN</sup> THROUGHOUT MEXICO HAVE GIVEN WIDE SPREAD ATTENTION AND PUBLICATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT. STORIES BASED ON COPIES OF BUREAU PRESS RELEASES AND PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED TO THIS OFFICE WHICH WERE THEREAFTER, DISSEMINATED TO NEWS MEDIA THROUGH EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER AND PRESS OFFICERS IN THE VARIOUS CONSULATES. PAPERS ALSO RELIED UPON WIRE SERVICE DISPATCHES FROM UNITED STATES FOR NUMEROUS STORIES PRINTED,

ADDITIONAL STORIES AND INTEREST WILL BE GENERATED BY INFORMATION CONCERNING REWARD OFFERS MENTIONED IN REBUCAB WHEN DETAILS CONCERNING THESE OFFERS ARE RECEIVED.

RE SUSPECT AT CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

DRIVERS OF BUS NUMBER ONE FOUR OF TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO LINE, WHICH LEFT CIUDAD OBREGON ON APRIL TWO FIVE LAST, HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS JOSE AVALOS AND ENRIQUE MEJIA. THEY ARE PRESENTLY EN ROUTE TO GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, ON CURRENT RUN OF SAME BUS TRIP, AND

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WILL ARRIVE AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT AM MAY THREE NEXT. COMPANY HAS NOTIFIED THEM THAT THEY ARE TO BE INTERVIEWED IN GUADALAJARA, AND RESIDENT AGENT ALERTED TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW IMMEDIATELY UPON THEIR ARRIVAL THERE.

RE ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO:

[REDACTED], ACCOMPANIED BY SA [REDACTED], PROCEEDED ON MAY ONE LAST TO SMALL COMMUNITY OF SAN PEDRO (MARTIR), D. F. THIS IS ON HIGHWAY NINE FIVE, A SHORT DISTANCE OUTSIDE MEXICO CITY ON CUERNAVACA TOLL ROAD. ALL INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED STATED THERE HAD BEEN NO NORTH AMERICANS IN THE AREA AND THAT THEY HAD NOT SEEN ANYONE RESEMBLING PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT. JORGE LIMA VAZQUEZ, SUB DELEGADO (LOCAL OFFICIAL), SAID THE PRESENCE OF A "GRINGO" IN THAT AREA WOULD BE NOTORIOUS SINCE THEY SELDOM COME THERE. HE WAS ALERTED TO ADVISE INFORMANT IMMEDIATELY IF ANY NORTH AMERICAN RESEMBLING SUBJECT APPEARED.

NO TOWN NAMED CAPILEO COULD BE LOCATED, BUT INQUIRY MADE AT TOPILES, D. F., WHICH IS LOCATED ONE NINE KILOMETERS FROM MEXICO CITY.

INDIVIDUALS IN THIS SMALL COMMUNITY ALSO ADVISED NO NORTH AMERICANS HAD BEEN SEEN<sup>E</sup> IN AREA. OWNER OF NEARBY MOTEL STATED HE HAS NOT SEEN ANY NORTH AMERICANS IN RECENT MONTHS, AND HAD NO GUESTS DURING ENTIRE MONTH OF APRIL, LAST, DRIVING CARS WITH U.S. PLATES.

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*From Reader's program  
for material files cover which  
was taken the photo of subject  
clearly, subject cover from regarding*

RE INVESTIGATION AT PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, JALISCO:

AGENT ON SCENE ADVISES THAT PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT WITH SUNGLASSES TAKEN THERE DURING NOVEMBER LAST HAS BEEN PROMPTLY RECOGNIZED AND IDENTIFIED BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM THERE AS ERIC S. GALT. IN VIEW OF THIS ALTHOUGH PHOTOGRAPH MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR WIDE SPREAD PUBLICITY IN UNITED STATES, BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER THIS PICTURE CAN BE GIVEN EXTENSIVE DISSEMINATION IN MEXICO; THAT IS, SHOULD DISTRIBUTION BE LIMITED ONLY TO TRUSTED SOURCES AND CONTACTS, OR SHOULD IT ALSO BE PASSED OUT TO POLICE AGENCIES AND OTHERS DESPITE POSSIBILITY IT MIGHT EVENTUALLY COME TO ATTENTION OF LOCAL PRESS.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN ALL AREAS OF MEXICO WHERE LEADS OUTSTANDING. LEADS IN MEXICO CITY AND ALL OUTLYING AREAS BEING GIVEN CLOSEST SUPERVISION FROM HEADQUARTERS. ALL AGENTS AND INVESTIGATIVE SOURCES UNDER STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE PRIORITY HANDLING TO ALL ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER.

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RECEIVED: 12:57 AM HFL

ERD CC: MR. BRENNAN



Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel to Bureau, 4/29/68.

Re Telephone Calls Made From St. Francis Hotel

On 5/1/68, Mrs. RUNELLE (ROY J.) MONTAMBAULT, [REDACTED] Midwest City, Oklahoma, advised SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], that she and her husband had been subscribers to telephone # [REDACTED], since approximately June of 1967. She stated that on numerous occasions they had called or been called by Mrs. MONTAMBAULT's sister, JULIA WANDREY FORBES from Los Angeles, California. She stated that JULIA FORBES [REDACTED] is currently residing at [REDACTED] Woodland Hills, Calif. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mrs. MONTAMBAULT stated that at one time JULIA FORBES was living at the Hollywood Colonial Motel or Hotel, tel. 467-5141. Mrs. MONTAMBAULT stated that she does not recall receiving a phone call from Los Angeles on 2/18/68. She added that the call in question was probably made by her sister in response to a call from Mrs. MONTAMBAULT since Mrs. MONTAMBAULT's March, 1968 telephone bill reflects a phone call made to Los Angeles, California, 2/16/68, to telephone number [REDACTED]. She stated she knows no one in Los Angeles she would have called other than her sister.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Los Angeles (Info)
- 2 - Memphis
- 1 - Oklahoma City

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Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. MONTAMBAULT and she stated that she did not know this person.

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FBI

Date: 5/3/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 5/1/68.

Enclosed for Indianapolis is one copy of referenced teletype.

On 5/2/68 Mrs. JOHN J. WOLKERSTORFER, [REDACTED], St. Paul, Minnesota, advised SA [REDACTED] J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTORFER, age 25, is her son and he is presently attending Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. He is a U. S. Army veteran who served a year in Vietnam. During early April, 1968, he was in Atlanta and vicinity with a fellow student, JOHN TOUHY, for the purpose of writing a story for the "Ava Maria Magazine" at Notre Dame.. He will be returning to the Notre Dame campus on Sunday, 5/4/68.

The WOLKERSTORFER family are long-time residents of St. Paul and have excellent reputations, according to the Credit Bureau of St. Paul.

LEADINDIANAPOLIS

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1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)  
2 - Indianapolis (Enc. 1)  
2 - Memphis  
1 - Minneapolis  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Per *[Signature]*

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AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Interview WOLKERSTORFER and TOUHY for anything they might have observed while in Atlanta and possibly Birmingham about 4/7/68.

This lead is being set out by airtel rather than teletype inasmuch as they are not returning to the Notre Dame campus until sometime Sunday, 5/5/68.

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VIA TELETYPE

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STATE 04

URGENT 5-3-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT ROME NO. 20

MURKIN. REROMLET APRIL TWO NINE LAST.

ITALIAN POLICE ADVISED TODAY THAT RECORDS SIENA, ITALY REVEAL ONE JAMES RAY, SON OF OLIVER, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED], SPENT YEARS ONE NINE FIVE FIVE-ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT IN ITALY AS STUDENT IN PERUGIA. JAMES RAY TREATED FOR OSTEOMYELITIS OF CRANIUM IN SIENA ONE NINE FIVE SIX-ONE NINE FIVE SEVEN AND ITALIAN POLICE OPINE SCAR CENTER FOREHEAD OF FUGITIVE RAY COULD BE RESULT THIS DISEASE. JAMES RAY RETURNED TO USA IN DECEMBER, ONE NINE FIVE SEVEN.

SINCE FBI RECORD FOR FUGITIVE RAY DISCLOSES HE WAS IN LEAVENWORTH ONE NINE FIVE FIVE-ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, JAMES RAY NOT BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH FUGITIVE RAY.

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3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

FBI

Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson, DL and JK, 4/25/68, regarding alleged offer of \$100,000 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Jackson, Mississippi, to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Jacksonville unable through indices checks, City and Suburban Directories, Telephone Directories, Jacksonville PD, Duval County SO, Drivers License Bureau, City Electric records, and Credit Bureau to identify [REDACTED]

Jackson may wish to make direct contact with [REDACTED], for further information regarding [REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- ② - Bureau  
2 - Dallas (44-2649)  
2 - Jackson  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Jacksonville

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Approved: REG/und

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/4/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) (P)

MURKIN

ReNOTel 5/2/68.

Re: Call made from coin telephone,  
Alpine, Texas, on December 16, 1967,  
to [REDACTED], Greenwood, Louisiana.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on  
5/3/68, at Baytown, Texas:

EDWARD L. HUNSUCKER, [REDACTED] advised  
that he may have made a long distance telephone call from  
a telephone booth on Interstate Highway 10 in East Texas  
on 12/16/68. He explained that during mid-December, 1967,  
his nephew, A.L. HAMMETT, Greenwood, Louisiana, was seriously  
ill, and therefore, he, HUNSUCKER, made several long  
distance calls to the HAMMETT residence.

HUNSUCKER advised that he is a truck driver and  
travels throughout the country, often making telephone

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- 1 - Memphis
- 1 - New Orleans (157-10673)
- 1 - Houston

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calls from roadside telephone booths. He advised that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name, alias, and photograph.



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FBI KAN CITY

320PM URGENT 5/4/68 JLH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY.

[REDACTED], AKA [REDACTED], LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED MORGAN COUNTY, MO. SO, ADVISED HE KNEW SUBJECT AS FELLOW INMATE, FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OTHER THAN SUBJECT TOOK PEP PILLS, DISLIKED WESTERN MUSIC AND SPOKE OF A DESIRE TO GO TO NEW ORLEANS, AS IF HE HAD NEVER BEEN THERE.

ATLANTA ADVISED RE [REDACTED] BELLACE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AND CURRENTLY IN ST. LOUIS.

FORMER KANSAS CITY PCI CURRENTLY INCARCERATED FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, ADVISED HE KNEW SUBJECT AT MSP. RAY HAD FRIEND NAMED [REDACTED] WHO WANTED RAY TO BEAT UP GIRLFRIEND [REDACTED], DOE RUN, MO. WHEN HE GOT OUT, ST. LOUIS ADVISED.

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CONTACTS WITH SOURCES IN THE HIPPIE, BEATNIK AREAS  
AND SOURCES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF NARCOTICS TRAFFIC NEGATIVE  
TO DATE.

NUMEROUS LOOK-ALIKES CONTINUE TO BE CHECKED OUT THOROUGHLY.  
INTERVIEW WITH PRISONERS MSP CONTINUES. KANSAS CITY ATTEMPTING  
TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EX-GUARD [REDACTED] LOCAL LEADS  
BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY. AM MEMPHIS.

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URGENT 5-4-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 216 3P

MURKIN.

REMYCAB MAY TWO LAT.

RE EXTENT OF PUBLICITY COVERAGE:

NATIONWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF NEARLY ONE THOUSAND WANTED FLYERS IN SPANISH HAS DEPLETED EXISTING SUPPLY AND BUREAU REQUESTED TO FORWARD BY AIR POUCH AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED MORE OF THESE FLYERS IN SPANISH. SUPPLEMENTARY SHIPMENT OF IDENTIFICATION ORDERS RECEIVED TODAY AND BEING INCLUDED IN DISTRIBUTION TO ALL POINTS.

RE SUSPECT AT CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

DRIVERS OF BUS NUMBER ONE FOUR OF TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO LINE, SCHEDULED FOR INTERVIEW MAY THREE INSTANT, DID NOT

REACH GUADALAJARA DUE TO DELAY OCCASIONED BY MECHANICAL FAILURE AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED AT APPROXIMATELY TEN O'CLOCK MAY

FOUR NEXT IN GUADALAJARA. ADDITIONAL DATA DEVELOPED BY PHOENIX AND SAN DIEGO OFFICES REGARDING THIS ALLEGATION NOT YET RECEIVED.

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20 MAY 7 5:44 PM  
5/4/68

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RE NEW SUSPECT IN DALLAS, TEXAS:

[REDACTED] MARIA CRISTINA HOTEL, RIO LERMA THREE ONE, MEXICO CITY, FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS GUEST AT HOTEL DURING MID-APRIL LAST. SHE DID NOT HAVE CORRECT NAME BUT ALLEGES THIS SUSPECT RESEMBLES ONE NINE FIVE TWO PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT WHICH APPEARED IN RECENT ARTICLES OF TIME AND NEWSWEEK MAGAZINES. INVESTIGATION AT HOTEL DISCLOSED SUSPECT REGISTERED AS [REDACTED], [REDACTED] DALLAS, TEXAS. HE LISTED PROFESSION AS [REDACTED] AND WAS DRIVING AUTOMOBILE BEARING LICENSE [REDACTED] (STATE NOT LISTED). HE WAS REGISTERED FROM APRIL ONE SIX TO APRIL TWO ZERO LAST. HOTEL ADVISES [REDACTED] RECOMMENDED BY [REDACTED], [REDACTED] DALLAS, AN ESTABLISHED PATRON OF HOTEL.

REQUEST DALLAS CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND DETERMINE ANY POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT OR THIS CASE.

INVESTIGATION AT CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE:

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AGENT [REDACTED], AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ON SCENE AND CLOSE LIAISON ESTABLISHED WITH CONSULAR  
OFFICIALS AT MERIDA AND LOCAL POLICE. CONSULATE ARRANGING  
FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY IN NEWSPAPERS WITH CIRCULATION  
THROUGHOUT PENINSULA. TO SUPPLEMENT COVERAGE SET UP THROUGH  
POLICE, CONTACT ALSO ESTABLISHED WITH U.S. CLERGYMEN ASSIGNED  
TO AREA FOR MANY YEARS IN MISSIONARY WORK WHO HAVE EXTREMELY  
DIVERSIFIED CONTACTS AND ARE IN EXCELLENT POSITION TO ACQUIRE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY NORTH AMERICANS WHO ARE NEW ARRIVALS  
OR PAST RESIDENTS. ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH POLICE FOR FURTHER  
INTENSIFIED DISTRIBUTION OF WANTED FLYERS AND IDENTIFICATION  
ORDERS.

ALL LEADS RECEIVING EXPEDITE HANDLING WITH CONCENTRATED  
ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO CAMPECHE AREA. BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDI-  
ATELY ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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RECEIVED: 12:27AM MSE

CC: [REDACTED]  
ORD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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FBI ST LOUIS

625PM URGENT 5-4-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

JERRY RAY ARRIVED SL LAST NIGHT, TOLD BROTHER JOHN HE WAS GOING TO UN-NAMED HOTEL AND WOULD CONTACT HIM AT GRAPEVINE TAVERN NOON TODAY. ARRIVED GRAPEVINE THIS AFTERNOON AND IS STILL THERE. HAS NOT CONTACTED OFFICE AS DIRECTED. NO SL INTERVIEW CONTEMPLATED UNLESS HE DOES. IF CALLS, WILL BE GIVEN TELEPHONE NUMBER OF HANNIBAL, MO., RA AND TOLD TO CONTACT ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, CENTER, MO. INTERVIEW ON DEPARTURE ANTICIPATED.

FELLOW PRISONER [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED. NO SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION. SUGGESTED FORMER INMATE, [REDACTED] MIGHT HAVE KNOWN SUBJECT. SL ATTEMPTING LOCATE [REDACTED]

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI LOS ANG.

112AM URGENT 5-4-68 RJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, CHICGO DENVER, ALBUQUERQUE,  
FL PASO, AND LAS VEGAS  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (5P)

MURKIN

RE INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT CONCERNING CALL BY UNITED AIRLINES (UAL)  
PERSONNEL DESCRIBING INDIVIDUAL AS POSSIBLE LOOK-A-LIKE OF JAMES  
EARL RAY.

[REDACTED] UAL RESERVATIONS CLERK, ADVISED AT  
APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FORTY-FIVE A.M. MALE CAUCASIAN  
REQUESTED ONE ROUND TRIP AND ONE ONE WAY TICKET FROM  
LOS ANGELES TO HONOLULU ON MAY EIGHT NEXT.

STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO USE FRONTIER AIRLINES TICKETS  
EIGHT TWO NINE SEVEN FIVE THREE AND EIGHT TWO NINE SEVEN  
FIVE FOUR ISSUED IN DENVER, COLORADO ON MAY ONE LAST TO  
MR. AND MRS. CARL RAY FOR FLIGHT SEVEN ONE ZERO LAS VEGAS  
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TO ST. LOUIS AND RETURN AS PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR UNITED  
TICKETS BEING REQUESTED. AT THIS POINT, REQUESTED  
INDIVIDUALS RESIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES AND HE STATED INTERNATIONAL  
HOTEL, BUT COULD NOT REMEMBER HIS ROOM NUMBER. THEN  
ADVISED MR. RAY SHE WOULD NEED APPROVAL FROM SUPERVISOR.  
AT THIS POINT, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] SUMMONED  
[REDACTED] TO OBSERVE MR. RAY. RAY WAS OBSERVED FOR APPROXIMATELY  
FOUR MINUTES AND THEN DEPARTED AREA. METHOD OF DEPARTURE  
UNKNOWN BY UAL EMPLOYEES. FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION PROVIDED BY  
UAL EMPLOYEES.  
MALE, CAUCASIAN, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED EIGHT FIVE POUNDS,  
THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY YEARS, GREENISH BLUE EYES, DARK OR GOLDEN  
BLOND HAIR, FAIR OR SUN TANNED COMPLEXION, GREY BUSINESS  
SUIT, NEAT APPEARANCE, SHOES NOT OBSERVED AND NO UNUSUAL  
CHARACTERISTICS. UAL EMPLOYEES FROM GROUP OF EIGHT  
PHOTOGRAPHS SELECTED PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY TAKEN  
BETWEEN AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN AND FEBRUARY LAST AS BEING  
SOME WHAT SIMILAR TO CARL RAY BUT COULD MAKE NO KING OF  
IDENTIFICATION OR PHOTOS AS IDENTICAL. THIS INDIVIDUAL LEFT AIR-  
LINES TICKETS DURING AS WELL AS THIRTY DAY TEMPORARY FRONTIER  
END PAGE TWO



AIRLINES TRAVEL CREDIT CARD NUMBER THREE ONE ZERO EIGHT EIGHT  
ISSUED FOUR TWO SIX SIXTY-EIGHT TO "MR. CARL RAY" RAY LAND  
AND CATTLE CO., ROUTE FOUR BOX EIGHT SIX EIGHT, PECOS TEXAS  
SIGNED CARL RAY AND TO EXPIRE FIVE TWENTY-FIVE SIXTY-EIGHT.

CLIF W. JOHNSON, PASSENGER SUPERINTENDENT, PAN AMERICAN  
AIRLINES, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FURNISHED

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

PAN AMERICAN AND UNITED ONLY AIRLINES FURNISH PASSENGER  
SERVICE LOS ANGELES HAWAII. RECORDS CHECKED FOR ALL FLIGHTS  
LOS ANGELES TO HAWAII FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT AND NO RECORD LOCATED  
FOR NAME RAY OR ANY KNOWN ALIASES JAMES EARL RAY FOR PAN AMERICAN OR  
UAL. UAL AND PAN AMERICAN AGENTS WHO COULD HAVE SOLD TICKETS  
FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT TO PASSENGERS TRAVELING LOS ANGELES  
HAWAII INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED NO ONE FITTING DESCRIPTION OF PERSONAL-  
ING PHOTOGRAPHS JAMES EARL RAY PURCHASED TICKETS.

HERTZ, AVIS AND NATIONAL RENT-A-CAR AGENCIES, LOS ANGELES  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RECORDS CHECKED FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT AND NO  
RECORDS FOR RAY OR ANY KNOWN ALIASES OF JAMES EARL RAY HAVING  
RENTED OR TURNED IN CAR MAY ONE THROUGH THREE, LAST.

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THE THREE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL HOTELS, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, CHECKED FIVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR GUESTS USING NAME C. RAY OR ANY ALIASES OF JAMES EARL RAY. OTHER HOTELS, MOTELS IN AREA NEGATIVE. EL PASO HAS ADVISED THAT INQUIRY AT PECOS HAS NOT REVEALED ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL AS CARL RAY OR COMPANY AND ADDRESS IS NOW EXISTENT. DENVER ADVISED TICKETS PURCHASED DENVER MAY ONE SIXTY-EIGHT AT TEN AM BY WHITE MALE, THIRTY-EIGHT, TWO HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED TEN POUNDS, FIVE FOOT NINE INCHES, NO GLASSES, THICK BLONDISH BROWN HAIR CREW CUT, GRAYISH BLUE SPORT COAT, WHITE SHIRT, OPEN AT NECK, NO TIE. ASKED FOR ROUND TRIP. PAID FOR TICKETS WITH CREDIT CARD DESCRIBED ABOVE. PLANNED TO LEAVE DENVER VIA UNITED AIRLINES FOR LAS VEGAS. PARM NO RECORD AT UNITED AIR LINE. ALL TICKETS TURNED IN AT MIDNIGHT TO MAIN OFFICE CHICAGO PARM. PHOTOGRAPHS DIS- PLAYED AT DENVER TO PERSONNEL DENVER AIRPORT. NEGATIVE BUT NOTICED CERTAIN SIMILARITIES. ASCERTAINED AT FRONTIER AIR LINES BY DENVER THAT CARD ISSUED APRIL TWENTY-SIX LAST AT ALBUQUERQUE WHERE PURCHASED TICKET SAME DAY FOR ALBUQUERQUE TO PHOENIX FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT ONE ON FRONTIER AIRLINES. CAME BACK AND HAD TICKET REISSUED FOR APRIL TWENTY-SEVEN LAST

END PAGE FOUR

Did they  
show  
photo?

PAGE FIVE

ON JET FLIGHT SEVEN EIGHT FIVE, ALBUQUERQUE TO PHOENIX. FRONTIER BELIEVES CREDIT APPLICATION AT ALBUQUERQUE AND IS SEARCHING FOR IT.

LAS VEGAS ADVISED A CHECK OF FRONTIER AIRLINES THERE ASCERTAINED THAT RESERVATION ON FLIGHT SEVEN ONE ZERO FOR MAY TWO LAST WERE MADE THROUGH PHOENIX ON A DIFFERENT TICKET NUMBER THAN THOSE AT DENVER AND GAVE A DENVER CALL BACK NUMBER OF THREE SEVEN SEVEN DASH ONE NINE EIGHT SEVEN. LAS VEGAS TICKETS ARE STILL THERE, VOIDED, AS PASSENGER DID NOT SHOW UP. RECORDS INDICATED PLANNED TO STAY AT SANDS HOTEL. RECORDS AT SANDS NEGATIVE. - photos shown?  
DENVER HAS BEEN ADVISED.

DENVER, CHECK CALL BACK NUMBER TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL ABOVE.

ALBUQUERQUE, SECURE CREDIT APPLICATION TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL ABOVE.

CHICAGO, AT UAL CHECK MANIFESTS ON TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS FROM DENVER TO LAS VEGAS OR LOS ANGELES FOR FIVE ONE AND TWO SIXTY-EIGHT FOR CARL RAY.

CREDIT CARD AND FRONTIER AIR LINE TICKETS SECURED AT LOS ANGELES FORWARDED BUREAU VIA AIR TODAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF CARL RAY.

COPIES FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM AIR.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

BJM

FBI WASH DC

*cc: Mr. C. 54*

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FBI ATLANTA

805 PM URGENT 5-4-68 APK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY  
FROM ATLANTA (44-2376) (P) 1P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY FOUR INSTANT.

NUMEROUS LOOK-ALIKE COMPLAINTS CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED AND  
ARE THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT.

INTERVIEW OF TAXI DRIVERS IN CONNECTION WITH EXPANDED  
TAXI CAR CHECK CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECK CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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731 PM URGENT 5-4-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MIAMI (44-1754), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND  
JACKSONVILLE.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL MAY THREE CONCERNING LETTER RECEIVED BY  
BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ON FOUR TWENTYNINE FROM [REDACTED]  
OKEECHOCREE, FLA.

BOTH EMPLOYERS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] POSITIVELY CONFIRMED  
THAT THEY WERE AT WORK IN GRAY, GEORGIA APRIL FOUR LAST.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYER, [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] TOLD  
HIM ON APRIL FIVE OR SIX LAST THAT [REDACTED] HAD PLAYED JOKE ON  
GIRL FRIEND IN OKEECHOCREE, FLORIDA. STATED [REDACTED] SAID HE AND  
[REDACTED] HAD KILLED DR. KING AND NEEDED TO BE PUT UP AND HIDDEN  
OUT. [REDACTED] ADVISES HE REPRIMANDED [REDACTED] STATING THAT THIS KIND OF  
JOKING STATEMENTS WOULD CAUSE TROUBLE.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED. CONFIRMED JOKE PHONE CALL MAY 3 1968.  
THAT [REDACTED] HAS BEEN TELLING GIRL FRIEND [REDACTED] AND POP  
STORIES AND ALL IS FALSE ABOUT SECRET ORGANIZATION, MURDERS, ETC.  
[REDACTED] REPRIMANDED BY AGENTS AND APOLOGIZED AND PROMISED TO DISASSOCIATE  
SELF FROM [REDACTED]

END PAGE MAY 10 1968 AM

cc [signature]

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AT 44-2386

[REDACTED] NOT TO RETURN TO GRAY, GEORGIA UNTIL MAY  
SIX SIXTYEIGHT. [REDACTED] WILL BE CONTACTED.

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FBI MEMPHIS

606PM URGENT 5/4/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

ALTHOUGH NO EVIDENCE ESTABLISHED TO DATE TO INDICATE JAMES EARL RAY MAY BE DEAD, MEMPHIS SUGGESTS BUREAU MAKE CONTACT WITH CENSUS BUREAU. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE CENSUS BUREAU IN ITS RECORDS MAY HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING UNCLAIMED DECEASED. IT IS RECOGNIZED BUREAU WILL HAVE ALREADY PLACED STOPS IN IDENTIFICATION FILES FOR UNKNOWN DEAD WHICH VARIOUS PD'S WILL MAKE INQUIRY REGARDING. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF CENSUS BUREAU MAINTAINS ANY SUCH RECORDS BUT POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SUCH RECORDS MIGHT COME IN FROM RURAL AREAS DIRECTLY FROM CORONERS WHERE THERE MAY NOT BE ADEQUATE PD'S.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING, MEMPHIS DIVISION. BEING REVIEWED FOR PERTINENT LEADS.

AIR MAIL COPIES, BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA. P.

END

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FBI DENVER

1:13 PM

URGENT 5-4-68 THW

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, PHOENIX AND LAS VEGAS  
FROM DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN

FEDTEL TO PHOENIX FIVE FOUR INSTANT, FURNISHING DATE IN LATEL  
FIVE THREE LAST; RE CARL RAY AND REQUESTING INVESTIGATION  
AT FRONTIER AIRLINES.

FRONTIER AIRLINES ADVISED SAME MC AS USED BY CARL RAY WAS  
USED BY PERSON GOING BY NAME OF [REDACTED] EARLIER  
IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, AND THE TWO MEN MAY BE ONE AND THE SAME.

[REDACTED] POSSESSES TEMPORARY FRONTIER CREDIT CARD [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PROBABLY OBTAINED IN PHOENIX. SAN CALLES, STATION  
MANAGER, FRONTIER, PHOENIX, NOTIFIED FRONTIER DENVER THAT [REDACTED]  
PURCHASED TWO ROUND TRIP TICKETS PHOENIX TO ST. LOUIS FOR HIMSELF AND  
WIFE ON APRIL FIFTEEN LAST. ON APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST, WESTERN AIRLINES,  
PHOENIX ADVISED FRONTIER, PHOENIX, THAT THESE TWO TICKETS HAD  
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BEEN TURNED IN AT WESTERN FOR TICKETS FROM PHOENIX TO MEXICO CITY, BUT APPARENTLY THE TICKETS WERE NOT USED. ON FOUR SEVENTEEN, LAST, FRONTIER, DENVER ALERTED ALL FRONTIER STATIONS TO BE WARY OF [REDACTED] AND ABOUT ONE P.M., FOUR SEVENTEEN, LAST, MARTY MARTIN, STATION MANAGER, FRONTIER, LAS VEGAS, ADVISED FRONTIER DENVER, THAT HE HAD SOLD THAT DAY, TWO ROUND TRIP TICKETS LAS VEGAS TO ST. LOUIS, FOR [REDACTED] AND WIFE AND BELIEVES THAT [REDACTED] TOOK THE TRIP TO ST. LOUIS.

PHOENIX AND LAS VEGAS ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL. ✓

END

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FBI WASH DC

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Date: 5/4/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

RE: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype to the Director and Louisville,  
5/3/68.

Re telephone calls of subject RAY en route from  
Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Louisville telephone 636-1053 is now disconnected  
and during 12/67 was issued to CHARLES E. HORNEY, formerly  
of ~~██████████~~, Louisville. HORNEY, upon interview,  
states call made from Alpine, Tex., to Louisville around  
12/15/67 was personal in nature and from his wife's parents,  
Mr. & Mrs. FRANK MIRANDA, who resided in Alpine, to his wife  
MARY. HORNEY's wife formerly resided at Alpine.

HORNEY stated that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to  
him and that above call was not in connection with RAY or had  
anything to do with instant case.

In light of the above, no further action being  
taken.

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(3- Bureau  
1- Dallas  
1- Memphis (44-1987)  
2- Louisville  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/4/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN  
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ReDLtel, 5/3/68.

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE  
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS, DECEMBER 15-17, 1967

The following phone calls furnished by Dallas in retel have been checked out by the Houston Division and have been eliminated re subcaptioned phone calls;

Subscriber to telephone [REDACTED] is RAY SPIESS, [REDACTED], Calallen, Texas. Mrs. SPIESS stated call received from Sanderson, Texas, on 12/16/67, was made by her daughter, Mrs. RAYMOND WILKINSON, San Antonio, Texas, who was en route to California, but because of bad storm had to return to San Antonio.

Subscriber to telephone [REDACTED] is Mr. A. W. GAGE, [REDACTED], Port Lavaca, Texas. Mrs. GAGE stated phone call received from Alpine, Texas, on 12/16/67, was made by her father, ANDY TURMAN, [REDACTED] Holtville, California, who at the time was en route to Port Lavaca but because of bad weather was held up in Alpine.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in-Charge

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Mr. and Mrs. R. H. LOSCH, [REDACTED] Houston, telephone [REDACTED] advised that in December, 1967, their son received phone calls from his girl friend, MARTY SCHROLL, who was a college student at Alpine, Texas, and they advised they have received no other phone calls from any other persons. Mrs. and Mrs. LOSCH observed photos of subject JAMES EARL RAY and advised this person is unknown to them.

Mrs. RAY J. KELLEY, [REDACTED] Houston, telephone number [REDACTED] advised that she can recall that on December 17, 1967, at approximately mid-day, she received a telephone call from her daughter who was en route from Tuscon, Arizona, to Houston, Texas. On that date her daughter called to advise that because of a snow storm and bad weather, she would be unable to make it home to Houston and had to stay overnight at Alpine, Texas. Mrs. KELLEY observed photos of subject JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she knows no one resembling photos.

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FBI ST LOUIS

628PM URGENT 5-5-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSE JERRY RAY STILL WITH  
BROTHER JOHN AT RESIDENCE AND GRADUATE TAVERN. HAS NOT  
CONTACTED SL OFFICE. NO ACTIVITY CAROL PEPPER RESIDENCES.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

END

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FBI ST LOUIS

713PM URGENT 5-6-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

JERRY RAY WITH BROTHER JOHN IN SL AS OF FIVE TWENTY P.M.  
THIS DATE. HAS NOT CONTACTED SL OFFICE.

JERRY RAYNES, FATHER, CEANTER, MO., REINTERVIEWED. WAS  
VISITED BY CAROL PEPPER AND CHILDREN YESTERDAY. UNABLE TO  
SUGGEST WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND RESOLUTION OF LOCAL LOOK  
ALIKES CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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*McDermott*  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Buffalo (44-374)

Date: May 6, 1968

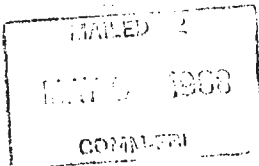
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**MURKIN**  
Re: CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562101 JK

Examination requested by: Buffalo  
Reference: Airtel 4/29/68  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination and return of Q304 and Q305.



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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Buffalo (44-374)

Date: May 6, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562101 JK

Specimens received 5/2/68

Q304 White envelope postmarked "ROCHESTER, N.Y. 1A PM 17 APR 1968" bearing typewritten address "MRS. GROOMS ROCHESTER TIMES-UNION ROCHESTER, N. Y."

Q305 Accompanying piece of paper bearing typewritten message beginning "MRS. GROOMS - I READ...."

## Result of examination:

It was concluded that the typewriting on Q304 and Q305 is, not identical to typewriting appearing on material attributable to Eric S. Galt, previously submitted in this case.

Q304 and Q305 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

Except for the printing "FREE PARKING" on the reverse side of Q305, no watermarks, indented writing or other identifying characteristics were noted on the submitted material by which the source of these specimens could be definitely determined.

Q304 and Q305 have been photographed and are being returned to Buffalo separately.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo airtel to the Bureau, 4/23/68.

Transmitted herewith via registered mail is the original envelope and letter received by Mrs. MARY CROOKS, Rochester, New York, on 4/19/68.

The letter reads as follows:

"Mrs. Crooks -

"I read your column regularly they are good and factual, with lots of common sense. The King plot was hatched recently in Detroit by Black Nationalists, Muslims, and Comrades (I was there). The job was done by a hired professional killer. The Comrades paid for the job. The authorities will eventually find out.

"An anonymous black man"

The FBI Laboratory is requested to have this letter processed for latent prints and latents compared with any latents in captioned matter.

The FBI Laboratory is also requested to examine typing to determine what type of typewriter prepared this specimen and to examine paper and envelope in an effort to determine source of each.

- ③ - Bureau (AM-321)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info) (AM) - Detroit (AM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 1 - Buffalo

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Rec'd  
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Documents should be returned to Buffalo.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI TAMPA

314PM URGENT 5-6-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MIAMI, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND  
BIRMINGHAM

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 3P

MURKIN

ON MAY SIX INSTANT, [REDACTED] NEE [REDACTED]  
ADVISED SHE AND HER HUSBAND, [REDACTED], HAD A DIS-  
AGREEMENT AND HE HAD ABANDONED HER IN PINELLAS PARK, FLA.,  
ON MAY FIVE LAST. SHE ADVISED SHE AND HER HUSBAND STAYED  
AT BUENA VISTA HOTEL, FOUR ZERO NINE NORTH DIXIE, WEST PALM  
BEACH, FLA., FROM APPROXIMATELY APRIL ONE EIGHT TO APRIL  
TWENTY-FIVE LAST. SHE DESCRIBED THIS HOTEL AS A RUN DOWN  
ROOMING HOUSE WITH APARTMENTS IN THE REAR. RECD 6 THE DAY SHE  
AND HER HUSBAND DEPARTED WEST PALM BEACH, SEVERAL OCCUPANTS  
OF THE ROOMING HOUSE HAD A DISCUSSION IN THE HALL OF THE  
ROOMING HOUSE AT WHICH TIME SHE PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION  
TO ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS INASMUCH AS HE WAS DRESSED IN A  
NICE BUSINESS SUIT, BOW TIE AND SOME TYPE OF BOOTS, IT BEING  
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UNUSUAL FOR ANYONE IN THIS ROOMING HOUSE TO BE WEARING A SUIT. DURING CONVERSATION, THIS INDIVIDUAL SAID HIS NAME WAS [REDACTED] AND THAT HE WAS FROM TENNESSEE. DURING THIS CONVERSATION TWO BOYS, AGES TWELVE AND SEVENTEEN WHO LIVE WITH MOTHER ON THIRD FLOOR OF HOTEL, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

[REDACTED] WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL ONLY HAD A ROOM AT THE HOTEL. SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS A WHITE MALE, TWENTY-EIGHT, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TO FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE LBS. WITH DARK BROWN HAIR.

SHE AND HUSBAND TRAVELED TO COCOA, FLA., APPROXIMATELY APRIL TWENTY-FIVE LAST AND SAW PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY ON TV AND BOTH SHE AND HUSBAND FELT CERTAIN RAY AND PREVIOUSLY-DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL. STATED NEITHER SHE NOR HUSBAND KNEW TO WHOM THEY SHOULD REPORT THIS MATTER.

WHILE IN PINELLAS PARK POLICE STATION, TOLD LOCAL PD AND [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, BY BUAGENT AND WAS DISPLAYED IO AND WANTED FLYER OF SUBJECT. [REDACTED] SAID SHE FELT

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ALMOST CERTAIN THAT SUBJECT IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED ABOVE. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO [REDACTED] THE DISCREPANCY IN AGES, HOWEVER, SHE MAINTAINED HER OPINION THAT SUBJECT AND INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL. IT IS NOTED [REDACTED] APPEARED TO BE AN EMOTIONALLY STABLE AND HONEST INDIVIDUAL.

MIAMI, AT WEST PALM BEACH, WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT BUENA VISTA HOTEL TO LOCATE [REDACTED] ABOVE AND DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FBI ATLANTA

706PM URGENT 5-6-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,  
AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-1987

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY SIX INSTANT.

EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECK CONTINUING, INCLUDING AIRPORT LIMOUSINE  
DRIVERS. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED TO DATE.

JIMMY GARNER REINTERVIEWED AND SHOWN PHOTO OF SUBJECT RECEIVED  
FROM U.S. POSTAL INSPECTOR, LOS ANGELES. GARNER STATES THIS PHOTO  
BEST LIKENESS OF SUBJECT HE HAS SEEN TO DATE.

EXPANDED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX CHECK CONTINUING.

HIPPIE ROOMING HOUSES AND SOURCES IN NARCOTIC FIELD CONTACTED  
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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F B I SEATTLE

416 PM URGENT 5/6/68 JJD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM SEATTLE (44-371) 1P

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MURKIN

RE FULL COVERAGE OF RELATIVES.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND SAC'S, MAY THREE, LAST.

TELEPHONE FOUR SEVEN FIVE DASH FOUR FOUR ZERO ZERO AT  
 TACOMA, WASHINGTON, IS THE NUMBER OF THE SHERWOOD INN MOTEL.  
 PERSONNEL- THIS MOTEL HAVE NO RECORD OF SUCH A CALL AND NO  
 RECOLLECTION CONCERNING IT. NO ONE AT THIS MOTEL COULD IDENTIFY  
 RAY AS EVER BEING A GUEST AT THE MOTEL.

SPRINGFIELD ADVISE IF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
 CONCERNING THIS COLLECT CALL ON MARCH FIFTEEN, LAST.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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*cc - Long*



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FBI MIAMI

706PM EST 5-6-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE TAMPA TEL TO BUREAU MAY SIX, INSTANT.

REGARDING SUSPECT [REDACTED] RESIDENT BEAUNA  
VISTA HOTEL, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA., WILLIAM COCKRIN,  
MANAGER, THAT HOTEL, STATES [REDACTED] REGISTERED  
THERE APRIL NINETEEN, LAST AND HAS DEPARTED, ADDRESS  
UNKNOWN. STATES [REDACTED] DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.  
[REDACTED] AT LEAST SIX FEET TALL, LESS THAN THIRTY YEARS OLD, HAS  
VERY CROOKED QUOTE DICK TRACY TYPE UNQUOTE NOSE AND LARGE PROMINENT  
CHIN. [REDACTED]

USC, NO FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED REGARDING [REDACTED]

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FBI MEMPHIS

342PM URGENT 5-6-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND LOUISVILLE 44-947 AND LOS ANGELES 44-1574

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

Murkin

RE LOUISVILLE AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST RE TELEPHONE BOOTH,

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

SINCE POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUBJECT RAY MAY HAVE BEEN  
ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE ALONZO F. COOK JR. BY TELEPHONE CALL PLACED  
AT NINE TWELVE P.M. JAN. TWELVE LAST FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL TO  
TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED] AT  
STURGIS, KY., INVESTIGATION IS DESIRED TO FULLY IDENTITY COOK  
AND HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED RE POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION WITH JAMES EARL  
RAY.

LOUISVILLE REINTERVIEW MRS. VERA D. COOK, STURGIS, KY.,  
OR HER SON JAMES P. COOK, IF AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO DEVELOP  
FULL BACKGROUND INFO RE COOK JR. THEREAFTER SET FORTH APPRO-  
PRIATE LEADS TO HAVE COOK JR. INTERVIEWED.

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FBI EL PASO

321PM URGENT 5-6-68 WPS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND BALTIMORE (44-669)

FROM EL PASO (157-186) -P- 1P

MURKIN

RE BALTIMORE TEL TO EP MAY SIX INSTANT.

RE PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE  
THREE EIGHT.

[REDACTED], TICKET SALEMAN, AIRLINES TRAFFIC OFFICE, FORT  
BLISS, TEXAS, ADVISED THIS DATE [REDACTED] WAS ACCOMPANIED ON  
AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT TO BALTIMORE APRIL SIX LAST  
BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] POST LOCATER,  
FORT BLISS, ADVISED ALL FOUR ASSIGNED TO USAAC AND S, ABERDEEN.

BA INTERVIEW FOUR ABOVE LISTED INDIVIDUALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAME  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND NEW YORK. 1968

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FBI JACKSVLE

5:45 PM EDT URGENT 5/6/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR, MIAMI AND MEMPHIS  
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

MURKIN

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Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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RE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL ABOARD TRANS CHAPLAIN.

ON MAY FIVE LAST [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED AN INDIVIDUAL HE BELIEVES SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY WAS DRINKING IN THE GOLDEN EARRING LOUNGE, DUNNS AVENUE, JACKSONVILLE. UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL DEPARTED DURING TELEPHONE CALL IN VEHICLE LATER ASCERTAINED TO BE REGISTERED TO [REDACTED], JACKSONVILLE. [REDACTED] IS ELDERLY RETIRED MERCHANT SEAMAN AND MET UNSUB AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO IS REPORTEDLY [REDACTED] TRANS CHAPLAIN, A TWO TANKER UNDER MSTS CHARTER ON MAY FIVE LAST. UNSUB REPORTEDLY [REDACTED] ABOARD ABOVE SHIP. [REDACTED] SPENT MOST OF DAY WITH TWO SEAMEN. [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS NOT GOOD AT IDENTIFYING PHOTOGRAPHS OF INDIVIDUALS AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO FURNISH AN OPINION AS TO SIMILARITY IN APPEARANCE BETWEEN UNSUB AND SUBJECT. UNSUB ABOUT FORTY, DRESSED IN SUIT AND TIE, VERY NEAT IN APPEARANCE, SHORT HAIR, AND CASHED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL FOR PAYMENT OF DRINKS. TRANS CHAPLAIN DEPARTED JACKSONVILLE FOR KEY

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WEST, FLORIDA, TEN P.M. MAY FIVE LAST. APPROXIMATE RUNNING  
TIME TO KEY WEST THIRTYSIX HOURS.

EDMOND BARZYK, OWNER, GOLDEN EARRING, WHO CASHED ONE HUNDRED  
DOLLAR BILL RECALLED UNSUB BUT WAS UNABLE TO RECALL SUFFICIENTLY TO  
EXPRESS OPINION AS TO SIMILARITY TO SUBJECT.

MIAMI AT KEY WEST ASCERTAIN IF UNSUB REPORTEDLY ~~REDACTED~~  
~~REDACTED~~ ON TRANS CHAPLAIN IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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848 PM URGENT 5-6-68 GDM

TO DIRECTOR AND TAMPA (157-3231)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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RE TAMPA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND BIRMINGHAM INSTANT DATE.

[REDACTED] AND WIFE, [REDACTED], REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE.  
BOTH REITERATED INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM.

[REDACTED] TURNED OVER TO BUAGENTS ROYAL AMERICAN  
IDENTIFICATION CARD AND RECEIPTS HE CLAIMS ARE DRAW RECEIPTS  
ON HIS SALARY ISSUED HIM BY ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS. [REDACTED]  
CLAIMED ID CARD ISSUED HIM DURING NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN FAIR  
SEASON AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

[REDACTED] STATED HE KNOWS J. C. SILOMEYER (PHONETIC)  
WHO HE CALIMS OWNS ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS. [REDACTED] CLAIMED  
WORKED ON RIDE CALLED [REDACTED] WITH EMPLOYEE KNOWN TO HIM AS  
MOOSE. STATED LAST EMPLOYED BY ROYAL AMERICAN DURING TAMPA  
FAIR, MARCH AND APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN HE AND WIFE WORKED

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[REDACTED] WIFE CLAIMS [REDACTED] WILL  
REMEMBER HER BECAUSE THEY HAD AN ARGUMENT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

TAMPA WILL ASCERTAIN IF ID CARD AND PAY RECEIPTS  
ARE THOSE ISSUED BY ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS (AMSD).

[REDACTED] STATES HE IS LEAVING BIRMINGHAM MAY SEVEN NEXT  
BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL THAT DATE IF  
NECESSARY.

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FBI MIAMI

715PM EST 5-6-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) AND  
ALBANY (44-493)

FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN. CR.

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

PALM BEACH COUNTY FLA. AUTHORITIES ADVISE THIS DATE  
THAT CLAUDE DAoust <sup>E</sup> RELEASED FROM THEIR CUSTODY EVENING  
APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF DAoust  
UNKNOWN TO PALM BEACH COUNTY AUTHORITIES.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FBI EL PASO

607 PM URGENT 5-6-68 LMT

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 LOS ANGELES

FROM EL PASO 157-186 -P-

MURKIN

RE EL PASO AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, COPIES TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL THIRTY LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUB RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

DALLAS TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY ONE, LAST, SET OUT INFO FROM RECORDS, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO., LUBBOCK, TEXAS, THAT TELEPHONE CALL WAS MADE FROM ALPINE, TEXAS, DECEMBER SIXTEEN, LAST, SEVEN ZERO SIX PM, TO FIVE THREE THREE DASH FIVE FOUR ONE ONE, EL PASO.

THIS NUMBER BELONGS TO CONTINENTAL AIRLINES. CONTINENTAL AIRLINES REPRESENTATIVE, EL PASO, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER ONLY ANSWERED BY CONTINENTAL HOME OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES CHECK OUT ABOVE CAR PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS SET OUT IN RE AIRTEL.

AM COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS AND DALLAS.

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FBI EL PASO

613 PM URGENT 5-6-68 LMT

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 DALLAS 44-2649

FROM EL PASO 157-186

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RE DALLAS TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY THREE LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUB RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO  
NEW ORLEANS.

LEAD, PAGE TWO, RETEL, RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM ALPINE, TEXAS,  
DECEMBER FIFTEEN, LAST, ELEVEN FIFTY P.M., TO FIVE FOUR FOUR-  
ONE ONE EIGHT ONE, EL PASO, DETERMINED TO BE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF  
AMERICAN AIRLINES. AMERICAN AIRLINES REPRESENTATIVE, EL PASO,  
ADVISED THIS DATE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER ANSWERED ONLY AT AMERICAN  
AIRLINES OFFICE, GREATER SOUTHWEST AIRPORT, FT. WORTH, TEXAS.

DALLAS HANDLE.

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FBI SANANTON

440PM CDT URGENT 5-6-68 DMB

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST TO BUREAU,  
MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO.

MARINE, CREDIT AND ARREST RECORDS AND ALL AVAILABLE WATER-  
FRONT SOURCES, PORT BROWNSVILLE-PORT ISABEL (CAMERON COUNTY,  
TEXAS) AREA. NEGATIVE AS TO [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED].  
SOURCES ALERTED AS TO SUBJECT RAY.

THESE SOURCES ADVISE APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED SHRIMP  
FISHING VESSELS OPERATE OUT OF THIS AREA, ALL OF WHICH FISH  
SOUTHERN GULF AREA, INCLUDING BAY OF CAMPECHE AT VARIOUS TIMES.  
SUCH BOATS USUALLY RENDEZVOUS IN SHALLOW WATER AREA, COMMONLY  
KNOWN AS CAMPECHE FLATS WITHIN SIGHT OF CAMPECHE, MEXICO, TO  
TRANSFER SHRIMP CATCH, SUPPLIES, ETC. AMERICAN SEAMEN ARE NOT  
ALLOWED IN PORT OF CAMPECHE EXCEPT EMERGENCY BASIS, BUT FISHER-  
MEN DESIRING TO VISIT PLACES OF AMUSEMENT CAN USUALLY ARRANGE TO  
DO SO CLANDESTINELY THROUGH CONTACT WITH MEXICANS OPERATING SMALL

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VESSELS KNOWN AS "BUM BOATS" OR "CAYUQUEROS," WHICH BRING WOMEN, LIQUOR, MARIJUAN, ETC. OUT TO SHRIMP BOATS FROM CAMPECHE, MEXICO, FOR EXCHANGE FOR CASH, FRESHLY CAUGHT SHRIMP, BOAT EQUIPMENT OR ANY OTHER DESIRED ARTICLES IN POSSESSION OF SUCH FISHERMEN.

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Date: 5/6/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN.

[REDACTED], LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, ALLEGEDLY LONG DISTANCE FROM AREA CODE SIX ZERO TWO (AREA CODE FOR ARIZONA), TELEPHONE, [REDACTED], A PHONE BOOTH IN AN UNNAMED RESTAURANT AT ONE SEVEN ONE THREE SUNSET STRIP, LOS ANGELES, AND ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WAS AT THAT RESTAURANT ABOUT SIX HOURS EARLIER AND, AT THAT, THE TIME OF HIS CALL (ONE FORTY-FIVE P.M. EDT), WHO FIT THE DISCRIPTION AND APPEARANCE OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND WEARING DARK SUIT, YELLOW TIE, WHITE SHIRT, YELLOW GOLD RING WITH DIAMOND AND BLACK SETTING, AND CARRYING A GUN IN A SHOULDER HOLSTER.

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- 1 - Memphis (44-9187) (AM)
- 1 - Phoenix (AM)
- 2 - WFO

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Approved: James D. Purvis  
Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] STATED HIS GRANDFATHER, [REDACTED] HAS TELEPHONE  
[REDACTED] AND RESIDES NEXT DOOR TO  
HIM.

WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE TIME AT THE PLACE WHERE HE WAS  
CALLING FROM, [REDACTED] WAS EVASIVE AND SAID IT WAS ABOUT SIX  
HOURS EARLIER THAN IN WASHINGTON. HE WAS EVASIVE ABOUT THE  
NAME OF THE ABOVE RESTAURANT AND ABOUT GIVING THE IMPROPER  
AREA CODE. HE STATED HE HAD CALLED THE FBI IN LOS ANGELES AND  
RECEIVED NO ANSWER. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO AGAIN CALL THE LOS  
ANGELES OFFICE.

IN VIEW OF [REDACTED] ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATION  
SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THIS REPORT BEING A POSSIBLY HOAX.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS AND PHOENIX.

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FBI LOS ANG.

7:39 PM URGENT 5-6-68 DPK

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FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE DYRELL DENNIS

EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON INTERVIEWED MAY SIX INSTANT.

STATED HE RESIDED IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL FROM MARCH EIGHT LAST TO  
APRIL SIXTEEN LAST WHEN HE ENTERED ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL, LOS  
ANGELES FOR SURGERY. PENDLETON IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM  
DYRELL DENNIS, RETURN ADDRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, POSTMARKED MILWAUKEE  
APRIL NINETEEN LAST, LETTER IN PART STATES "HAVE YOU SEEN RAY?  
I HOPE HE IS OKAY."

PENDLETON ADVISED LOUIS LOMAX HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH  
HIM ON TWO OCCASIONS, THE SECOND TIME AFTER ABOVE LETTER RECEIVED.  
HE GAVE LOMAX DENNIS' ADDRESS AND TOLD LOMAX DENNIS WELL ACQUAINTED  
WITH INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO PENDLETON AS RAY SELMA (PH). PENDLETON  
STATED LOMAX TOLD HIM MARIE (LNU), (REFERS TO MARIE MARTIN),  
COCKTAIL WAITRESS AT SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HAD ADVISED  
LOMAX THAT HE, PENDLETON, KNEW DYRELL DENNIS AND RAY SELMA.

PENDLETON ADVISED RAY SELMA IS MEXICAN-AMERICAN, THIRTY SEVEN TO

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FORTY YEARS OF AGE, DARK COMPLEXION, [REDACTED] LAST SEEN AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL ON APRIL THIRTEEN OR FOURTEEN LAST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ( DENNIS HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AT MILWAUKEE .

PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY SHOWN PENDLETON WHO STATED HE COULD NOT RECOGNIZE THEM AS IDENTICAL TO RAY SELMA.

PRIOR INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES INDICATES RAY SELMA REFERRED TO BY PENDLETON MAY BE IDENTICAL TO RAY FERNANDEL. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RAY FERNANDEL.

RE PUERTO VALLARTA

INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES CONTINUES TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HOTEL GUESTS AT THIS RESORT AT SAME TIME AS SUBJECT. THOSE INTERVIEWED, NEGATIVE TO DATE.

RE QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE.

RECEIPIENTS OF "LOCAL SWINGER" INTERVIEWED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS RE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT OR ANY CONTACT WITH HIM.

TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS ON VARIOUS LEADS ON LONG DISTANCE CALLS DECEMBER FIFTEEN THROUGH SEVENTEEN SIXTY SEVEN OBTAINED AND ALL BEING INTERVIEWED.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MILWAUKEE AND ATLANTA.

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FBI LOUISVLE

1117PM/URGENT/5/6/68/JMR

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947) 1P.

MURKIN

RE LOUISVILLE AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST RE TELEPHONE BOOTH,  
ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU, LOS  
ANGELES AND LOUISVILLE THIS DATE.

AT TIME OF ORIGINAL INTERVIEW WITH MRS. COOK AND SON EFFORTS  
MADE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT ALONZO F. COOK, JR.,  
COULD BE LOCATED IF NECESSARY. BOTH ADVISED THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION  
OF ANY KIND CONCERNING HIS' WHEREABOUTS OR EMPLOYMENT.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO LOCATE COOK, JR., THROUGH CREDIT,  
CRIMINAL, AND DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECKS NOTING THAT HE HAS RESIDED  
IN GRANADA HILLS, CALIF., AND AT THANKSGIVING TELEPHONED HIS'  
MOTHER FROM COVINA, CALIF.

LOUISVILLE RECONTACTING MRS. COOK.

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5/6/68

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1 - Mr McDonough

To: SACS, Atlanta (44-2386)  
Birmingham (44-1740)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN  
OO: ME

If not already being done, Atlanta and Birmingham should check records of access to safety deposit boxes at banks in each of those cities for the date 4/5/68. Any individuals who made entry into such safety deposit boxes on this date should be eliminated as possibly being subject. This can primarily be done on the basis of length of time the box was rented or on the basis of the renter of the box being known to bank employees. Any questionable eliminations must be run out.

This is being suggested in light of the possibility that subject may have rented such a box and then while fleeing may have made entry for the purpose of withdrawing valuables.

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI MEMPHIS

1148AM URGENT 5-6-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE SIX FORTYFIVE PM, MAY THREE,  
PAST.

RETEL MADE REQUEST OF BUREAU FOR POSSIBLE FBI  
TESTIMONY BEFORE LOCAL GRAND JURY IN INSTANT CASE. APPROXIMATELY  
ELEVEN A.M. THIS DATE, MR. CARLISLE, STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
OFFICE AT MEMPHIS, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC AND ADVISED AS  
FOLLOWS:

CARLISLE SAID THAT EVIDENCE SUBMITTED AND FBI  
LABORATORY REPORT HAVE ALL BEEN CAREFULLY REVIEWED. HE WAS OF OPINION  
THAT BASED ON LABORATORY REPORT AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT  
MEMPHIS PD IT WAS NOT NECESSARY THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF FBI TESTIFY  
BEFORE GRAND JURY. HE STATED HE FELT CERTAIN GRAND JURY WOULD  
RETURN INDICTMENT PROBABLY ON TUESDAY, MAY SEVEN. HE WILL ADVISE  
MEMPHIS OFFICE OF RESULTS OF GRAND JURY HEARING.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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TELETYPE

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TO SAC SACRAMENTO  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

1 - Mr. Martindale  
1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN.

LEGAT MEXICO CITY ADVISES INDIVIDUAL WHOM SOME  
SAY RESEMBLES SUBJECT REGISTERED LAS GLORIAS MOTEL,  
PUERTO VALLARTA, APRIL NINETEEN - THIRTY, GIVING NAME  
AND ADDRESS AS [REDACTED]  
REDDING, CALIFORNIA. WAS TRAVELING WITH WOMAN APPARENTLY  
OF MEXICAN EXTRACTION, ALLEGEDLY HIS WIFE. MADE INQUIRY  
ABOUT BUYING PISTOL AND MORPHINE.

IMMEDIATELY CHECK OUT STANGE AS A SUSPECT  
AND SUTEL.

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VIA TELETYPE

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URGENT 5-6-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO218

MURKIN.

REMYCAB MAY FOUR LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE:

STATE POLICE AGENCIES CONTINUING EFFORTS TO LOCATE SUBJECT IN CITY OF CAMPECHE AND ALL OUTLYING AREAS. POLICE FINGERPRINT FILES DATING BACK TO ONE NINE FIVE FIVE RECORD ALL FOREIGNERS WHO WERE IN TROUBLE WITH POLICE OR FINGERPRINTED FOR LACK OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION PAPERS AND SUBJECT'S PRINTS RUN THROUGH THESE FILES WITHOUT LOCATING RECORD.

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN CHECKING SMALLER COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE CITY OF CAMPECHE. THERE ARE FIVE THREE SEPARATE RELIGIOUS CONGRAGATIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF STATE, WORKING AMONG INDIANS, AND ALL HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO REPORT ARRIVAL OF ANY NEW AMERICAN. HIGHWAY POLICE REPORTED ARRIVAL OF ONE NEW AMERICAN AT CHAMPOTON, SOME FORTY MILES SOUTH OF CAMPECHE.

Mr. Tolson\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop\_\_\_\_  
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AGENT PERSONALLY CHECKED THIS INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS FOUND TO BE COLLEGE PROFESSOR, CRIPPLED, AND NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

EXTENSIVE INQUIRIES AT CAMPECHE AND AT BORDER HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED], OWNER OF FISHING BOAT WITH WHOM SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED AT ONE TIME IN SMUGGLING OPERATION. INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED AT SHRIMP FREEZING ESTABLISHMENT IN CAMPECHE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SOME SMALL ITEMS ARE SMUGGLED FROM U.S. BUT STATED THAT LARGER APPLIANCES SUCH AS TV SETS AND WASHING MACHINES ARE NOT PART OF THIS TRAFFIC.

SUSPECT AT CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

FURTHER INTERVIEWS AT BUS STATION ESTABLISHED THAT INDIVIDUAL IN COWBOY ATTIRE WHO MAY BE SAME SUSPECT REPORTED BY SAN DIEGO AS BOARDING BUS AT SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO, SONORA, MAY HAVE DEPARTED CIUDAD OBREGON ON APRIL TWO FOUR LAST EN ROUTE TO GUADALAJARA. BUS DRIVER BEING IDENTIFIED FOR INTERVIEW RE THIS INDIVIDUAL.

INVESTIGATION AT PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO.

LOCAL IMMIGRATION AGENT ADVISED AGENT ON SCENE THAT RECENT VISITOR RESEMBLED PHOTO OF SUSPECT WITH SUNGLASSES. SUBSEQUENT

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INVESTIGATION IDENTIFIED THIS MAN AS REGISTERING IN LAS GLORIAS MOTEL, PUERTO VALLARTA, AS [REDACTED] [REDACTED], REDDING CALIFORNIA. HE STAYED FROM APRIL ONE NINE TO APRIL THREE ZERO LAST AND SPENT FOUR DAYS IN MOUNTAINS HUNTING. HE WAS TRAVELING WITH WOMAN REGISTERED AS HIS WIFE BUT WHO APPEARED TO BE OF MEXICAN EXTRACTION. HE ALLEGEDLY MADE INQUIRY OF HUNTING GUIDE ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF BUYING A PISTOL AND MORPHINE AND ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT GOING INTO BUSINESS IN PUERTO VALLARTA. SOME MOTEL EMPLOYEES ALSO THINK [REDACTED] RESEMBLES PICTURE WITH SUNGLASSES BUT MOTEL OWNER BELIEVES HE WAS OLDER AND TALLER THAN SUBJECT WITH LIGHTER COLORED HAIR.

REQUEST BUREAU INSTRUCT SACRAMENTO TO CONDUCT DISCREET INVESTIGATION TO FULLY IDENTIFY [REDACTED], VERIFY HIS RECENT VISIT TO PUERTO VALLARTA, AND DETERMINE ANY CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE OR SUBJECT. CABLE REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST, AGENT DETERMINED FROM ONE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CASA SUSANA WHERE SUBJECT GALT SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME, THAT SHE WAS FIRST PROSTITUTE SUBJECT SLEPT WITH BEFORE HE TOOK UP WITH [REDACTED], AKA. [REDACTED] STATES THAT WHEN THEY FIRST MET, GALT TOLD HER HE WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA ON FORTY DAY VACATION.

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INVESTIGATION IN ALL PARTS OF MEXICO RECEIVING PRIORITY  
ATTENTION. BUREAU AND DOMESTIC OFFICES WILL BE IMMEDIATELY  
ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND ANY NEW LEADS IN U.S.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RECEIVED: 12:22 AM 5-7-68 LRC

3RD CC MR. BRENNAN



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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DeLoach ☒  
Mohr ☒  
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Trotter ☒  
Tele. Rm. ☒  
Holmes ☒  
Gandy ☒

TO : Mr. DeLoach *D*

DATE: 5-6-68

FROM : T. E. Bishop *TEB*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

By memorandum of May 3, 1968, it was recommended and approved that the attached photograph of Ray be furnished the field offices and legats. It was noted that this photograph of Ray in a business suit is considered to be the best likeness of fugitive to date.

Also attached is a photograph of Ray wearing dark glasses which was taken in November, 1967, while Ray was in Mexico.

Inasmuch as both of these photographs may be of assistance in locating subject, it is recommended that they be made available to the press by Crime Records together with the following brief statement:

The FBI today released two additional photographs of James Earl Ray who is being sought in connection with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The photograph of Ray wearing dark glasses was taken in Mexico in November, 1967, while the photograph of Ray in a business suit was made in California during the last part of January or the early part of February, 1968.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That authority be given Crime Records to release the attached two photographs and statement to the press.

2 ENCLOSURE

- Enclosures (2)  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Jones

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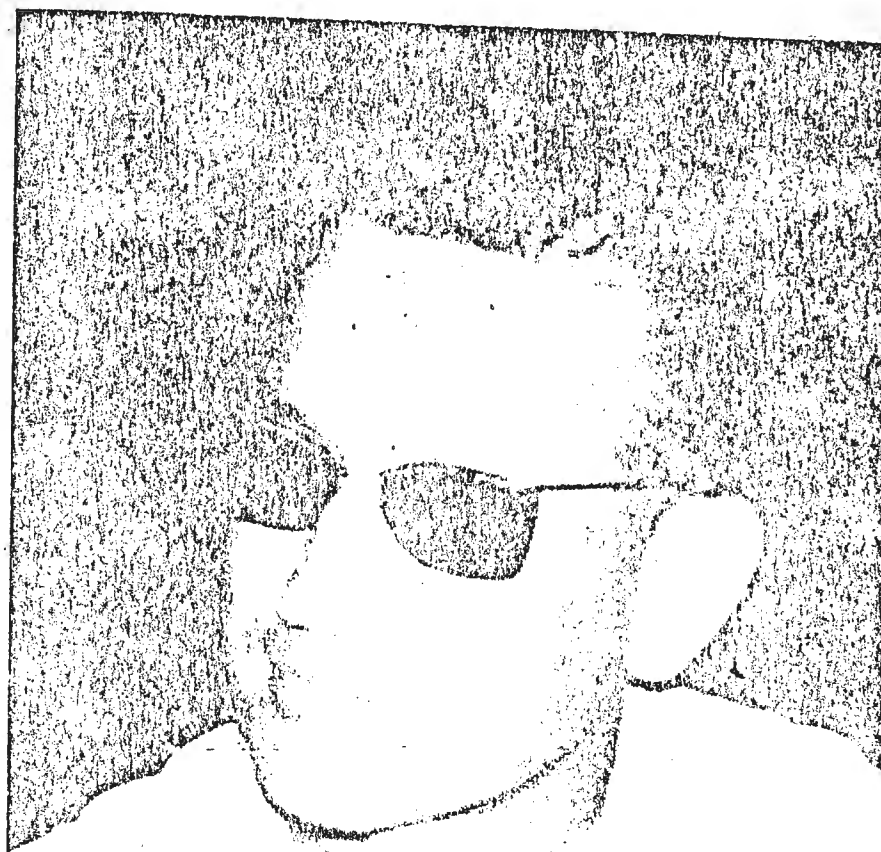
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: PROPOSED SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS  
REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY  
AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY

As you are aware, with the Director's approval, the 25-second spot announcement on James Earl Ray by Philip Abbott will be repeated at the conclusion of the television series "The FBI" on Sunday, 4-28-68.

Peter Sterne, American Broadcasting Company representative in Los Angeles, California, has contacted SA [REDACTED] to determine if the Bureau would approve this announcement being used at various times of the day over ABC television outlets for an extended period of time.

Sterne has indicated that he feels certain that ABC would be willing to do this as a public service.

## OBSERVATION:

This would appear to be an excellent opportunity to afford maximum television exposure of Ray's photograph and descriptive data.

## RECOMMENDATION:

The Director may wish to approve the spot announcement on James Earl Ray by Philip Abbott being used at various times of the day over American Broadcasting Company television outlets for an extended period of time.

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

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Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI PITTSBGH

TELETYPE

235 PM 4/29/68 URGENT RAN

TO DIRECTOR AND TAMPA

FROM PITTSBURGH (44-578)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE TAMPA TEL BUREAU, FOUR TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

SUSPECT [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION PARKERSBURG, W.VA., FOUR TWENTYSEVEN LAST,  
DISCLOSED RESIDENCE LOCATED AT [REDACTED]  
VACANT AT THE TIME.

NO CURRENT RECORD CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES LOCATED  
IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION AT POST OFFICE, PARKERSBURG, FOUR TWENTYNINE,  
INSTANT, DISCLOSED CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR [REDACTED] DATED AUGUST  
FOURTEEN SIXTYFOUR, GIVING NEW ADDRESS OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LAKELAND, FLA.

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TAMPA AT LAKELAND, FLA., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW

MAY 7 1968

RE INFO SET OUT IN RETEL.

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AIR MAIL MEMPHIS.

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FBI KAN CITY

1223 PM URGENT 4/29/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, HOUSTON 44-1509

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 3P

MURKIN

RE BUTELS TO KANSAS CITY APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

RE TEL REFERS TO KANSAS CITY AIRTEL FEB. SIXTEEN, SIXTYFIVE,  
WHEREIN ONE [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE WAS APPROACHED BY AN  
UNKNOWN PARTY ON FEB. FIFTEEN SIXTYFIVE, AND ASKED TO KILL THE  
PRESIDENT AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. HOUSTON REFER TO YOUR FILE  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED BY US SECRET SERVICE DURING WHICH  
INTERVIEW HE AGAIN STATED HE WAS CONTACTED BY TWO MEN IN A BARMAY 7 1968  
SOMEWHERE ON TRACY AVE., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON FEB. FIFTEEN,  
SIXTYFIVE, AND THAT THESE MEN HAD ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD SHOOT  
PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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[REDACTED] DESCRIBED THESE INDIVIDUALS AS NO. ONE: WM, AGE THIRTY FIVE, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE TO SIXTYFIVE, SMALL BUILD, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES AND LEATHER JACKET; NO. TWO: WM, AGE FORTYFIVE, FIVE EIGHT - NINE, SMALL BUILD, BLUE EYES, BROWN BUSINESS SUIT AND FELT HAT.

[REDACTED] SALVATION ARMY, KANSAS CITY, MO., ADVISED THIS DATE SHE HAS NOT HAD ANY CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] SINCE HIS [REDACTED] SIXTYFIVE. HER FILES INDICATE [REDACTED] STATED HE

PREVIOUSLY SPENT TIME IN OTHER SALVATION ARMY CENTERS; TWO WEEKS EVANSVILLE, IND., THREE MONTHS MEMPHIS, TENN; THREE MONTHS ST. LOUIS AND THREE MONTHS IN LITTLE ROCK, ARK., MOSTLY AS A TRUCK DRIVER, HOWEVER, HE WORKED AS COOK AND TRUCK DRIVER IN MEMPHIS. [REDACTED] ALSO GAVE [REDACTED] THE NAME [REDACTED], DAUGHTER, [REDACTED]

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~~REDACTED~~ SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO BEAUMONT, TEX., ~~REDACTED~~  
~~REDACTED~~

HOUSTON LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ~~REDACTED~~ TO DETERMINE IF ~~REDACTED~~  
OR THE PERSONS WHO CONTACTED HIM MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS  
CONSPIRATORS IN THIS CASE.

AM COPY MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/30/68

Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Room	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: [REDACTED]

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/26/68.

[REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, advised she has been legally separated from her husband, [REDACTED], for about three years. She stated he has been extremely religious since getting out of prison, and in her opinion is "sick", but would not harm anyone. She said [REDACTED] was in Kansas City, Kansas, at the time of KING's murder residing at [REDACTED], Kansas City, Kansas, but left about a week later for California.

[REDACTED] said she had a letter from her husband on 4/29/68 in which he indicated he was [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California. She does not know of any threatening statements made by [REDACTED] regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING, but stated he might have made such statements while he was a member of the John Birch Society. She stated he has not been associated with this organization since getting out of prison.

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LOS ANGELES

REC-44

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will locate and interview [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California.

③ Bureau  
 2 Los Angeles (44-1574)  
 2 Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 Kansas City

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4-30-68

Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CR  
 OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4-26-68, re suspect,  
 JOHN W. LEWIS.

For the information of the Atlanta Office, JOHN W. LEWIS mentioned in referenced airtel is undoubtedly identical with JOHN WARREN LEWIS, [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] LEWIS is presently under bond after arrest for violation of the Selective Service Act in connection with his activities in the group, American Friends Service Committee, and Students for a Democratic Society. LEWIS is leader of the Ky. Conference on War and the Draft and a leader of a conference of this group at the University of Ky. on 2-10-68.

JOHN WARREN LEWIS is definitely not identical with the photo enclosed for the Louisville Office in referenced airtel, nor with subject RAY.

For the information and guidance of the Atlanta Office, enclosed is a photo of JOHN WARREN LEWIS taken upon his arrest by BuAgents in the Frankfort, Ky. area on 9-27-67. JOHN WARREN LEWIS is described as 22 years of age, DOB [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], 6'3", 225 lbs., heavy build, dark brown hair, brown eyes, residence [REDACTED], Frankfort, Ky. This photo is

- (3) - Bureau  
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 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - Louisville  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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being furnished the Atlanta Office in the event they desire to further resolve the identity of JOHN W. LEWIS which individual was present during the programming conference of the Poor Peoples March at Atlanta, on 3-14-68.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, 4/29/68.

Referenced Bureau airtel requested the Jackson Division to identify Jackson teletype dated April 17, 1968, which teletype the Dallas Office referred to in Dallas airtel to the Bureau, dated April 24, 1968.

Jackson file discloses a teletype was sent to Dallas, dated April 17, 1968, with an air mail copy directed to the Bureau and Memphis.

The information in Jackson teletype refers to information furnished by LEE MEREDITH, former Sheriff, DeSoto County, Hernando, Mississippi, who advised that the artist's conception appearing in the Memphis, Tennessee, newspaper resembles one of four individuals arrested in Hernando, Mississippi, who were from Dallas, Texas, and who allegedly were associated with GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL during the MEREDITH March in Mississippi, in 1967. These individuals who were arrested were identified as ROBERT ALLEN SURREY, JERALD THOMAS WALRAVEN, RICHARD JUDSON DICKINSON, ALVIN NEIL GRAY, and TOMMY WADE ORAN.

C. C. Bishop

- ③ - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
- 2 - Jackson

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TELETYPE

FBI ATLANTA

454P EDT URGENT 4/30/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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FOR INFO KANSAS CITY, 'SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC DEVILLE CONVERTIBLE, VIN F SEVEN ONE ONE TWO SEVEN NINE FIVE, WITH 'SIXTYSEVEN-'SIXTYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE ONE W ONE SEVEN NINE ONE THREE ZERO, LOCATED ABANDONED ATLANTA AIRPORT, NOV. THIRTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. CAR AT AIRPORT ANYWHERE FROM THIRTY - SEVENTYFIVE DAYS. CADILLAC STOLEN MONTREAL CANADA, AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, AND LATER REGISTERED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUG. TWENTYNINTH, 'SIXTYSEVEN TO MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, TWO ONE FIVE ONE N.W. ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST., MIAMI, FLA., WHICH IS ADDRESS OF THE FAMOUS DOOR LOUNGE. INVESTIGATION AT LOUNGE REFLECTS ST. PIERRE UNKNOWN; HOWEVER, OCCUPANTS RECALL ST. PIERRE POSSIBLY RECEIVED MAIL FROM PHILLIP SIXTYSIX PETROLEUM CO., WHICH MAIL RETURNED TO POSTMAN.

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INVESTIGATION, ATLANTA, REFLECTS K. C. TAYLOR OF PHILLIP PETROLEUM CO., KANSAS CITY, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO CONTACT IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ST. PIERRE. IT IS NOTED SUBJECT RAY

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AT 44-2386

REPORTEDLY LEFT MONTREAL, CANADA AREA SOMETIME DURING AUG. 'SIXTYSEVEN  
AND POSSIBILITY RAY UTILIZED STOLEN CADILLAC FOR TRANSPORTATION TO  
SOUTH.

KANSAS CITY IMMEDIATELY CONTACT PHILLIP PETROLEUM AND ATTEMPT  
TO IDENTIFY ST. PIERRE. THEREAFTER, SET OUT LEADS TO LOCATE ST. PIERRE  
WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT PHOTOS OF RAY BE DISPLAYED IN AN EFFORT TO  
IDENTIFY HIM OR ELIMINATE HIM WITH STOLEN CADILLAC.

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Date: 5/1/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P  
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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 3 copies of an investigative insert concerning an interview with [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is currently confined [REDACTED] and requested his identity be concealed. Therefore his name is not being set forth on the investigative insert.

2 copies above insert are enclosed to Memphis.

1 copy above insert enclosed to San Antonio, St. Louis and Chicago.

The pertinent portion of this information has previously been furnished by teletype, however the insert is being enclosed for complete information.

It is to be noted that the prison records reveal JOHN WURTT aka KENNETH HURTT, MSP # [REDACTED], on 1/20/67, sent a

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- 2-Memphis (Enc. 2)
- 1-San Antonio (Enc. 1)
- 1-St. Louis (Enc. 1)
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W. C. Bishop

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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money order in the amount of \$15.25 to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Co., 712A Shanendoah St., St. Louis, Mo. A review of the file reflects ALBERT J. PEPPER related to subject. In view of this it is felt that all the information furnished by [REDACTED] may be correct.

Kansas City office is reviewing prison records in an attempt to locate KENNETH HURTT. Other leads in this matter were set out by teletype.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 29, 1968, a former inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary advised as follows:

He knew JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). From his conversations with RAY, he learned that RAY's maximum ambition in life was to make a "score" of about \$20 - \$30,000.00, after which he would go to Mexico to "hide out", living simply on the loot at the favorable Mexican exchange rate. RAY had spoken to him about his previous trips to Mexico, following "two or three" armed robberies, involving small scores, where he would "cool off" and live on beer, beans and milk. RAY spoke of Campeche Bay, near the Yucatan Peninsula, and he spoke of living with peasants on the outskirts of the town of Campeche, Mexico. RAY also spoke of a cheap "red light district" he favored located in the town of Torreon or Torrejon (phonetic), which the former MSP inmate thought was located in north central Mexico. Cost was a factor in anything RAY did, and he apparently lived frugally and budgeted his money carefully.

RAY did not like Negroes in general, but he expressed no particular feeling toward MARTIN LUTHER KING, although he has heard RAY refer to Dr. KING as "MARTIN LUTHER COON". RAY read enthusiastically, especially the weekly news magazines available at the MSP, and he would react in an outspoken manner opposing H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL when he read of their activities, as well as in opposition to publicity Dr. KING received in certain instances.

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The former MSP inmate never heard of any bounty mentioned with regard to Dr. KING at the MSP or elsewhere. He believes he has heard RAY speculate that there might be some money available through some splinter group for the murder of BROWN or CARMICHAEL, but he never heard him speak in this regard about Dr. KING. RAY did not mention specific groups or any knowledge of any real payoff information. He recalls RAY's telling him, during the time [REDACTED] that while he was on the minor construction detail at the MSP, one of the guards referred to the Negro inmates working on the detail as "boy", and the Negroes went on a "sit-down" strike, and induced about two of the white inmates to join their strike, and when one of the Negroes referred to RAY as "gray", he got into a fight with that inmate, although the prison officials never learned of the fight, and the former MSP inmate's knowledge of the fight was as a result of RAY's telling him, and he does not know whether or not it is true.

RAY was a hypochondriac in that he took six or seven different kinds of pills daily, imagining that he had a "cranial depression" and a "rapid palpitation of the heart". He would use former inmate's watch with a second hand and time his pulse. He was able to obtain "pills" from going on sick call as well as through inmate sources in the MSP. The former inmate had some pills he had obtained for treatment of his arthritis, from which he obtained no relief, and RAY took these pills, thinking that he might some day have arthritis, and the pills might ward off future effects of that affliction. He believes RAY was selling amphetamine all the time he was in the MSP, but former inmate does not know his source.

RAY mentioned a traffic for the sale of small appliances in Mexico, due to the tariff Mexicans had to pay for such items they purchased legally, and he spoke of having smuggled such items into Mexico. He said he was acquainted with a man who operated a small scale smuggling business, who lived near the town of Campeche, Mexico. RAY mentioned this man so often that former inmate recalls his name: either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], who apparently had lived for some time in the United States, and who spoke English. He believes this is the man RAY referred

to as the owner of a small fishing boat, and he would smuggle things from Brownsville, Texas, into Mexico through Campeche Bay. He believes RAY made trips on this boat with the man, and apparently Mexican Nationals are not checked upon entering Mexico through Campeche Bay in fishing boats. He does not believe RAY could speak Spanish, other than for basic words for basic needs. He heard RAY mention a brother in St. Louis, Missouri, and he believes some of RAY's trips to Mexico were with either the brother or with someone he had participated in armed robberies with, name not given. RAY indicated he had invested a little money in TV sets and washing machines which were transported to Mexico by his friend with the fishing boat. RAY said he had been to Mexico City "a couple of times", and he apparently liked Mexico City, but said it was a "tourist trap", and he could not afford to stay there.

RAY's only reference to working had to do with past bartending jobs. He believes RAY said he had tended bar somewhere in Peoria, Illinois, and at some other town in southern Illinois, exact location not known. He never mentioned Oregon or Canada, that former inmate recalls.

RAY never mentioned to him his plans for escape or specific plans to hide out any particular place, but his conversation indicated he wanted to "make the one big score" and retire in Mexico. He mentioned that he and another man, name not mentioned, drove to Mexico, apparently Campeche, one time, in an old model Chevrolet, specific routes not mentioned. He does not know how RAY made his other trips to Mexico he claimed to have made. He said that he had lived in a rented three-room shack on the outskirts of Campeche, within walking distance of the town, and from his conversation, former inmate gathered that this was during the late 1950's. RAY said he had been in Arizona before, but he did not mention any of the Mexican-United States Border towns, other than Brownsville, Texas.

He recalls RAY mentioned having watched a "fire dance" done by small Negro boys at a hotel in Acapulco, Mexico. He indicated he had not stayed at the hotel where the performance was, since it was too expensive, but stayed at an unnamed cheaper hotel, and he indicated that live coals

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were kicked over a cliff into the surf below the hotel, after which the boys would dive into the surf as it rushed through a small inlet.

He recalls RAY once had another inmate, KENNY HURT, or HURTT, in about 1966, send out about \$15.00 for him once, purportedly for the purchase of stationery for legal papers. The prison authorities watch inmate expenditures closely and at the time, the inmates were allowed only about \$23.00 per month expenditures, but RAY had some income from his illegal activities in prison and needed to conceal the money in other than his own treasury account. HURTT got RAY's money and sent it out to a Mr. and Mrs. (name unrecalled) Stationery Company in St. Louis, Missouri, but no stationery ever came to HURTT, who worried about it and thought it might have been stolen until he was told it would never come, by RAY, who had used HURTT for getting rid of the money without HURTT's knowledge of what he was doing.

Former MSP inmate does not know who RAY might contact, other than the supposed friend at Campeche he named, and he has no knowledge of his whereabouts and no knowledge of his plans to escape, or activities following escape. He does not approve of the murder with which RAY is charged, however, and desired to furnish the above information to help if he can.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Bureau airtel to New Haven, 4-30-68;  
New Haven teletype to the Bureau, 4-11-68;  
WFO teletype to Director and New Haven, 4-9-68

Re New Haven teletype, 4-11-68, relative to information furnished by [REDACTED] complainant, reflects inquiry conducted re 1966 Mustang, Missouri registration [REDACTED] had been observed with rifles on the rear seat.

The operator of this vehicle was HENRY L. POHL, a representative of E.C. Bishop & Sons, Inc., a highly reputable manufacturer of gun stocks from Warsaw, Mo., destined to Winchester Firearms, New Haven.

In view of the foregoing, no further investigation was conducted.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re: Telephone call to Springfield from Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, 4/24/68.

[REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] was contacted at the residence of her father, [REDACTED] Lexington, Illinois, on 4/30/68. [REDACTED] advised she and her husband were at the [REDACTED] residence the weekend of 4/20-22/68. She advised that on the night of 4/21/68 or early morning of 4/22/68 her husband was awakened by the dogs barking outside the farm residence which is located up a farm lane one-half mile from the main rural road. She advised her husband and her father, [REDACTED], upon making a search of the outside area, found that the [REDACTED] 1967 Oldsmobile Delta "88", cream colored with black vinyl top, had been broken into. [REDACTED] advised nothing was missing from the car and no one was located or seen in the area. [REDACTED] advised her husband left alone from the [REDACTED] residence on the morning of 4/22/68 en route Detroit, Michigan.

[REDACTED] advised that in a short period of time, [REDACTED] returned to the [REDACTED] residence. Upon his return,

- ③ - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Chicago (44-1114)
- 2 - Cleveland
- 2 - Detroit
- 2 - Indianapolis
- 2 - Louisville
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Miami
- 2 - New Orleans
- 2 - St. Louis (44-775)
- 2 - Kansas City (44-760)
- 2 - Springfield (44-561)

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██████████ stated he had found a note in the recessed area of the speedometer of his car. ██████████ pointed out that the speedometer has been broken; therefore, her husband was not normally attracted to the speedometer). She related this note was made up of words cut from newspapers and pasted on the back of a pocket calendar (unable to describe the calendar). ██████████ said the note read in substance, "If you go to the police or the FBI you will be killed." ██████████ advised her husband, after returning with the note, proceeded en route Detroit, Michigan, and after a short period of time had elapsed, he telephonically contacted her, stating he was at the Holiday Inn, Bloomington, Illinois. ██████████ stated her husband informed her that upon reaching the road one mile north of the ██████████ residence, and Route 66, he saw a 1966 or 1967 Chevrolet, tan in color, no license information, with two men in the car, parked along the road. ██████████ stated her husband told her that this car followed him en route Bloomington. However, they did not turn into the Holiday Inn when he did. ██████████ advised her husband then told her he was proceeding on to Detroit, Michigan,

██████████ advised upon discussing above with her parents, her mother, ██████████, stated she had noticed a late model, tan car, making several trips on the main rural road near the ██████████ residence on the early morning of 4/22/68.

██████████ advised that on the night of 4/22/68 her husband telephonically contacted her, but he would not disclose his location as he stated he was afraid to mention his location over the phone. She related her husband told her that he stopped at a rest stop area after leaving Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon leaving his car and walking the direction of the men's restroom, he saw a tan automobile occupied by two men driving very slow. He stated at this time the rider in this automobile fired a shot at him. ██████████ told his wife the shot just missed his ear and he, ██████████, hit the ground where he laid as if he had been hit. ██████████ stated that the tan car disappeared and he has not seen it since.

██████████ stated her husband believed this action was due to his being in the men's restroom at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/27/68, where he allegedly overheard five men planning to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ██████████ stated her husband told her that one of the men in the restroom was RAY, whom he recognized after RAY's photograph was published. She stated he further informed her that he would be able to recognize the other men he saw in the restroom. ██████████ advised she recalls being at the Gulf Truck Stop at Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/29/68. She stated upon their leaving the truck stop, her husband did not mention to her anything of hearing of the plan to kill KING. She stated she does recall her

husband remarked, "If King goes back to Memphis he will be killed." [REDACTED] advised her husband did say he wanted to see CARL STERN of NBC, Washington, D.C, whom he knew but did not state why he desired to see STERN.

[REDACTED] advised her husband returned to the [REDACTED] residence at Lexington, Illinois, on Friday, 4/26/68, where he stayed until the morning of Saturday, 4/27/68, at which time [REDACTED] and his mother-in-law had an argument over [REDACTED] son by a previous marriage. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to leave, which he did.

[REDACTED] stated she told her husband she had contacted Mr. DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Springfield Office of the FBI; and that he, [REDACTED], should call Mr. SULLIVAN and set up an appointment; that Mr. SULLIVAN had informed her he would make an appointment to meet [REDACTED] at any location or at any time when [REDACTED] was available. [REDACTED] stated her husband told her he was afraid to attempt to meet with FBI Agents, as he felt he was being followed. [REDACTED] stated she was unable to convince her husband to make arrangements for a meeting with the FBI. She advised her husband is very much interested in obtaining protection.

[REDACTED] advised of some of her husband's activities, which are not concerning the murder of Dr. KING. She advised that she does not know all of her husband's business and that she is sure he has not told her all he knows.

[REDACTED] advised her husband is acquainted with [REDACTED] of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who told [REDACTED] in the summer of 1967 that there were several businessmen in the area of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have KING assassinated. [REDACTED] advised her husband is well acquainted in the Baton Rouge and Denham Springs, Louisiana, area. She stated he was, in the summer of 1967, connected with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She related [REDACTED] lives in Dallas, Texas. She related [REDACTED] had an equipment rental business and while [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were attempting to rent the equipment they were trying to gain financing for a recreational park in Louisiana similar to "Six Flags Over Texas." She related that some way they came in contact with a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Miami, Florida, who advised they could finance same but were not interested, in a recreational park but would be interested in financing a horse racing track. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] obtained [REDACTED] to help locate his land which could be used as a horse racing park. He also obtained sanction of the [REDACTED] (FNU) IRWIN and [REDACTED] both of Slidell, La; however, "things got out of hand" and an article



appeared in "Life" magazine, and the Governor of Louisiana placed a stop to the entire operation.

[REDACTED] advised her husband is in telephonic contact with her daily but declines to furnish information as to his location over the telephone, as he is very afraid. [REDACTED] was advised to inform her husband if he has any information he desires to furnish to the FBI, he can contact any FBI Field Office, who will then arrange for an interview with him.

For information receiving offices, Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, on 4-24-68 advised he had received a telephone call from CARL STERN, Washington, D. C., NBC Office, who told him that a man [REDACTED], whom he had met on one occasion while covering a story in the South, had, on 4-24-68, telephoned him from someplace around Toledo, Ohio. [REDACTED] informed him he was en route to the home of his wife's parents in Lexington, Illinois. He then told STERN a "fantastic tale" about him, [REDACTED] overhearing a conversation on 3-29-68 in Lebanon, Tennessee, concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Apparently [REDACTED] was of the impression that the people involved in the conversation knew he had overheard them; and they had taken his license number. [REDACTED] believed there had been at least one shot fired at him since that time. [REDACTED] informed STERN he had vital information concerning KING's murder and called STERN for advice as to what he should do. STERN advised [REDACTED] to call the Springfield Office of the FBI and they would make arrangements to have someone meet him at his convenience in their territory. According to Mr. STERN, BISHOP stated that [REDACTED] is afraid to approach any office and may desire to have someone meet him at a location other than an office.

The files of the Springfield Office contain the following references to [REDACTED], however, it cannot be determined at this point whether or not they refer to [REDACTED] of Lexington, Illinois:

On 11-19-65 [REDACTED], 6'1" - 2", 175 lbs., employed [REDACTED] near Edwardsville, Illinois, and [REDACTED] at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, [REDACTED]

In 10-66 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had represented himself as an employee of [REDACTED], of Illinois, registering at two motels at Bloomington, Illinois, and had skipped without properly checking out and without paying for his room. [REDACTED] could not be located at that time but was described as a white, male, 35 - 40, 5'10" - 6', 150 lbs., dark brown hair, medium build and medium complexion. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] whose FBI No. was given as [REDACTED] was twice a patient at hospitals, one as a patient at the Patton State Hospital concerning which fingerprints were furnished by the State Bureau of Identification, Sacramento, California, on [REDACTED] 60 and subsequently again on [REDACTED] 60, was a patient at Atascadero State Hospital, California. That individual was described as white, male, approximately 6'3", 190 lbs., fair complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair and was considered to have suicidal tendencies.

A check through NCIC on 4-30-68 indicated [REDACTED] was not currently wanted.

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number of plates, name, and height.  
if he happens to be who we think. I will share  
the reward with, ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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Re Bureau airtel, 4/29/68.

For the information of HQ, NO, and AQ, referenced airtel advised that on 4/28/68, a representative of CIA advised Bureau that a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had advised the American Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, that he believed he had seen an individual whom he thought to be ERIC STARVO GALT at the Bristol Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria, on the afternoon of 4/23/68. The individual was identified as [REDACTED], who is reportedly an employee of the [REDACTED] (address unknown).

A check of the files of the Passport Office USDS, concerning [REDACTED] was made on 5/8/61 by SA [REDACTED] with negative results.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-10673)
- 2 - Houston
- 2 - Albuquerque (47-715)
- 1 - WFO

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Approved: [Signature]  
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Files, Passport Office, however, disclose that one [REDACTED] was issued Passport [REDACTED] at New Orleans, Louisiana, on 10/4/67 for proposed travel to Nigeria for one year to work. The name [REDACTED] appears under purpose of travel. In application 10/3/67 at New Orleans, he stated intended depart NYC via KLM/Pan American Airways/Swissair about 10/6/67, not by organized tour. According to a notice published in the Federal Register on 3/16/67, this passport was valid for 3 years for all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam.

This individual stated he was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and file reflects his birth certificate has been seen by passport authorities. He gave his permanent residence as [REDACTED] Farmington, N. M., and arranged pick up his passport in New Orleans. Listed father as [REDACTED], born [REDACTED], and mother as [REDACTED] born [REDACTED]. He stated he was last married [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], born [REDACTED] marriage not terminated. In event of death or accident, he requested that [REDACTED], his wife, be notified at his premanent residence. He identified himself with N. M. driver's license [REDACTED]

Following description appeared in his file:

Height:	5'10"
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Hazel
Occupation:	Welder

On the basis of photograph comparison, [REDACTED] does not appear to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

[REDACTED] Nigerian Desk, Office of Inter-African Affairs, Department of State, advised on 5/1/68 that the [REDACTED] or the [REDACTED] in Nigeria are unknown to him. He stated that there are many small American companies with contracts and sub-contracts in Nigeria. He suggested that the Department of Commerce be contacted to identify and locate such companies.

On 5/1/68, [REDACTED] Foreign Service Office, USDS, attached to the African Division, Bureau of International Commerce, U. S. Department of Commerce, advised SA [REDACTED] he could locate no record for a [REDACTED] of the U. S. doing business in Nigeria. He stated, however, that the [REDACTED] has address of [REDACTED] Lagos, Nigeria; further that the [REDACTED] has offices at [REDACTED] Houston, Texas, and at [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana.

HO and NO conduct investigation through [REDACTED] to determine if [REDACTED] is identical with [REDACTED], and if [REDACTED] is residing at Bristol Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria.

Copies of this communication are being furnished to AQ in the event further information is required in that Division to eliminate [REDACTED] as a suspect in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ST. LOUIS (44-775) KANSAS CITY (44-760)

SPRINGFIELD (44-561) AND NEWARK (44-854)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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RE BROTHER JERRY RAY. JERRY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTS  
CASE AGENT DAILY AND IS PHYSICALLY CONTACTED BY ANOTHER AGENT  
ON A DAILY BASIS. HIS EMPLOYER AND COUNTRY CLUB MANAGER COM-  
pletely cooperative and will advise of any unusual activity

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cc [signature]



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ON PART OF JERRY. IN ADDITION SECURITY GUARD SERVICE FOR COUNTRY CLUB MAKES HOURLY CHECKS DURING EVENING TO DETERMINE THAT JERRY AT WORK.

AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED JERRY IS MAINTENANCE MAN FOR COUNTRY CLUB FROM ELEVEN PM UNTIL FINISHED NEXT MORNING, THEREBY HAS ACCESS TO FOUR PRIVATE PHONES AND SEVEN PAY PHONES LOCATED ON COUNTRY CLUB PREMISES. THE PAY PHONE IN THE COTTAGE WHERE JERRY RESIDES IS UTILIZED BY ALL OTHER MEMBER OF THE COTTAGE. IN LETTER TO MARJORIE FETTERS, CAMDEN, N.J., JERRY MAKES COMMENT INDICATING THAT PAY PHONE USED DURING CONTACT WITH HER.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

IN THIS REGARD OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELE FURNISH PHONE NUMBERS OF RELATIVES AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES. NEWARK FURNISH PHONE NUMBER OF MARJORIE FETTERS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF TELEPHONE COVERAGE, EFFECTED.

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PAGE THREE CG 44-1114

RE ASSOCIATES AND INDIVIDUALS MAKING FREQUENT CONTACTS  
WITH RELATIVES. [REDACTED] COOPERATING WITH THIS OFFICE.

[REDACTED] VERY APPREHENSIVE OF CONNECTION WITH  
SUBJECT BECOMING KNOWN. ALSO, DUE TO INFORMATION SET FORTH IN  
"LIFE" MAGAZINE, [REDACTED] CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE LOSS OF  
BUSINESS FROM RESULTING NOTORIETY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ACCORDINGLY, NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]  
ASSOCIATES CHICAGO WILL BE MADE PENDING ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION  
DEVELOPING ANY ASSOCIATION OR POSSIBILITY SUBJECT AWARE OF  
[REDACTED] LOCATION, UACB.

FROM INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATION, JERRY RAY FRIENDLY  
WITH EMPLOYEES AT COUNTRY CLUB BUT HAS ONLY TWO CLOSE ASSOCIATES,  
BOTH EMPLOYEES. ONE IS SINGLE AND RESIDES IN SAME COTTAGE  
AT COUNTRY CLUB. THE OTHER MARRIED RESIDES IN MT. PROSPECT,  
ILLINOIS. ALSO DURING BRIEF MARRIAGE THIS AREA, JERRY DID  
NOT DEVELOP ANY ACQUAINTANCES OR ASSOCIATES AMONG EX-WIFE'S  
FRIENDS OR RELATIVES. AM CC TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

WPK

FBI WASH DC

FBI

Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

Re Legat, Mexico airtel, 4/23/68.

Re ERIC STARVO GALT at Puerto Vallarta,  
Mexico, October - November, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by SA

On 5/1/68, Mrs. MARY E. SCHRADER, [REDACTED] LaPorte, Texas advised that she and her husband stayed at the Hotel Rio in Room 206, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico for about four or five days in late Oct., 1967. She stated she did not recall anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or other aliases of this name staying there at the same time. She was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone that she had seen during her stay in Mexico.

On 5/1/68, LEWIS R. SCHRADER, [REDACTED] LaPorte, Texas was interviewed at his place of employment, [REDACTED] where he is a [REDACTED] employed on [REDACTED] San Leon, Texas. Mr. SCHRADER stated that he and his wife were on a vacation trip during late Oct., 1967 and stayed at the Hotel Rio (room unrecalled) Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico. He stated he did not recall anyone staying there at the time by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone he had seen.

4 - Bureau C. C. Bishop  
(1 - Legat, Mexico (173-1))

2 - Memphis

1 - Houston

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ M Per: \_\_\_\_\_

(Special Agent in Charge)

HO 44-1509

The following investigation was conducted at Galveston, Texas on 5/1/68 by SA [REDACTED]:

Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, [REDACTED], advised she stayed at the Hotel Rio in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, sometime in about October, 1967 for a period of about four or five days. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR. Shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and told that he may have used the name of ERIC GALT, she stated she does not recall that she noticed this person at the Hotel Rio or elsewhere during her visit to Mexico. She does not recall her room number in this hotel and does not believe she held any conversation with GALT.

She stated also her sister lives in Houston, Texas at [REDACTED] and is employed in [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]

Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR., [REDACTED], Houston, Texas advised that during her trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in October, 1967 when she was accompanied by her sister, VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, she can recall no male who looked like the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt. It is her recollection most of the residents at Hotel Rio were elderly people and not fit the description of RAY, aka Galt. She was unable to recall the number of the room at the Hotel Rio in which they stayed.

FBI

Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

RE: CARL RAY, ALLEGEDLY OF PECOS, TEXAS

On May 3, 1968, Supervisor [REDACTED], Los Angeles Office, telephonically advised as follows by FTS:

On this date, an individual who generally resembled subject RAY tried to turn in two Frontier Airlines tickets at the United Airlines Counter, Los Angeles, California, for a ticket to Hawaii. When the ticket agent took his credit card and the tickets to look them over, the individual walked away.

The items left with the ticket agent were a Frontier Airlines Air Travel Credit Card #31088, issued April 26, 1968, to CARL RAY of the Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 863, Pecos, Texas, and two Frontier Airlines tickets purchased May 1, 1968 at Denver, Colorado, one to C. RAY and one to Mrs. C. RAY, for passage between Las Vegas, Nevada, and St. Louis, Missouri.

On May 3, 1968, SA [REDACTED] telephonically advised Supervisor [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Office the following information by FTS:

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info.)
- 2 - Denver
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - El Paso

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Approved: [Signature]

55 MAY 10 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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Investigation at Pecos, Texas, disclosed no such post office box as 868 and disclosed that there are no rural routes out of Pecos. Investigation also disclosed that the U.S. Post Office at Pecos, Texas, has no recollection of receiving any mail bearing the names C. RAY or CARL RAY or Mrs. C. RAY or Mrs. CARL RAY. Credit and criminal checks at Pecos, Texas, were negative concerning CARL RAY or the Ray Land and Cattle Company. Local Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas, checked telephone book and city directory for Pecos and small towns surrounding Pecos without locating any record for a CARL RAY, C. RAY, or Ray Land and Cattle Company.

Supervisor [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] by FTS that he would contact the Denver Office and furnish information developed at Pecos, Texas, to the Denver Office.

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter by the El Paso Office.

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FBI

Date: 5/3/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Kansas City airtel, 4/27/68, enclosing FD 302s concerning [REDACTED].

Re airtel requested Tampa to locate and interview parents of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] who were reportedly operating trailer park in Ft. Myers, Fla., in 1965.

The following contacts were made by SA [REDACTED] in the Ft. Myers, Fla., area on May 2 and 3, 1968, in an effort to locate a family by the name of [REDACTED] who operated a trailer park in Ft. Myers, in 1965, or to locate a record of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. All contacts were negative:

[REDACTED], Lee County Zoning Board, Lee County Courthouse

[REDACTED], Lee County Tax Collector's Office, Lee County Courthouse. (It is noted that [REDACTED] advised that a family by the name of [REDACTED] had never obtained a permit to operate a trailer park in Lee County.)

[REDACTED], Lee County Clerk's Office, Land Records, Lee County Courthouse

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis  
2 - Kansas City (44-760)  
2 - Tampa  
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[REDACTED], Lee County Clerk's Office,  
Land-Lease Agreements, Lee County Courthouse

[REDACTED], Better Business Division,  
Ft. Myers-Lee County Chamber of Commerce

[REDACTED], Caloosa Trailer Park, 1209 N.  
Tamiami Trail, North, Ft. Myers, Fla.

[REDACTED], Hidden Cove Trailer Park,  
2961 Frierson St., Ft. Myers.

[REDACTED], Palm 'N Pine Trailer Town,  
1016 Superior, Ft. Myers

[REDACTED], Sun-N-Fun Trailer  
Park, Rt. 80, Ft. Myers, Fla.

[REDACTED], Ft. Myers Trailer Park  
and Supply, 311 Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers

[REDACTED]  
Florida Mobile Home Association, 311  
Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers. [REDACTED]

advised that his organization keeps records of all major  
trailer parks and, in his capacity as Manager of the  
Ft. Myers Trailer Park and Supply Co., for the last 12  
years, he has become familiar with all trailer parks in  
the area of Ft. Myers. He stated he feels that had a  
family by the name of [REDACTED] operated a trailer park  
for any length of time in the Ft. Myers area, he would  
know about it. He stated he cannot associate the name  
of [REDACTED] with any trailer park operation in Lee County.)

[REDACTED], Identification Officer, Lee  
County SO

[REDACTED], Records Clerk, Ft. Myers PD

[REDACTED], County Credit Bureau.

The Ft. Myers telephone and city directories  
shows no listing under the name of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]  
nor a Barber Trailer Park.



FBI

Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CR

Re calls by subject, Highway 10, Texas  
 ReDLtel, 5/1/68.

Subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED], Nordheim, Texas, is L.W. KARNEI, [REDACTED], Nordheim. AMELIA KARNEI advised she was called by her daughter, GLADYS MUELLER HAMILTON, [REDACTED], Alpine, Texas on or about 12/17/67. Mrs. KARNEI was shown the picture of JAMES EARL RAY and stated other than seeing this photo on television she was not familiar with him.

Subscriber to telephone [REDACTED], Victoria, Texas, is [REDACTED], Victoria. [REDACTED] stated the only person from whom she could have received a long distance phone call in December was a man named [REDACTED] who is a truck driver and frequently calls her from cities throughout the state. [REDACTED] was shown the picture of RAY and stated she did not know him.

GARY E. SMITH, currently residing at the Christopher Motel, Victoria, was shown the photo of JAMES EARL RAY. SMITH stated that he takes the Birmingham to Atlanta flight every other week and he cannot at this time say that he has ever seen JAMES EARL RAY on that flight.

Telephone number [REDACTED] was called from Alpine, Texas on 12/17/67.

C. C. - Bishop

- (3) - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis
- 1 - Birmingham (Info)
- 1 - Houston

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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DELORES SANTOS, [REDACTED] Houston, Texas, advised that the above phone call is as reference to a phone call that she received from JULIO CESAR ESPARZA, student, Sulross State College, Alpine, Texas. She was displayed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka and advised that the person is unknown to her.

Telephone number [REDACTED] was called from Alpine, Texas on 12/15/67.

GEORGE BANKS, Negro, advised that while in Alpine, Texas in December, 1967 he called Mr. ARTHUR BANKS, [REDACTED] Houston, Texas. GEORGE BANKS at that time was en route from Seattle, Washington to Houston, Texas. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka were displayed to BANKS, however this person is unknown to him.

Mr. ARTHUR L. FUNK, [REDACTED] Houston, subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED], advised that in December, 1967 he received a telephone call from his sister from Sanderson, Texas at which time she was enroute from El Cajon, California to Houston. He advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, aka is unknown to him.

JAMES E. CLARK, [REDACTED], advised that in December, 1967, Mr. BILL EVANS, neighbor of CLARK, telephoned his, EVANS' wife at the CLARK residence. EVANS is a truck driver. When EVANS is on the road he calls his wife at the CLARK residence. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to CLARK and he advised these photographs were unknown to him.

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FBI SAN FRAN

8:00 PM URGENT 5/3/68 MCK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BOSTON, CHICAGO (44-1114),  
MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN.

RE: [REDACTED]

RE SAN DIEGO TELS TO BUREAU, APRIL THIRTY,  
LAST, AND MAY ONE LAST: SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE, LAST.

AD PAGES OF THE "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE" AND THE "SAN  
FRANCISCO EXAMINER" WHICH ARE IDENTICAL FOR DATES OF SEPTEMBER  
ONE THROUGH FOUR, ONE NINE SIX SIX, WERE REVIEWED. THEY CONTAIN  
NO AD BEARING THE NAME [REDACTED] TWO ADS APPEARING IN THE PAGES CARRIED  
"RIDERS WANTED TO NEW YORK. LATE CAR. LEAVE SEPTEMBER FOUR. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]" AND "RIDER TO NYC. SHARE CAR. LEAVE  
SEPTEMBER SIX. [REDACTED] BOTH OF THESE

ARE IN SAN FRANCISCO, NOT OAKLAND EXCHANGES.

AS INDICATED IN RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL, NO BILLING TO  
[REDACTED] FOR SUCH AN AD WAS FOUND IN "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE"  
RECORDS FOR PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER NINE THROUGH NOVEMBER TWO,  
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cc [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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SAN FRANCISCO WILL ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY OF THE  
SUBSCRIBERS TO THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED ABOVE. WILL  
DETERMINE IF THESE SUBSCRIBERS COULD BE [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT AND.

END.

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FBI WASH DC

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Date: 5/3/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel 5/1/68 to the Bureau re location of former inmate (FNU) [REDACTED] of Missouri State Penitentiary.

[REDACTED], Records Division, California Institution for Men, Chino, California, advised on 5/3/68 that [REDACTED] according to their records, was transferred to San Quentin Penitentiary on [REDACTED] 67. The file on him was transferred to San Quentin at the same time.

Enclosed for San Francisco are one copy of reairtel and its enclosure.

LEAD:

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA: Review records at San Quentin Penitentiary regarding [REDACTED] to determine his whereabouts in order to interview him concerning subject.

3 - Bureau (AM)  
2 - San Francisco (173-65) (Encs. - 2) (AM)  
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
1 - Los Angeles  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M. Per \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
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Mr. Conrad	
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Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
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Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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FBI ST LOUIS

538PM URGENT 5-3-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE KC TEL, MAY TWO, LAST, CAPTIONED "RE: FELLOW PRISONERS."

[REDACTED] INMATE, MO. TRAINING CENTER, MOBERLY,  
ADVISED KNEW SUBJECT WHILE INMATE JEFFERSON CITY, SIXTY DASH SIXTY-  
FOUR. STATES NOT CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH HIM AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM  
SINCE SIXTYFOUR. NEVER HEARD OF COOLEY OR COOLEY ASSOCIATES, NOR  
ANY STATEMENT BY RAY THAT HE INTENDED TO KILL KEE.

[REDACTED], ANOTHER INMATE, STATES NEVER KNEW SUBJECT.

WAS IN "L" HALL OUTSIDE OF WALL WHEN AT JEFFERSON CITY.

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

231 PM URGENT 5-3-68 JGA

TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 TAMPA 157-3631 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, MAY ONE, LAST, AND TAMPA TEL, MAY ONE, LAST.  
REGARDING [REDACTED][REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BIRMINGHAM, REINTERVIEWED, AND  
[REDACTED] REITERATED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED AT ROYAL AMERICAN  
SHOWS DURING THE SUMMER AND WINTER MONTHS FOR APPROXIMATELY  
FIVE YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS KNOWN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AS  
[REDACTED] AND THAT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], WHO WORKED IN THE SHOW  
COOKHOUSE, WOULD REMEMBER HIM. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS IDENTIFI-  
CATION CARD MANIFEST NO. [REDACTED], WHICH EXPIRES JUNE THIRTY,  
SEVENTY, AND THAT HE HAS RECEIVED W-TWO FORMS FROM ROYAL AMERICAN  
SHOWS UNDER HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED][REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE PERSONALLY  
[REDACTED] FOR "HOTSHOT", WHOM TAMPA HAS IDENTIFIED AS L.P.  
DEMAV.BOTH [REDACTED] AND HIS WIFE REITERATED PHOTO OF RAY RESEMBLES  
MAN KNOWN TO THEM AS [REDACTED]

PHOTOS OF [REDACTED] AND WIFE FOLLOWING FOR ASSISTANCE TAMPA.

END

WPK  
MAY 1 1968  
FBI WASH DCMr. T. J. [REDACTED]  
Mr. DeLo [REDACTED]  
Mr. Mohr [REDACTED]  
Mr. Bishop [REDACTED]  
Mr. Casper [REDACTED]  
Mr. Callahan [REDACTED]  
Mr. Conrad [REDACTED]  
Mr. Felt [REDACTED]  
Mr. Gale [REDACTED]  
Mr. Rosen [REDACTED]  
Mr. Sullivan [REDACTED]  
Mr. Tavel [REDACTED]  
Mr. Trotter [REDACTED]  
Tele. Room [REDACTED]  
Miss Holmes [REDACTED]  
Miss Gandy [REDACTED]

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FBI MEMPHIS

645PM URGENT 5/3/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 3P

MURKIN.

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Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

EVIDENCE INSTANT CASE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY MEMPHIS  
RETURNED THIS DATE TO INSPECTOR W. E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS PD.  
DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND POLICE FRANK C. HOLLONAN ON PREVIOUS CONTACT  
HAD REQUESTED EVIDENCE BE HELD BY MEMPHIS OFFICE UNTIL MEMPHIS PD  
RECEIVED LETTER FROM LABORATORY. LETTER FROM LABORATORY RECEIVED  
AFTERNOON OF MAY TWO PAST. INSPECTOR ZACHARY WHEN CONTACTED ON  
AFTERNOON OF MAY TWO REQUESTED EVIDENCE BE HELD UNTIL MORNING  
MAY THREE. THE NINE BOXES RECEIVED FROM FBI LAB WERE DELIVERED  
INTO CUSTODY INSPECTOR ZACHARY THIS MORNING. 44-38861-3015

INSPECTOR ZACHARY WAS TOLD THERE IS POSSIBILITY EVIDENCE  
COULD BE MADE LATER FOR ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS IN EVENT ADDITIONAL  
MATERIAL RECOVERED IN INSTANT CASE. HE STATED ALL EVIDENCE WAS  
BEING DELIVERED TO OFFICE OF STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL CANALE  
AND THAT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WOULD ASSUME CUSTODY OF EVIDENCE  
AND PLACE IT UNDER LOCK AND KEY. ZACHARY SAID AT THIS TIME IT  
END PAGE ONE

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WAS INTENTION OF STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PRESENT MATERIAL AND EVIDENCE TO LOCAL GRAND JURY ON MAY SEVEN NEXT. ZACHARY SAID THAT PLANS CALL FOR A FIRST DEGREE MURDER WARRANT FOR SUBJECT INSTANT CASE.

INSPECTOR ZACHARY SAID POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE MIGHT WANT A REPRESENTATIVE OF FBI TO TESTIFY IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN OF EVIDENCE BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY FBI IN THIS CASE. SHORTLY BEFORE FIVE PM THIS DATE, INSPECTOR ZACHARY STATED ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAD ASKED HIM TO DETERMINE IF FBI REPRESENTATIVE COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE GRAND JURY. ZACHARY STATED ATTORNEY GENERAL FELT IT WOULD ADD TO CASE IF FBI REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT TO TESTIFY AS TO SALE OF WEAPON IN BIRMINGHAM AND FACT THAT WEAPON IN QUESTION IS IDENTICAL WITH WEAPON RECOVERED IN MEMPHIS. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT SAC SHOULD APPEAR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS REQUEST. INSPECTOR ZACHARY STATED HE WAS OF OPINION IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE PERSONNEL FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM TESTIFY RE THIS MATTER.

INQUIRY AT NASHVILLE, TENN., CONDUCTED ON MAY TWO  
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PAGE THREE

DISCLOSED THAT G. D. GERLT DID STAY GRIDER'S MOTEL IN NASHVILLE ON MARCH TEN PAST. GERLT AT THAT TIME LISTED OCCUPATION AS EMPLOYEE [REDACTED]. MANAGER OF MOTEL ADVISED SHE RECALLED GERLT AND HAVING DISCUSSION WITH HIM RE TRAVEL TO A NURSERY IN MC KINNVILLE, TENN. THIS APPEARS TO CONFIRM DATA PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY GERLT.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AND SISTER [REDACTED] IN ACCORDANCE WITH KANSAS CITY TEL MAY TWO PAST, DISCLOSED ADDRESS GIVEN IS IN UNDEVELOPED FIELD IN MEMPHIS AREA. [REDACTED] UNKNOWN AT ADDRESSES FURNISHED BY KANSAS CITY IN ITS TELETYPE. KANSAS CITY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND MEMPHIS WILL MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TO LOCATE PEOPLE OF INTEREST.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING MEMPHIS DIVISION. VARIOUS LOOKALIKES ELIMINATED THIS DATE.

A & D. P.

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FBI WASH DC

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Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) and TAMPA

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to JK and TP, 5/2/68; re [REDACTED] - complainant; [REDACTED] Orlando, Florida; re Bureau telephone calls to JK and TP, 5/1/68.

MVB, Tallahassee, Florida, advised Florida License [REDACTED] registered to [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Orlando, Florida, for use on 1967 Chevrolet Sports Coupe.

Tampa ascertain if registrant could be identifiable with subject.

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2 - Tampa  
2 - Jacksonville  
TJW:pas  
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Approved: *REX/AMT*

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TELETYPE

FBI SANANTON

4:52 PM

5/1/68

URGENT

RLB

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)

MURKIN.

REBURAD TO ALL OFFICES APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

BUREAU REQUESTED COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY,  
FBI NO. FOUR ZERO FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G WITH LATENTS PREVIOUSLY  
FURNISHED BY SA IN FOLLOWING CASES, FURNISHING RESULTS TO  
MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO.

UNSUBS; THE FIRST STATE BANK, KOSSE, TEXAS, JANUARY  
TWENTYNINE TO THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, BB, BUFILE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], SA FILE [REDACTED]

UNSUBS; FIRST NATIONAL BANK; STREETMAN, TEXAS, APRIL  
FOUR DASH FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, BB, BUFILE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SA FILE [REDACTED]

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REVIEW OF NINETYONE CASES IN SA DIVISION FOR PURPOSES  
OUTLINED IN REBURAD COMPLETED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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cc - Rosen

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To: SAC's, San Antonio (44-1242) ✓  
Memphis (44-1987)

REC 11

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 3017

MURKIN

EX-116

Re San Antonio teletype 5-1-68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported in case entitled "Unsubs.; The First State Bank, Kosse, Texas, 1/28-30/68; BB," Bufile [REDACTED], latent case [REDACTED], are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #403342G.

There has been no evidence for latent print examination received to date in the case entitled "Unsub.; First National Bank, Streetman, Texas; 4/4-5/68; BB," Bufile [REDACTED].

1 - San Antonio (91-2483)

1 - San Antonio (91-2552)

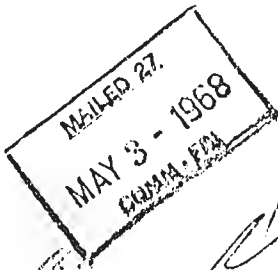
1 - Bufile (91-29193)

1 - Bufile (91-29794)

1 - Mr. Rosen

AGB:mmm  
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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Recorded: 5/2/68/10:00 am

Reference No: 44-1987 <sup>1242</sup>

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FBI File No: 44-38861- <sup>12</sup>  
Latent Case No: 91075

Answer to: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to: Me 44-1987

RE: MURKIN

Date of reference communication: Teletype 5/1/68

Specimens:

Named suspect:  
JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G

Compare fingerprints of suspect with latents developed  
in case entitled:

UNSUB: THE FIRST STATE BANK, KOSSE, TEXAS, JANUARY  
29 - 30, 1968, RB

Bufile # [REDACTED]  
LC. # [REDACTED]

*Also copy to [REDACTED] 5/1/68*

Result of examination:

Examination by: BONEBRAKE  
Evidence noted by:

*Latent fingerprints in [REDACTED] not to Ray*

*No evidence seen 2/1/68 for [REDACTED]*

*Unsub First National Bank*

*Strickman Tel.  
4-4/5-68 B.B.*

*Bufile [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]*

Examination completed

*4pm*  
Time

*5/7*  
Date

Dictated

*5/7*  
Date

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TELETYPE

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FBI OKLA CITY

204PM URGENT 5/3/68 EPC

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA 44-2386

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686 3P

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL TWENTY LAST RE

SIXTY-SEVEN OKLAHOMA LICENSE [REDACTED] REGISTERED

TO A FIFTY FIVE BUICK TWO-DOOR, SN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO [REDACTED], HOLLIS, OKLAHOMA,

MOTHER OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MOTHER, AND [REDACTED], FATHER,

DISCLAIM ANY KNOWLEDGE [REDACTED] WHEREABOUTS. LAST SAW HIM

MID-SIXTY SEVEN AND LAST HEARD HE WAS WORKING IN GEORGIA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KNOWS NOTHING RE FIFTY FIVE BUICK AND CLAIMS DID NOT KNOW

REGISTERED IN HER NAME.

SISTER TO [REDACTED], [REDACTED], NORMAN,

OKLAHOMA, HAS NOT SEEN [REDACTED] SINCE MID-SIXTY SEVEN. [REDACTED]

ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE HIM AT HIS RESIDENCE, CROWN MOTEL, OKLAHOMA CITY,

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FOREPART FEBRUARY LAST AND [REDACTED] HAD LEFT THERE.

INVESTIGATION CROWN MOTEL DISCLOSED REGISTRATION RECORDS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT CLERK [REDACTED] RECALLS [REDACTED] THERE FROM ABOUT FIRST PART DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, TO FEBRUARY ONE LAST. CHECK OF SERVICE STATIONS, CAFES, BARS, ETC. IN PROXIMITY CROWN MOTEL NEGATIVE IN LOCATING ANYONE KNOWING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OWNER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OKLAHOMA CITY, STATES [REDACTED] WORKED FOR HIM FROM ABOUT FIRST PART DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, TO FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY LAST. LEFT SUDDENLY ON A SATURDAY, PROBABLY FEBRUARY THREE LAST, TAKING FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS WORTH OF UNIFORMS AND UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF CASH FROM REGISTER. SAME-DATE HE LEFT, [REDACTED] MADE TELEPHONE CALLS TO UNKNOWN TIRE COMPANY MARIETTA, GEORGIA, SEEKING EMPLOYMENT. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THIS COMPANY ROYAL TIRE SERVICE OR POSSIBLY A GOODYEAR TIRE CO. AT TIME EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED], [REDACTED] DRIVING FIFTY EIGHT BUICK, WHITE TOP, GRAY BOTTOM, BEARING SIXTY SEVEN GEORGIA LICENSE.

ATLANTA, AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA: THROUGH ROYAL TIRE SERVICE AND  
END PAGE TWO



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GOODYEAR TIRE CO. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED]. SUGGEST CHECK  
MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU RECORDS IN GEORGIA FOR SIXTY SEVEN TO LOCATE  
REGISTRATION FOR [REDACTED] CAR.

KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

END

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FBI WASH DC

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VIA TELETYPE  
MAY 4 1968  
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337PM URGENT 5-4-68 PAS  
TO DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT  
FROM NEW YORK 1P

MURKIN

RE BERMUDA TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] TO THE  
BUREAU MAY THIRD, LAST.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO NY MAY THIRD, LAST.

RICHARD PIPERNO, PUBLIC RELATIONS, PAN AMERICAN  
AIRWAYS, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] IS AN EMPLOYEE  
OF PAN AM AT HAMILTON, BERMUDA. HE STATES [REDACTED]  
DOES RESEMBLE SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER,  
ADVISED [REDACTED] HAS NEVER BEEN OUT OF BERMUDA.

PIERNO ADVISED [REDACTED] CAUSED NO INCIDENT AT THE  
HAMILTON, BERMUDA AIRPORT.

NY INDICES NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED]

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

SUBJECT, RAY, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND  
DANGEROUS.

END

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326PM URGENT 5-4-68 PAS

TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND KNOXVILLE PLAINTEXT  
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 2P

MURKIN.

RE LETTER FROM ERIC S. GALT, DATED NINE TWENTY SIX SIXTY SEVEN TO MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE.

REKXTEL TO NEW YORK, FIVE THREE LAST.

RETEL ADVISED POSTAL INSPECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WAS RETURNING TO POSTAL INSPECTOR, NEW YORK, A LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, BEARING RETURN ADDRESS OF MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE, NEW YORK CITY.

INVESTIGATION AT NEW YORK REVEALS ERIC S. GALT ORDERED A BOOK TITLED, "FOCAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PHOTOGRAPHY", FROM MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY BY LETTER DATED NINE TWENTY SIX SIXTY SEVEN REQUESTED THE BOOK NOT BE MAILED. THE LETTER STATES GALT WAS MOVING AND WOULD LATER SEND CORRECT ADDRESS. MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE HAS NOT HEARD FROM GALT SINCE LETTER DATED NINE SIXTY SEVEN.

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COUPON AND LETTER OBTAINED FROM BOOKSTORE AND  
BEING SUBMITTED TO LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND  
DANGEROUS.

END

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RNK FBI WASH DC

CALLED:

By Shaw + Co  
Time 3:50

CC- MR. TROTTER

NA  
3:20 PM  
5-11-68

VIA TELETYPE  
MAY 4 1968  
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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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9-44PM URGENT 5/3/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR<sup>R</sup> (44-38861) (PLAINTEXT) BOSTON, CHICAGO (44-1114)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987) SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)  
FROM SAN DIZO<sup>EG</sup> (44-387)

MURKIN

RE ~~REDACTED~~<sup>SPE</sup>, SUBJECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR.

USRE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, CHICAGO,  
MEMPHIS, SAN SAN FRANCISCO MAY ONE LAST, AND SAN DIEGO  
MAY ONE LAST.

PHOTOGRAPH OF ~~REDACTED~~ TAKEN ~~REDACTED~~  
NINETEEN FIFTY THREE, RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT, RENO, NEVADA,  
NUMBER ~~REDACTED~~ WAS DISPLAYED TO ~~REDACTED~~  
~~REDACTED~~, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, MAY THREE INSTANT, AND HE ADVISED  
PHOTOGRAPH IDENTICAL TO THE ~~REDACTED~~ WHO GAVE HIMSELF AND  
TWO OTHERS A RIDE TO KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

~~REDACTED~~ ADVISED SUSPECT ~~REDACTED~~ MUCH HEAVIER THAN APPEARS  
IN ABOVE PHOTO.

END

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WAI 4:17PM RJW

DEFERRED 5-4-68 RJW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ATLANTA (44-2386)  
FROM BALTIMORE (44-371)

PLAINTEXT

MURKIN.

RE PHONEX TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR , ATLANTA, AND BALTIMORE DATED  
FIVE THREE SIXTYEIGHT.

ON FIVE FOUR SIXTYEIGHT [REDACTED]  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, ADVISED [REDACTED] NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY.  
[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] MOVED DURING OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN AFTER  
SUFFERING A BROKEN LEG. SHE STATED THAT THE NAME [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] UNFAMILIAR TO HER.

END

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JL

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 4 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
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FBI DENVER

425PM URGENT 5-4-68 JRW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, PHOENIX, LAS VEGAS, A  
/ ALBUQUERQUE, EL PASO AND CHICAGO  
FROM DENVER 157-203

MURKIN

RELATEL THIS DATE TO DIRECTOR, CONCERNING CARL RAY.

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

IS LISTED TO MRS. ROSA M. NIENHAUS, [REDACTED], DENVER.  
MRS. NIENHAUS IS AGED WIDOW WHO STATES DOES NOT KNOW CARL RAY,  
NOR ANYONE FITTING DESCRIPTION OF CARL RAY. NO FRIEND OR RELATIVE  
STAYED AT HER HOUSE IN RECENT PAST.

END

LLD

FBI WASH DC

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Handwritten signature and initials, including "C. T. Long".

552PM URGENT 4/68 OLP

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 1P

DEC 4 1968

MURKIN

TELETYPE

RE PHOENIX TEL TO DIRECTOR FIVE THREE LAST.

RE: TELCALL FROM EL PASO NUMBER SEVEN SEVEN  
TWO ZERO SIX FOUR SIX TO NEW ORLEANS NUMBER

DECEMBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

NEW ORLEANS PHONE NO.

NUMBER LISTED TO ARNOLD THOMAS,

NEW ORLEANS.

ON FIVE FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT ARNOLD AND ISABELLE THOMAS  
INTERVIEWED AND COULD NOT RECALL PHONE CALL FROM EL PASO,  
TEX., ON DEC. SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. THOMAS AND WIFE  
BOTH NEGROES AND STATED THEIR SON HAD DIED IN LOS ANGELES  
ON DEC. ELEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AND HIS BODY HAD BEEN CARRIED  
BY HIS BROTHER FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS ARRIVING  
NEW ORLEANS DEC. SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THOMAS STATED  
THIS CALL UNDOUBTEDLY FROM BROTHER REPORTING BODY OF  
DECEASED SON.

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NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH ARNOLD THOMAS OR ISABELLE THOMAS.

MAY 12 1968

NEW ORLEANS LOCATING SON FOR INTERVIEW IN REGARDS INSTANT CALL.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, PHOENIX, AND EL PASO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

LLP  
FBI WASH DC



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 6, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach	1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McDonough	1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Martindale	

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Extensive investigation and coverage is continuing in Mexico with particular emphasis in areas where Ray has been known or alleged to have been in the past.

The Agent on the scene at Campeche, near the Yucatan Peninsula, reports that maximum cooperation is being received from both the Campeche State Judicial Police and the State Highway Police.

The City of Campeche has a population of more than 55,000 and there are seven other municipal areas in the state that comprise major population centers. The State of Campeche is slightly larger than West Virginia and has a population of 170,000.

The State police agencies in Campeche have a radio communications system covering each community in the State. They have made appropriate broadcasts and publicity has been obtained in various publications with additional publicity arranged for major editions over the weekend. Reliable Americans residing in the area are being specifically contacted.

All hotels, motels, barber shops, liquor stores, grocery stores, and houses of prostitution in the city of Campeche have been checked without developing any information concerning Ray's present whereabouts or his alleged stay in Campeche sometime in the 1950's.

*106* *REC-24* *44-38861-3026*  
[REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED], formerly an inmate with Ray at Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that Ray took pep pills and dis[REDACTED] western music. [REDACTED] stated Ray indicated a desire to go to New Orleans and spoke as if he had not been there before.

79 MAY 13 1968  
WLM:rmr

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED] also knew Ray at Missouri State Penitentiary. The informant said one [REDACTED] wanted Ray to beat up his girlfriend, [REDACTED] (phonetic), Doe Run, Missouri, when Ray got out of prison. This is being checked out.

It has previously been reported that the Postal Inspector at Los Angeles made available a letter and photograph Ray mailed through a correspondence club to Patricia K. Anderson in February, 1968.

Anderson has been located and advised she has no knowledge of the subject except for the letter and photograph she received and gave the Postal Inspector. She said she was not a member of the correspondence club and believes her name may have been obtained by the club from an old magazine subscription list. Efforts are continuing to identify and locate the other four girls Ray allegedly wrote through this club.

Local authorities now plan to seek a murder indictment against Ray by presenting the facts to a grand jury at Memphis on 5/7/68. The State Attorney General's Office has requested that a representative of the FBI testify before the grand jury and the Special Agent in Charge at Memphis will do so.

ACTION:

Extensive investigation is continuing throughout the field on a top priority basis to locate and apprehend Ray as quickly as possible.

*✓*  
*sent 5/7/68*  
*OK*  
*JS*

FBI

Date: 5-6-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-  
 MURKIN

RE: ERIC RAY, aka  
 Earl Ray  
 Friend of \_\_\_\_\_

Re El Paso teletype, 4-26-68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
 \_\_\_\_\_ at Saltville, Va., on 4-27-68:

\_\_\_\_\_, U. S. Post Office (PROTECT IDENTITY)  
 advised there is no listing for anyone by the last name of  
 \_\_\_\_\_ with his office. \_\_\_\_\_ checked town and rural  
 routes as well as general delivery.

Mr. JIM LITTON, owner of the Salina Motel, which is  
 the only motel or hotel in Saltville, Va., checked his records  
 covering the period of 4/18-27/68 and could locate no record  
 for anyone by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ staying at the motel. He  
 stated the available license numbers do not reflect any numbers  
 such as \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. He stated he works at the motel  
 everyday and does not recall seeing a rust color white top  
 Ford at the motel.

- 3 - Bureau  
 2 - El Paso (157-186)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - Richmond  
 REB/lmm  
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EX-105

25 MAY 7 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M

Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

RH 44-657

Chief of Police K. K. ADAMS, Saltville, Va. PD, advised the current telephone directory does not reflect anyone by the last name of [REDACTED]. Chief ADAMS advised the records of his department do not reflect the name of RAY as ever being arrested. He stated the name of [REDACTED] is not a local name and he does not ever recall hearing this name before.

A check of the parking lots for the Olin Mathieson Chemical Co. did not locate any car fitting the description of the car allegedly operated by [REDACTED].

Former Chief of Police CHARLES NORRIS, a lifelong resident of the Saltville, Va. area, advised he has never heard of anyone by the last name of [REDACTED] ever being in the area.

AT MARION, VA.

On 4-27-68, [REDACTED] Smyth Co., Va. Credit Bureau, advised SA [REDACTED] she has no listing for anyone by the last name of [REDACTED].

The current town and telephone directories for the Marion, Saltville and Chilhowie areas did not reflect the name of [REDACTED].

AT SALTVILLE, VA.

On 5-6-68, Chief of Police ADAMS advised that he had been unable to locate a woman identifiable with [REDACTED] in Saltville, Va., and that the automobile reportedly in her possession had not been observed in the Saltville, Va. area.

LEADS:

EL PASO

AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] to determine if he learns whereabouts of his wife, [REDACTED] and set forth leads to have her interviewed re subject.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/6/68

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

TO: LEGATS, MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ANOTHER ANONYMOUS LETTER SIGNED ONLY WITH INITIAL "V," POSTMARKED FIVE THIRTY P.M., MAY TWO SIXTY-EIGHT AT HAMILTON, ONTARIO, INDICATING THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS PRESENTLY IN MEXICO CITY, COPILED RUINS.

LEGATS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

Foreign Liaison Unit (Cleared with Mr. D. Brennan)

REL:cs

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44-38861-3028

EX-105

REC 18

19 MAY 8 1968

NOTE: Memphis Police Department received the third anonymous letter signed only with initial "V." This letter postmarked 5:30 p.m., May 2, 1968, at Hamilton, Ontario, indicates that James Earl Ray presently in Mexico City at Copileo Ruins. The two previous anonymous letters were dated 4/23/68. Legats, Ottawa and Mexico City presently conducting investigation in this matter and present information being furnished Legats for appropriate action.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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MAY 14 1968

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VIA TELETYPE  
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5/6/68

PLAINTEXT

1 - Mr. Long

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REMETEL MAY THREE LAST.

IF NECESSARY  
AUTHORITY IS HEREBY GRANTED TO SAC MEMPHIS TO

TESTIFY BEFORE LOCAL GRAND JURY ON MAY SEVEN NEXT IN  
REGARD TO POSSIBILITY OF OFFICIALS OBTAINING FIRST DEGREE  
MURDER WARRANT FOR SUBJECT RAY.

YOU MAY TESTIFY AS TO THE EVIDENCE RECOVERED NEAR  
SCENE OF CRIME AND RESULTS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATION AND  
INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE EVIDENCE, SPECIFICALLY:  
ONE. WEAPON ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF SHOOTING WAS  
PURCHASED AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH THIRTY SIXTY-EIGHT  
AND CARTRIDGE CASE RECOVERED FROM GUN WAS IDENTIFIED AS  
BEING FIRED IN THE WEAPON. TWO. PAIR OF BINOCULARS WAS  
PURCHASED AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT  
AND LATENT FINGERPRINT LOCATED ON BINOCULARS MATCHES  
LATENT FINGERPRINT FOUND ON ABANDONED WEAPON. THREE MAY 1968

OF MEXICO WAS LOCATED IN ROOMING HOUSE USED BY SUBJECT  
AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. TWO FINGERPRINTS WERE FOUND ON THIS

INITIALED  
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

REL:cs  
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SEE NOTE PAGE THREE...

Olson \_\_\_\_\_  
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MAIL ROOM ☐

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FEDERAL  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

TELETYPE

TELETYPE SAC MEMPHIS  
RE: MURKIN

MAP AND ONE OF THESE MATCHES THE LATENT FINGERPRINT ON THE ABANDONED WEAPON AND PAIR OF BINOCULARS. FOUR. IT WAS DETERMINED BY THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION THAT THE LATENT FINGERPRINTS FOUND ON THE ABANDONED WEAPON, TELESCOPIC SIGHT MOUNTED ON ABANDONED WEAPON, PAIR OF BINOCULARS, FRONT PAGE OF MEMPHIS NEWSPAPER, "COMMERCIAL APPEAL," AFTER SHAVING LOTION, SCHLITZ BEER CAN AND THE TWO PRINTS LOCATED ON THE MAP OF MEXICO ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE OF JAMES EARL RAY. FIVE. NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES WERE NOTED BETWEEN THE SAMPLES OF TAPE SUBMITTED BY HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND THE LAUNDRY TARES APPEARING ON THE SHORTS AND T-SHIRT. SIX. THE HAIRS AND FIBERS FOUND IN THE MUSTANG BELONGING TO ERIC STARVO GALT ARE SIMILAR TO THE HAIRS AND FIBERS FOUND IN THE EVIDENCE RECOVERED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME.

YOU SHOULD SPECIFICALLY REFER TO THE LABORATORY REPORT IN WHICH FINDINGS OF THE LABORATORY ARE RECORDED FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. CONFINE YOUR TESTIMONY TO THOSE FACTS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH BASIS FOR RETURNING THE INDICTMENT. YOU SHOULD INSURE THAT THE USA OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE IS AVAILABLE TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

NOTE:

The Memphis Police Department turned over the evidence they recovered near scene of the crime to our Memphis Office, and this evidence in turn was forwarded to our Laboratory for appropriate examination. The Memphis authorities previously obtained a murder indictment against subject under name of Eric Starvo Galt. The evidence as forwarded to our Laboratory and the findings thereof have been returned to the Memphis Police Department.

Memphis advises that it is the intention of the State Attorney General to present material and evidence to local grand jury on 5/7/68 and that plans call for a first degree murder warrant for subject in this case. Memphis points out that according to an officer of the Memphis Police Department the possibility exists that State Attorney General's office may desire a representative of the FBI to testify in connection with certain evidence because of extensive investigation conducted by the Bureau. State Attorney General felt it would add to the case if FBI representative present to testify as to the sale of weapon in Birmingham and that this weapon is identical with weapon recovered in Memphis.

SAC, Memphis is being granted authority to testify, if necessary, and guidelines being set out as to testimony he may offer. Memphis now advises that the State Attorney General's office stated that the testimony of FBI personnel may not be needed as the FBI Laboratory report may be used to cover items of evidence. This communication is being transmitted in the event testimony of SAC Jensen is needed.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 7, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
 1 - Mr. Rosen  
 1 - Mr. Malley  
 1 - Mr. McGowan  
 1 - Mr. McDonough

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Bureau has previously designated the Memphis Office as office of origin in this case. Attached for approval are instructions concerning the handling of reports based upon current developments and the need to further streamline our procedures.

Certain offices, which have conducted the bulk of investigation to date, are to submit results of their investigation in individual reports. Other divisions are to submit positive and pertinent information developed in form suitable for insertion in the over-all reports prepared by the Memphis Office.

Inasmuch as Legats do not submit investigative reports, they are being instructed to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated will be set forth in the administrative section of the transmittal communication.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is an airtel to all SACs and Legats setting forth instructions in line with the above.

Enclosure

EJM:hw  
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79 MAY 1968  
 COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

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44-38861-3030  
 MAY 8 1968

KING ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS--FBI  
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 31

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. McGowan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to the Director's notations, asking why the evidence in captioned case has not been returned to the Memphis Police.

This is my responsibility. I knew of the necessity to return this evidence as soon as logically possible; however, I also realized that the Director would not want the evidence returned only to have the Memphis Office obtain it once again and send it back for further comparison purposes with new evidence.

In compliance with the Director's instructions, the evidence was to be returned as soon as Laboratory examinations were completed. There has been a constant accumulation of evidence, making it imperative that the original items be retained briefly for comparison purposes. The true name of the subject was not known until Friday, 4/19/68.

There has been no request from the Memphis Police relative to the return of this evidence. To the contrary, the police feel that this is strictly an FBI case and have indicated this fact accordingly.

The evidence will be returned to the Memphis Police immediately. There will be no consultation with the Department.

**ACTION:**

To answer the Director's inquiry.

CDD:CSH (6)

79 MAY 9 - 1968

*I should at least have advised that my instructions were not being carried out & why. #*

*REC-111  
Memo  
Tolson's  
Answer 4/25  
Airtel to  
Memphis 4/25  
JDC*

REC-23  
EX 109  
44-38861-3031  
16 MAY 8 1968

La Habra, Calif  
5/2/68

Dear Mr Hoover

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Murkin

O I Saw this Man on April 10th, as this enclosed letter says- I am a frustated man, what can I Do to get him??

Told the local Police, phoned L A  
2 times wrote them this letter-- What else?

They checked the License # and of course no answer, he would Not be, having a License anyone could trace, would He now.?

I am enclosing the pictur~~x~~ of the man I saw-only he had a sort of baseball, cap, pulled low on his head. I was very afraid of him, as I do NOT carry a Gun.

Have alway had a Phtographic Mind, so will Not need the picture back, I will soon be 65, but since the age of 9 or 10, can reme;ber anyone- that I have had only a glimpse of--

EX-102  
If You want anything more about this man send someone to see me,,as I observed a million things I cannot tell,you in this letter. 44-38861-303

ENCLOSURE

3 MAY 11 1968

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11 MAY 8 1968

La Habra, California 90631

airtel LA  
5-1-68  
JSH:jlh

4 Xerox Copies  
made this letter and  
enclosures,

70656

(Duty Officer)

La Habra Calif  
4/20/68

Dear Sir:

Seems as tho I should keep still about this, but something tells me I should write your office about the Killer of Dr King- I did phone your office yesterday about this, but feel I can express myself better in a letter --

On the Morning of April 10th, 1968 about 9 or 9:30 AM, I was standing in the door of the Texaco Station at the corner of Central Ave., and Beach Blvd waiting for the Mechanics there to Service my Car, In walks this real weird man, he walked as if in a trance looking expressionless, looked almost like a sphinx he looked straight ahead, had on a cap and asked for the Keys to the mens room, as I am a native of L A I can quickly pick any accent from another part of the country, he sounded like any native Californian or for that matter maybe the middle west, but definitely none other, than these two regions. He was well dressed as I said he had this cap on, a pull over Grey Shirt and lighter colored trousers, he was about 6 Ft tall - he had on boots which may have made him appear taller weighed about 175#, and seemed a well built man, but when I saw this character cold chills ran up my spine

and something told me to be very careful of this man, so I acted as if I paid no attention, he stayed in the mens room only a very short while, came out hung the keys exactly as they were, I mean very neat, and correct Then as he turned his back I watched him (He never drove his car into this station) it was pointed North of Beach Blvd., which is also Hiway #39- Now this car was something else-it didn't fit the man, the car was an old maybe 1952 or 1953 Chevy 2 Dr, which was in a bad way, he had a lot of trouble getting it to go but finally did and that was the last I saw of him, the License was Calif. ~~XXXXXX~~ - I gave this info. the next day, all they say is, they cannot trace the #, but they were still trying to do so, right before him on Hiway 39 North was La Habra Heights, I don't see how his car could have made it over thos Heights, I think then he must have turned East and headed out to Pomona and the Desert Country via the Diamond Bar Canyon Road, and is now around the Desert Country of Calif, Oh yes the man I saw had brown hair and blue eyes (which seemed almost closed) his hair of course was mostly hidden with that funny cap.

# WANTED BY THE FBI

1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the situation and the goals that need to be achieved. It is important to gather all relevant information and to define the problem clearly.

~~DESCRIPTION~~

Age	20	Sex	Male
Height	5' 10"	Weight	150 lbs
Build	Medium	Complexion	Medium
Hair	Dark, wavy, not combed	Eyes	Dark
Scars/Marks	None	Remarks	None
Notes	None		

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

He has been previously employed, with a. Gregory & Sons, Boston, under several names, and is a very capable and energetic man.

**CAUTION**

THIS IS SOUGHT INTO CONSPIRACY & HIDE A MURDER OF THE VICTIM WAS SHOT CONSIDER  
4-17 HEAD EXTREMELY DANGEROUS

A Federal warrant was issued on March 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray with First Degree Murder with Conspiracy to Kill with Intent to Kill the Constitution Right of a citizen in Title 18, U.S.C., Section 238. A Federal warrant was also issued on April 20, 1968, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Second Degree Murder with Conspiracy to Kill with Intent to Kill in Title 18, U.S.C., Section 238.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535  
TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 4111

**FBI IS DISTRIBUTING THIS POSTER OF JAMES EARL RAY**  
**Suspected slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on "Most W"**

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1 - Mr. Hudson

44-38861-3032

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

EX-102

MURKIN

Re ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ - complainant.

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ dated 5-2-68 with two copies each of its enclosures. One copy of the letter and one copy of each enclosure is enclosed for Memphis.

Los Angeles should immediately interview ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ for any information he has regarding the whereabouts of the subject.

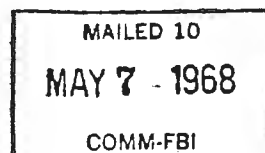
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79 MAY 15 1968

MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

JLB



FBI

Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN

Transmitted hereto to the Bureau are three Multilith reproductions of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. These were produced on a Multilith machine from a Xerox master and enabled the Buffalo Office to disseminate all known photographs of RAY to all Agents. Considerable economy was effected by utilizing this process. The Bureau may desire to advise other Offices of this method of reproducing photographs.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

Idea not new. Recommend  
against advising field agents

3- Technical Section  
Jpm

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3 - Bureau (Encs. 3)  
1 - Buffalo  
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79 MAY 13 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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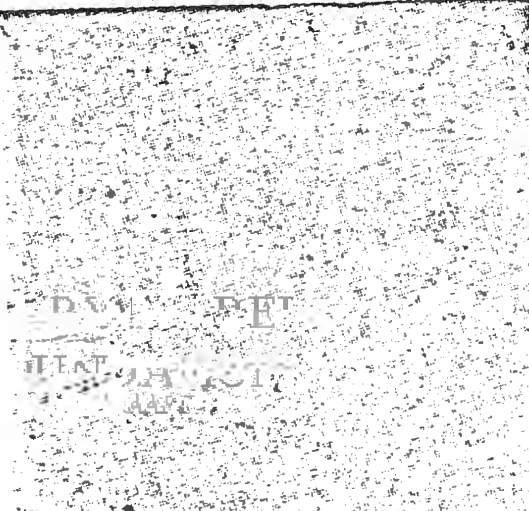
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JAMES EARL RAY



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DeLoach*

DATE: April 18, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. McDonough  
1 - Mr. Long

Tolson ☒  
DeLoach ☒  
Mohr ☒  
Bishop ☒  
Casper ☒  
Callahan ☒  
Felt ☒  
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Gandy ☒

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68.

SAC Robert Jensen of the Memphis Office has advised that he was contacted by Inspector N. E. Zachary of the Memphis Police Department. Memphis authorities have obtained a warrant for the arrest of Galt on a murder charge but are desirous of meeting with the FBI so that the matter can be presented to a local grand jury. Inspector Zachary advised that the Attorney General of the Memphis District, Phil Canale, is desirous of presenting the matter to a grand jury as soon as possible. Inspector Zachary has advised that perhaps Canale would be calling the Attorney General concerning this matter.

It is noted that the Memphis Police Department is aware of the items which were abandoned near the scene of the shooting in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. These articles had first been turned over to the Memphis Police and were made available to the FBI by Inspector Zachary. It has been publicly stated in the press that the FBI has traced the rifle to a gun shop in Birmingham, Alabama, and also that the telescopic sight which was mounted on the rifle had been purchased from the same dealer. The Memphis police are, of course, aware that the binoculars abandoned at the scene were purchased in Memphis, Tennessee.

It has also been publicly stated that Galt is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang which had been abandoned in Atlanta and was located on 4/11/68.

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CONTINUED - OVER

79 MAY 9 - 1968

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Inspector Zachary and the Memphis Police Department have been most cooperative. They turned the original material over to us which they found abandoned at the scene of the crime. They could have retained this if they desired to; however, they did not. They turned it over to the FBI Office in Memphis. The Prosecutor has filed murder charges against Galt, which are presently outstanding.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

It is recommended the SAC at Memphis advise the Prosecutor of information which is contained in our press release. In the event he asks for a report in order to present the matter to a grand jury, he should be advised the FBI is presently conducting an all-out investigation in the matter and at the appropriate time will cooperate fully.

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*JEM*

*C.H. I assume we have  
already returned to Police  
the evidence which they  
previously turned over  
us with the Laboratory  
Report upon such.*

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FBI

Date: 5/7/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

562709

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Denver airtel and teletype 5/4/68.

Re CARL RAY and [REDACTED]

Enclosed for FBI Laboratory are two originals of Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing signature of CARL RAY in upper left corner of each, and original of Frontier Credit Application which CARL RAY reportedly filled out and signed. Also enclosed are three originals of Frontier Transportation Receipts, each bearing signature of [REDACTED] in upper left corner.

The Laboratory is requested to compare handwriting of CARL RAY and [REDACTED] with handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. The Laboratory is also requested to compare the handwriting of CARL RAY with that of [REDACTED] to determine if CARL RAY and [REDACTED] could possibly be one and the same person.

REC 5

C. C. - Bishop

3 - Bureau (Enc. 6)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1)  
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Enc. 1)  
2 - Denver  
BDA/can  
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ENCLOSURE

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Spec. return to Lab

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten initials]

DN 157-203

One copy of referenced Denver airtel is enclosed for Memphis and one copy of instant airtel is being furnished Los Angeles Office, which office is presently attempting to locate CARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

To: SAC,

Date

5-7-68

<input type="checkbox"/> Albany	<input type="checkbox"/> Indianapolis	<input type="checkbox"/> Omaha
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<input type="checkbox"/> Houston	<input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma City	To: Legat, _____

**MURKIN**  
**CR**

Re your request of Exhibits Specialist  
George C. Mumford, Jr., while he was in Atlanta on  
4-16-68.

There is being forwarded under separate cover  
one blue-line drawing of site plan of Capitol Homes  
Housing Project, Atlanta, Georgia. Enclosed in same  
package are six photostatic copies of this drawing  
prepared by Mechanical Section, Administrative Division,  
for your use.

1 - Gen. Invest. Div.

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EXHIBITS SECTION NOT RECORDED  
Administrative Div. 23 MAY 8 1968  
Room 331 OPO  
N. P. Callahan

SIX

54 MAY 13 1968

FBI

Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

562676

Reference is made to Birmingham teletype to the Bureau, Atlanta and Mobile, airmail copy to Memphis, 5:53 PM, 4/26/68.

On 5/1 and 5/2/68, [REDACTED] Drivers License Division, and [REDACTED] IBM Section, Drivers License Division, Alabama State Dept. of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala., made available all records pertaining to Alabama driver's licenses issued throughout the State of Alabama, between 3/20/68 and 4/9/68. There were approximately 7500 driver's licenses issued for this period. SA [REDACTED] examined these records and after eliminating applications of the young people, old people, Negroes, females, etc., there were approximately 800 application forms which were then examined by SA [REDACTED]

Of these 800 applications, 11 persons were found generally fitting the description of subject and whose handwriting was thought somewhat similar to that of the subject. These 11 applications are enclosed herewith for the Bureau, and it is requested that the Laboratory compare the signatures on these applications with the handwriting

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)(Info)  
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Info)  
2 - Mobile  
JTB:agf  
(9)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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C. C. Bishop

MO 157-2627

of subject to determine if any of these signatures may have been prepared by the subject.

These application forms are for the following individuals:

WILLIAM ELMER JOHNSON

[REDACTED] Pleasant Grove, Alabama 35127;

FRANK GARRETT PERRY

[REDACTED], Auburn, Ala. 36830;

JAMES PRESTON RIDDICK

[REDACTED], Saraland, Ala. 36571;

ROBERT CLIFTON SMITH

[REDACTED] Lineville, Ala. 36266;

FONTAINE (NMN) STORM

[REDACTED]  
Greenville, Ala. 36037;

R. (Only) W. (Only) KERR

[REDACTED] Cave Springs, Ga. (Ala.) 36275;

CLYDE JUSTIN HILL, SR.

[REDACTED]  
Bryant, Ala. 35958;

WINFORD PRESTON GILMORE

[REDACTED] Phenix City, Ala. 36867;

PAUL EDGAR GOODPASTER, JR.

[REDACTED], Montgomery, Ala. 36104;

LEE EMERSON BELLAMY

[REDACTED], Sheffield, Ala. 35660;

ROGER DAVID BROUSSARD

[REDACTED]  
Birmingham, Ala.

Copy of this letter is furnished to Birmingham, so that Birmingham may be aware that this license check for the State of Alabama, has been made, and a copy is furnished to Atlanta in view of the interest of the Atlanta Division in this particular phase of the investigation.



Mobile is not retaining copies of these application forms, and if any investigation is needed concerning any of these application forms by either Birmingham or Mobile, the Bureau should furnish Birmingham or Mobile with the pertinent application.

Results of this review should be furnished to Memphis, Atlanta, Birmingham and Mobile. In the event the examination is negative, these forms need not be returned to Mobile.

F B I

Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

*PAS*  
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

562678

Re Memphis airtels to All Continental Offices,  
dated 4/19/68 and 4/25/68.

*Spec. rec'd in lab*  
On 5/1/68, NORMAN BUCHANAN, General Manager,  
Paw Paw Laundry, Paw Paw, Michigan, advised that prior to  
4/68, his company used the code similar to that contained  
on pillow case and bed sheet found in vehicle registered to  
GALT. He informed no yellow tapes were used in 1968, but had  
one orange tape issued with this code on 1/25/68 which came  
out of sub-station known as the Norge Cleaners, 1614 West  
Main Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan. BUCHANAN informed this  
was a bundle of six shirts belonging to one "GRIFFIN",  
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Enclosed herewith is one handkerchief containing  
colored samples of tape with the printing of the machines  
utilized by the Paw Paw Laundry.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory compare  
the printing found on the markings of sheet and pillow case  
with the samples appearing on the enclosure. In the event  
there is no direct comparison, the material may be destroyed.  
It is requested that the results be furnished to Detroit and  
Memphis.

Investigation continuing Kalamazoo for further  
identity of "GRIFFIN"

3 - Bureau (Enc. L) (AM) (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
2 - Detroit  
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(7) E. C. Bishop

REC 10

44-38861-3037  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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5/14/68

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Per \_\_\_\_\_



Mr. T. J. Ryan  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File *gpl*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 14, 1968**

**MURKIN**  
Re: **CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

REC-134  
FBI File No. **44-38861-3037**  
Lab. No. **D-562678 JK**

Examination requested by: **Detroit**  
Reference: **Airtel 5/6/68**  
Examination requested: **Document**  
Remarks:

EX-116

**Detroit should obtain laundry tapes from the K269 and K270 machines in the sequence "02B-6" for comparison with the laundry tapes on Q69 and Q70.**

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**Enclosure (Lab report)**

- 1 - Detroit (44-989) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861 -3037  
Lab. No. D-562678 JK

Re: MURKIN  
CR

Specimens received 5/8/68

K269 Three samples of laundry tape appearing on left portion of white handkerchief, obtained from Paw Paw Laundry, Paw Paw, Michigan

K270 Three samples of laundry tapes appearing on right portion of white handkerchief, obtained from Paw Paw Laundry, Paw Paw, Michigan

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99 were not prepared with the K269 machine while differences were noted between the tapes produced by the K270 machine and the laundry tapes on Q97 and Q99. These known specimens are not adequate for a comparison with the "02B-6" markings which appear on the tapes which were attached to Q69 and Q70.

Specimens K269 and K270 have been retained.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FBI

Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
Attention: FBI Laboratory

562610

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are 22 pages of handwriting as obtained from USP, Leavenworth, Kansas and one copy of a form dated 4/4/58, signed by JAMES EARL RAY obtained from the U.S. Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri.

The 22 pages of handwriting-handprinting are mostly that of the subject, however, some of the writing under the heading "disposition" maybe that of a supervisor or official.

The form obtained from the Probation Officer just bears the subject's signature and this is the only handwriting by the subject in the file of the U.S. Probation Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

All the above documents are to be returned to the Kansas City Office when they are of no further use to the FBI.

These samples are being forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison with other known handwriting specimens submitted in this matter.

- ③ - Bureau (Encs. 2) RM  
1 - Memphis  
2 - Kansas City  
RBH:WSA  
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44-38861-3038  
25 MAY 7 1968

ENCLOSURE

C.C. Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M  
Special Agent in Charge

79 MAY 4 1968

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Date: 5/4/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
(ATT: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

562677

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Relet from ERIC S. GALT, dated 9/26/67, to Modern Photo Bookstore.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, attention Latent Fingerprint Section, are the following:

1. Letter dated 4/29/68 to ERIC S. GALT from Modern Photo Bookstore.
2. Coupon, undated, from ERIC S. GALT, to Modern Photo Bookstore.
3. Letter dated 9/26/67 from ERIC S. GALT.

For information of receiving offices, the Knoxville Office advised NY by teletype, 5/3/68, as follows:

- 4 - Bureau (Encs. 3) RM  
 (1 - Latent Fingerprint Section)  
 1 - Birmingham  
 1 - Memphis  
 1 - Knoxville  
 1 - New York

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C. C. Bishop

REC 99 44-38861-3039

10 MAY 6 1968

SPECIMENS DETACHED IN LFPS

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

59 MAY 11 1968

FUG. SUP.

[REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tenn. this date advised SA [REDACTED] that he has been informed by a postal inspector in Birmingham, Alabama that a letter is in possession of the postal inspectors there addressed to ERIC S. GAULT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, bearing a return address of Modern Photo Book Store, 166 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10010. It bears a metered postmark of 4/30/68. [REDACTED] telephonically contacted [REDACTED] Postal Inspector [REDACTED] New York, and informed him that he was instructing the postal inspector in Birmingham to forward this letter registered air mail to the attention of [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] would hold the letter in the event agents wish to examine it before it was returned to the sender. [REDACTED] advised that since the letter was first class it could not be opened. [REDACTED] advised that the above information was being furnished on a highly confidential basis inasmuch as he has no authority to disclose this type of information to the FBI, and that any investigation which may be made as a result of this information must be conducted in such a manner that it cannot be attributed to its source. This information is being furnished for any investigation deemed advisable by New York."

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on 5/4/68 at New York:

The address 166 5th Avenue, NYC, is a mail operation for Modern Photo Bookstore, which company is actually located at 915 Broadway, NYC. Mr. SEYMOUR USLAN, President, advised that American Photo Bookstore is a division of American Photographic Book Publishing Company, Inc. (Amphoto), which is also located at the same address. The company specializes in supplying photography books.

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[REDACTED] Order Department, Amphoto, searched her files and located a coupon clipped from Modern Photography Magazine, which coupon requested that book number 633 be sent to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. The coupon indicates that a money order in the amount of \$8.95 was enclosed. [REDACTED] stated that this coupon was presumably clipped from the September, 1967 issue of Modern Photography.

Book number 633 distributed by Modern Photo Bookstore, is titled, "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography". The book jacket for this book describes it as a one-volume photographic library. It consists of 2,000 entries written by 197 experts from 23 countries and covers every aspect of photography: photographic science, industrial photography, cinematography, portraiture, equipment, history, and current activities of workers in foreign countries.

[REDACTED] located a letter, which is set forth in full as follows:

"9-26-67

"Dear Sir:

"I recently order a Book from your store titled FOCAL ENCYCLOPEDIA-No. 633 for \$8.95.

"If you have not allready mailed the book (PLEASE DO NOT MAIL IT) I am moving and will shortly send you my correct address Thanks

"Eric S. Galt  
"2608 Highland Ave  
"Birmingham Alabama"

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[REDACTED] stated that during a routine review of the company's files, it came upon the coupon and accompanying letter of ERIC S. GALT. The company did not believe that it had shipped the requested book to GALT prior to receiving his letter. As a follow-up the company wrote to GALT by letter dated 4/29/68, asking him what action he wished the company to take regarding the \$8.95. The letter is set forth in full as follows:

"April 29, 1968

"Mr. Eric S. Galt  
"2608 Highland Avenue  
"Birmingham, Alabama

"Dear Mr. Galt:

"In going through our records we note a request of yours stating your intention to move from the above address, and to please withhold sending the book you ordered (Focal Encyclopedia \$8.95) until further notice.

"Please advise us when you receive this letter as to what course of action you wish us to take so that we may clear our records. (Or have you already received the book?)

"Sincerely,

"MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE

[REDACTED]  
"Order Department"

NY 44-1609

The American Photo Bookstore has received no further communications from ERIC S. GALT since his letter of 9/26/67.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine enclosures #2 and #3 above, to determine if fingerprints of subject, JAMES EARL RAY aka Eric Starvo Galt appear thereon.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4-26-68

Airtel

To: SAC's Atlanta (44-2386)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

Re Atlanta teletype 4-25-68.

Latent fingerprints this case later identified as fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, were searched all sections of single fingerprint file. In addition, Ray's fingerprints have been compared with latent prints in bank robbery section of National Unidentified Latent File and are being compared with latent prints in all current cases (both FBI and outside contributor cases). The comparison of latent prints in current cases with Ray's fingerprints will continue until his apprehension.

Atlanta's suggested lead to have all law enforcement agencies compare fingerprints of Ray against their unidentified latents is being considered and you will be separately advised.

Note: Division 6 is considering Atlanta's suggested lead as referred to above

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REC 644-38861-304

1 - Mr. Rosen

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15 MAY 9 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *PD*

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. McDonough  
1 - Mr. Trotter  
1 - Mr. Conrad

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

With respect to the evidence in this case obtained from the Memphis Police Department, SAC Jensen of our Memphis Office has advised that on the evening of the shooting, 4/4/68, and the morning of 4/5/68, he contacted Frank Holloman, Director of Fire and Police, and inquiry was made of the evidence collected. Holloman advised that all of the material he knew of was at that time in custody of Homicide Division, Inspector N. E. Zachary. He was told that the SAC would take possession of the evidence collected and would prepare it for submission to the FBI Laboratory immediately. No discussion was had with Holloman as to whether or not the FBI Laboratory report would be furnished to him and no request was made by him on arrival at the Homicide Division where the pertinent material had been maintained in a small room off the Homicide Squad rooms under custody of Inspector Zachary. Much of the material had not been identified as two of the officers had secured the pertinent material and arrangements were immediately made with Inspector Zachary to secure the names of the officers who could identify the evidence. Officers properly identified evidence.

The major part of the evidence was submitted by Inspector Zachary who had personally brought it to the police department, however, other miscellaneous items had been secured by individual officers. SAC Jensen advised Inspector Zachary that he would take custody of the material and insure that it was submitted to the FBI Laboratory immediately for appropriate and necessary examination. Inspector Zachary was advised that if he desired a police officer to accompany the Agent this could be arranged, and Inspector Zachary stated he did not feel it was necessary.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach:  
RE: MURKIN

The Memphis Police Department has not asked for the return of the evidence in this case. SAC Jensen, shortly after Mr. DeLoach's trip to Memphis on April 5, 1968, expressed to DeLoach the fact that the Police Department might soon begin wondering whether they would receive a report. DeLoach later mentioned this thought on Jensen's part in conversation with the Director. Both SAC Jensen and Inspector Joe Sullivan have indicated that there has been no request whatsoever on the part of the Memphis Police Department for this evidence to be returned.

Inspector Zachary, Memphis Police Department, has expressed the opinion that ultimately the case would have to be tried as a murder case in local courts. The First Assistant State Attorney General, Robert Dwyer, has indicated an interest in the evidence but has not made any request for its return.

The evidence has been maintained in the FBI Laboratory in view of the exhaustive and intensive investigation being conducted by the FBI and principally because evidence continues to be accumulated as we develop additional information on the background, prior movements and activities of the subject. Retention of the evidence has been particularly important from the standpoint that many of the items contained latent fingerprint impressions. It was, of course, necessary that these impressions be compared with previously obtained material.

OBSERVATIONS:

The individual known as Eric Starvo Galt has now been identified as James Earl Ray, a Bureau fugitive. This important identification, of course, places the case in a different light. We, therefore, now feel that it is not necessary to retain the evidence, which has been already fully examined, and recommend that the evidence recovered by the Memphis Police Department be returned to that agency at this time. It is suggested, however, that the Department be consulted prior to this action being taken.

*Get it back  
to Memphis  
at once.*

*Chen*  
*mem to  
Jensen  
4/11/68  
COP*

*I don't understand this  
The day A. G. visited the  
Laboratory I saw all of the  
evidence. I told him to  
send this evidence back to  
Memphis Police. Why it was  
not done I would like to  
know. H*

FBI

Date: 5/4/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

562560

Re LA tel to Director, 5/4/68.

Re investigation concerning possible look-a-like  
of JAMES EARL RAY by name of CARL RAY.

When individual using name CARL RAY obtained the two round-trip tickets from Las Vegas to St. Louis, at Frontier Airlines Ticket Counter, Stapleton Airport, Denver, Colorado, on 5/1/68, he did so by using temporary Frontier Airlines credit card 31088, and therefore, had to sign a Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt. The original of this Transportation Receipt, bearing the signature of CARL RAY, in the upper left-hand corner is enclosed.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare this handwriting with any known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. It is noted that according to referenced teletype, the temporary credit card 31088, which may bear additional handwriting of CARL RAY is also being forwarded to the Bureau by Los Angeles.

The Laboratory is requested to return the Transportation Receipt to Denver after completion of the examination.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 1)  
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)  
2 - Denver  
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Approved: SW

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

453AM URGENT 4-12-68 RJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA,  
CHICAGO

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN.

RE LA TEL TODAY NO COPY TO CHICAGO.

RE: ANITA KATZWINKEL AND GINGER:

MRS NORMA C. COSS, [REDACTED], LOS ANGELES ADVISED THAT SUE HARRIS FLIKEID IS HER NIECE AND THAT SHE AND HUSBAND THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID HAD RECENTLY VACATED THEIR APARTMENT ON GRAMERCY PLACE AND WERE ENROUTE TO MENDOTA, ILLINOIS TO SEE SUE'S MOTHER MRS. PATRICIA HARRIS AT [REDACTED], MENDOTA. SHE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED TO ANITA KATZWINKEL WAS USED BY FLIKEIDS. ADVISED THAT ANITA KATZWINKEL, SUE HARRIS, AND GINGER LAST NAME POSSIBLY CUNNINGHAM ALL COME FROM MENDOTA, ILLINOIS AND WERE PART OF A RUTHER WILD CROWD WHO USED TO WORK WITH MIGRANT FARM WORKERS AROUND MENDOTA DURING SUMMER VACATIONS. THE FLIKEIDS ARE DUE TO ARRIVE MENDOTA FOUR TWELVE INSTANT AND USUALLY STAY AT LITTLE MOTEL NORTH OF TOWN KNOWN AS KAKUSHA MOTEL. PURPOSE OF VISIT TO CELEBRATE TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY OF SUSAN HARRIS AND TO

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1967  
SURPRISE MOTHER WITH VISIT. DRIVING ONE NINE SIX SEVEN BLACK THUNDER-  
BIRD, CALIFORNIA LICENSE PLATES, REGISTERED TO MRS. COSS AND  
SUE HARRIS. LICENSE NUMBERS NOT RECALLED AT MOMENT. MRS.  
COSS ADVISED GINGER IS BY OCCUPATION A FOOD CHECKER THOUGH ANY PRESENT  
OCCUPATION UNKNOWN AND THAT GINGER WAS MARRIED AND HAD A BABY SEVERAL  
YEARS AGO. BELIEVED GINGER'S MOTHER HAD MOVED FROM MENDOTA  
TO DIXON, ILLINOIS. CONCERNING ANITA KATZWINKEL ADVISED  
FATHER IS HARRY KATZWINKEL OF MENDOTA. MRS. COSS RECALLED ANITA HAD  
USED NAME OF HUNTER AND WENT THROUGH CHRISTMAS CARDS AND  
FOUND CARD OF MR. AND MRS. THOMAS HUNTER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHOM SHE ADVISED WAS IDENTICAL TO ANITA. LOS  
ANGELES CONTACTING MRS. HUNTER FOR ALL INFO CONCERNING  
ASSOCIATION WITH ERIC GALT AND WHEREABOUTS OF GINGER.

FOR INFO CHICAGO WHEN ONE NINE SIX SIX WHITE MUSTANG OF  
GALT RECOVERED AT ATLANTA A PIECE OF PAPER BEARING NAMES GINGER  
AND ANITA KATZWINKEL, AN ADDRESS ONE FIVE THREE FIVE SURANO ?  
APT. SIX FOUND. TELEPHONE INFORMATION AT LOS ANGELES REFLECTS  
ANITA KATZWINKEL HAD TEL FOUR SIX FIVE DASH SIX EIGHT  
SIX EIGHT AT [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES  
END PAGE TWO



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[REDACTED] INQUIRY AT [REDACTED]  
ASCERTAINED THAT APT. OCCUPIED UNTIL FOUR FOUR OR FOUR FIVE  
SIXTY-EIGHT BY SUE AND THOMAS M. FLIKEID AND THAT TEL FOUR SIX  
FIVE DASH SIX EIGHT SIX EIGHT WAS DISCONNECTED BY PHONE COMPANY  
FOUR EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT. NO FORWARDING ADDRESSES.

[REDACTED]  
THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE AMERICAN,  
ONE SEVEN ZERO POUNDS, BORN [REDACTED], FIVE FEET  
TEN INCHES, BROWN HAIR, AND BLUE EYES. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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FOR INFO CHICAGO GALT OCCUPIED APT SIX ONE FIVE THREE FIVE  
SERRANO, LOS ANGELES DURING PART OF NOVEMBER, THROUGH ONE EIGHTEEN  
SIXTY-EIGHT AND SKIPPED BUT AS OF TWO TWENTY-TWO  
SIXTY-EIGHT WAS STILL IN LOS ANGELES AREA WITH WHITE MUSTANG.

CHICAGO AT MENDOTA CONTACT SUE AND THOMAS FLIKEID AS TO  
WHEREABOUTS OF ANITA KATZWINKEL, GINGER AND ANY INFO CONCERNING  
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PAGE FOUR

THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH GALT.

LOS ANGELES INVESTIGATION ALSO PROCEEDING ON ANITA KATZWINKEL  
AND GINGER TO DETERMINE ASSOCIATION WITH GALT AND HIS  
CURRENT LOCATION.

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FBI WASH DC

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Date: 5/10/68

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

MURKIN

Re: Lookalike Seen by N.C.  
 Highway Patrolman in  
 Newton, N.C.,  
 4/9/68

On 4/19/68, the following persons were contacted by  
 SA [REDACTED] relative to be on the alert for the vehicle  
 described in Charlotte teletype to Richmond, 4/18/68, at  
 Wytheville, Va.:

[REDACTED]  
 Va. State Police.

BUFORD SHOCKLEY, Sheriff  
 Wythe County

J. D. DILLOW  
 Chief of Police

All advised should they or any of their men see  
 the vehicle they would immediately notify the FBI. To date,  
 the vehicle has not been seen in the Wytheville, Va. area.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

- ③ - Bureau  
 1 - Charlotte (44-1365) (Info)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - Richmond

REB/pfm

EX-105

44-38861-3044  
 25 MAY 11 1968

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per [Signature]

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44-38861

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. McDonough

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, ALSO KNOWN AS - FUGITIVE  
WANTED FLYER NUMBER 442A  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER 4182  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; INTERSTATE  
FLIGHT - ROBBERY

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are five smooth finished copies of the photograph of James Earl Ray. The Memphis Division is the office of origin in this investigation. Memphis Office file number is 44-1987.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enc. (5)

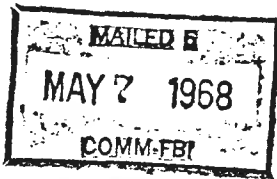
1 - Crime Records Division (under separate cover)

NOTE: See memorandum Director to Mechanical Section, same caption, dated 4/19/68, EJM:eam.

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1 - ENCLOSURE

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79 MAY 14 1968

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT ☐



JAMES EARL RAY  
FBI No. 405,942 G

FBI

Date: 4/20/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

-P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JAMES EARL RAY, aka  
FUGITIVE  
UFAC - ROBBERY  
(OO: KANSAS CITY)

✓ LEB 4122  
I.O.# 442-A  
WF# 442-A  
TOP TEN FUG.

Re San Francisco teletype to Bureau, 4/19/68.

Enclosed for each, Memphis, Atlanta, Chicago, Birmingham, and San Francisco, are 2 photographs of WALTER TERRY RIFE, [REDACTED]

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, dated 7/8/55, forwarded early this date AMSD to San Francisco by Routing Slip.

The attached photographs of WALTER TERRY RIFE should be used to further eliminate RIFE as suspect in MURKIN. Numerous individuals verify RIFE as working long hours at his restaurant during each date of pertinent period.

RIFE continues to reside at [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, and has stated he will be immediately available for future interviews. He has shown a very cooperative attitude.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2)  
2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) 2 - Chicago (Enc. 2)  
2 - Birmingham (Enc. 2)  
2 - San Francisco (173-65) (Enc. 2)  
4 - Springfield (2: 44-561)  
(2: 88-5361)

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W.D. Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4-21-68

PLAINTEXT

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)TO DIRECTOR (RM) AND MEMPHIS  
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893) 1PJAMES EARL RAY, AKA. - FUGITIVE. MURKIN, CR; UFAC - ARMED ROBBERY,  
OO: MEMPHIS.

RESFTEL APRIL TWENTY, LAST.

RETEL REQUESTS CINCINNATI TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF JOHN WILLARD  
STAYING AT GARDENA MOTEL, GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER SEVEN THRU  
FOURTEEN, LAST WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]INVESTIGATION FAIRBORN, OHIO TODAY DETERMINED THIS JOHN  
WILLARD IS JOHN CHARLES WILLARD BORN [REDACTED]  
WITH PERMANENT RESIDENCE [REDACTED]  
FAIRBORN, OHIO.SINCE WILLARD NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION  
WARRANTED.

AIR MAIL COPY TO KANSAS CITY, BIRMINGHAM, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

END

RMJ/

DHV

(1) BIRMINGHAM  
(1) SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (BUREAU) (44-38861)Approved: *[Signature]*

Sent

Per

Special Agent in Charge

79 MAY 14 1968

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APR 28 1968  
FUG. SUB.

4/24/68

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TELETYPE

URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. GALE

TO: SACS, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
KANSAS CITY

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

"OO changed and memo sent  
to Ident. 4-25-68  
Date By

MURKIN

BUREAU DESIGNATES OFFICE OF ORIGIN AS MEMPHIS IN THIS  
ENTIRE MATTER. KANSAS CITY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FORWARD  
APPROPRIATE COPIES OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN YOUR FILE  
ENTITLED "JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - UFAC - ROBBERY" TO MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS WILL, UPON RECEIPT OF SAME, IMMEDIATELY  
SUBMIT A SUMMARY TO ALL OFFICES IN ORDER THAT SUBSEQUENT  
INVESTIGATION MAY BE CONDUCTED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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EX 101

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

APR 24 1968

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NOTE:

Memphis is office of origin in the Murkin case and  
Kansas City is presently office of origin in the case involving  
James Earl Ray, UFAC - Robbery. Our investigation is centered  
around locating and apprehending Ray. It would be more feasible  
if Memphis would coordinate the entire investigation and,  
therefore, assume office of origin. Memphis is being instructed  
to compile a summary of investigation and forward to all  
divisions.

Tolson  
DeLoach  
Mohr  
Bishop  
Casper  
Callahan  
Conrad  
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Sullivan  
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Gandy

REC'D - COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAY 15 1968

REC'D - ROSEN

66 MAY 15 1968

TELETYPE UNIT



1-Mr. Rosen  
1-Mr. Long, Rm. 2260  
1-Mr. Conrad  
1-Lab Files  
1-Office, 7133  
1-Mr. Clark 4-25-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

The following items of evidence are being returned to you under separate cover by registered mail. Those items obtained from the Memphis Police Department are to be returned to them upon receipt.

Q1 - Q68 (PC-A5498) Laboratory report dated 4-17-68  
Q69 - Q71 (PC-A5505) Laboratory report dated 4-11-68  
Q76 - Q85 (PC-A5530) Laboratory report dated 4-18-68  
Q204 - Q213 (PC-A5694) Laboratory report dated 4-22-68  
K30 (PC-A5656) Laboratory report dated 4-19-68  
K44 - K49 (PC-A5693) Laboratory report dated 4-19-68  
K50 - K59 (PC-A5695) Laboratory report dated 4-19-68

Included in the evidence are pillboxes containing debris and glass slides containing hairs and fibers removed from various items of evidence.

The chain of custody of these items being returned to the Memphis Police Department must be protected between your office and the Police Department.

NOTE

Items being returned include the suspected rifle and the fatal bullet, as well as other items abandoned near the scene of the shooting by the subject. IWC:dmg

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APR 25 1968  
COMM-FBI

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19 MAY 8 1968

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Enc. (9)

NOTE: Based on memo 4-25-68 Jevons to Conrad.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

**CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

I. O. 4182  
4-20-68

**WANTED BY FBI**

**JAMES EARL RAY**

FBI No. 405,942 G  
16 M 9 U 000 12  
M 4 W 101

ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968  
(eyes drawn by artist)



**DESCRIPTION**

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois  
HEIGHT: 5' 10"  
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds  
BUILD: medium  
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short  
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer  
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand  
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent

**CAUTION** RAY IS A DANGEROUS PERSON WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS  
44-38861-  
APR 24 1968

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

Identification Order 4182  
April 20, 1968

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44-38861

FUG. SUP.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Remymemo 4-23-68, which contained the approved recommendation that 14,000 newspaper mats and proofs be prepared by the Government Printing Office for dissemination to newspapers throughout the country in an effort to locate captioned fugitive.

This mat has been prepared and is now available for distribution.

Attached is a copy of a proposed form letter to be utilized in distributing a supply of these mats and proofs to each Field Office.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That attached letter be approved and expeditiously returned to the Crime Research Section for further processing. Enclosure.

Letters + Mats  
Sent all offices  
4-29-68  
81 Jm

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure

JRH:djr  
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CRIME RESEARCH  
FUG. SUP.

SAC,

April 29, 1968

Director, FBI

JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE

I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;

INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover:

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive, can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.

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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)

1 - Mr. Bishop (sent with cover memo)

1 - Mr. Gale (sent with cover memo)

1 - Mr. Rosen (sent with cover memo)

JRH:djr (10)

Civil Rights - Conspiracy; Interstate Flight

Armed Robbery.

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Bishop memo dated 4-26-68, captioned "James Earl Ray, aka - I.O. #4182; W.F. #442-A Fugitive,"

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TELETYPE UNIT ☐

F B I

Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, 4/24/68, re [REDACTED]  
COMPLAINANT.

On 4/29/68, [REDACTED] was telephonically contacted per her request to arrange an appointment for interview. She stated she was too busy to see an agent during the week of 4/29 - 5/3/68 since she went to Berkeley every Thursday and Friday [REDACTED]

She stated she had to take care of her family and house and had no spare time. She said that after she wrote her letter to Attorney General RAMSEY CLERK concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., she had second thoughts and believed her theory that individuals who subscribe to the "Tuskegee Tribune" might have something to do with KING's assassination, was a far-fetched idea.

[REDACTED] sounded nervous and harassed when talking to agent but stated she would try to find time to mail in a list of subscribers to the "Tuskegee Tribune", marking the names of those she believed to be white people, in the event the Bureau desired to check them out as possible suspects.

[REDACTED] suggested an agent contact her again on 5/6/68 to determine if she had the list prepared.

Los Angeles will contact [REDACTED] on 5/6/68.

- 3 - Bureau (AM-REGISTERED)  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AM-REGISTERED)  
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM-REGISTERED)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)

1 - Los Angeles

LDJ:gcw

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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(7) C. C. Bishop Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI

Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Buairtel 4/24/68, concerning JOY DE HOW -  
 Complainant.

The files of the Los Angeles Office reflect no  
 identifiable information concerning the names [REDACTED]  
 or [REDACTED]

The records of the Registrar of Voters, County of  
 Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, as checked on 4/26/68,  
 reflected no record of a [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

The records of the Retail Merchants Credit  
 Association, Los Angeles, as checked on 4/26/68, reflected  
 no record for the names [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

The records of the Los Angeles Police Department,  
 as checked on 4/29/68, reflected no information concerning  
 the names [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Telephone directories for the Los Angeles area  
 reflected no listing for [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

In view of the above, no further action is  
 contemplated concerning [REDACTED]

- ③ - Bureau (RM)  
 1 - Memphis (Info) (RM)  
 1 - Los Angeles

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - (Mr. Long-2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 1, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**  
**CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

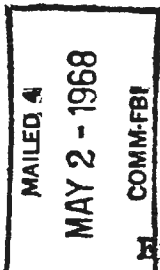
*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-561288 JK**  
**PC-A5960 IZ**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**  
Reference: **Airtel 4/12/68**  
Examination requested: **Document - Microscopic**  
Remarks:

In view of the elimination of Jerome Vernon as a suspect in this matter, the items designated in the attached report as K207 and ALSO SUBMITTED were not treated for latent fingerprints.

**PER AUTHORITY TO LATENT FINGERPRINT  
SEC (BONEBRAKE) FROM DIV. 6,**



EX-101

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**44-38861-3052**

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐ ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

*Boyle 6179 IL*

REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861-3052  
Lab. No. D-561288 JK  
PC-A5960 IZ

Specimens received 4/22/68

K207 Laundry list No. 3065, containing one sample laundry tape obtained from Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Los Angeles, California

ALSO SUBMITTED: Spiral notebook, ledger sheets, tablet and University Notebook all containing laundry records

Result of examination:

The K207 laundry tape is similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition. The K207 tape measures 1/4 inch by 1 1/8 inches. The Q69 and Q70 tapes measure 1/4 inch by 1 1/16 inches.

The size of type and printing characteristics of K207 are similar to those on Q69, Q70 and K10 indicating that all may have been prepared by the same machine. The lack of significant identifying features precluded a definite conclusion from being reached.

The submitted material is temporarily retained.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐



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Date: 5/1/68

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(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND SAC'S KANSAS CITY (44-760),  
MEMPHIS, TAMPA, COLUMBIA AND PHILADELPHIA  
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTYSEVEN,  
SIXTYSEVEN RE [REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF COLUMBIA, WHO DOES NOT HAVE BELOW NOTED  
REPORT, REVIEW OF NEW ORLEANS FILE ON [REDACTED] REFLECTS INFORMATION  
FROM LITTLE ROCK REPORT OF SA [REDACTED], DATED  
FEBRUARY ELEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN, CONCERNING THREE ZERO TWO FURNISHED  
BY [REDACTED] ON THAT DATE IN WHICH [REDACTED] STATED WAS IN CUSTODY  
[REDACTED], IN APRIL, SIXTYFIVE AND ESCAPED FROM CUSTODY  
WITH TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS, NAMES NOT MENTIONED, APPROXIMATELY  
MAY SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE. FURTHER, HE PROCEEDED TO WILMINGTON, DEL.,  
WHERE ONE OF ESCAPEES APPREHENDED. FROM THERE HE AND OTHER  
ESCAPEE WENT TO OCALA, FLA. FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THIS  
THREE ZERO TWO IT WOULD APPEAR [REDACTED] NOT ONLY IS PRODIGIOUS  
CAR THIEF AND CHECK PASSER, BUT A CON MAN AS WELL.

① - Bureau  
1 - New Orleans  
PMK:epk

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44-37261-3053  
25 MAY 8 1968

Approved: (2)

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

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Date:

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

NO 157-10873

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IT IS ESPECIALLY NOTED THAT [REDACTED] STATES IN THREE ZERO TWO IN RE COMMUNICATION THAT HE MET [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IN COLUMBIA, S. C., IN MARCH, SIXTYFIVE. IN THREE ZERO TWO SET OUT IN REPORT OF SA [REDACTED], HE ADVISED WAS IN CUSTODY IN APRIL, SIXTYFIVE AND DID NOT ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY UNTIL APPROXIMATELY MAY SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE WILL REVIEW FILE ON [REDACTED] AND ASCERTAIN WHEN ESCAPED FROM CUSTODY, FORWARD SAME TO KANSAS CITY FOR REINTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] AT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

NEW ORLEANS HOLDING IN ABEYANCE COVERAGE OF LEAD AT CANAL BANK INN UNTIL AUTHENTICITY OF [REDACTED] STORY DETERMINED.

KANSAS CITY ADVISE OTHER OFFICES IN RECEIPT OF REAIRTEL WHETHER THEY DESIRE LEADS SET OUT TO BE HANDLED AT THIS TIME OR HELD IN ABEYANCE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

AIRTEL

(Type in plaintext or code)

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)P  
RE: MURKIN

Re [REDACTED] - suspect.

ReBuairtel to Albuquerque 4/30/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is 1 copy each of Albuquerque airtel to Memphis 4/12/68 and Albuquerque teletype to Memphis 4/12/68, copies of which were inadvertently not furnished to the Bureau.

ARMED & DANGEROUS

3 - Bureau (Enc 2) ENCLOSURE  
2 - Albuquerque  
DWK/jvp

(5)

E.C. Bishop

EX 101

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44-38861-3054  
8 MAY 3 1968

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Approved: 300

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

MEMPHIS

FBI ALBUQUEE

1005PM URGENT 4-12-68 AFO

TO: MEMPHIS (44-268)

FROM: ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) 3PAGES

MURKIN. OO:MEMPHIS

RE NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWELVE, INSTANT.

[REDACTED], AG, NM, MOTHER OF [REDACTED]  
TODAY ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] ARRIVED IN ALBUQUERQUE AT  
THEIR HOME AT SEVEN FIFTEEN PM ON APRIL ONE LAST. HE VISITED AT THEIR  
HOME DAILY UNTIL HE LEFT TOWN. HE WAS LAST SEEN BY [REDACTED] ON  
APRIL SEVEN, LAST, AT SIX AM WHEN HE SAID GOODBYE AND DEPARTED IN HIS  
SIXTYTHREE DODGE DART AUTOMOBILE. [REDACTED] RECALLS HIM MENTIONING  
THAT HE WOULD BE GOING THROUGH MEMPHIS ON HIS RETURN TRIP AND THEY  
COMMENTED ON THE EXCITEMENT IN MEMPHIS CAUSED BY KING'S MURDER.

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL TEN, LAST. SNAPSHOTS AND HANDWRITING  
SPECIMENS OF [REDACTED], WERE OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], RUIDOSO DOWNS, N.M. AND WERE  
AIRMAILED TO MEMPHIS TODAY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED ON APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, THAT HER FORMER HUSBAND,  
[REDACTED], APPEARED IN RUIDOSO DOWNS, NM, AT APPROXIMATELY  
TWO THIRTY PM, APRIL ONE, LAST, REMAINED UNTIL SEVEN THIRTY PM, AT  
WHICH TIME HE DEPARTED, INDICATING HE WAS PROCEEDING TO AG, NM, THENCE  
TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

44-38861-3054  
ENCLOSURE

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AT THE TIME OF HIS APPEARANCE HE WAS IN POSSESSION OF A WHITE STATION WAGON, POSSIBLY A SIXTYTWO OR SIXTYTHREE MODEL AND MAKE NOT SPECIFICALLY KNOWN. SHE INDICATED HE USUALLY DRIVES CHEVROLETS OR FORDS, THEREFORE, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN ONE OR THE OTHER. ALSO, THE VEHICLE HAS TEXAS LICENSE PLATES, BELIEVED TO HAVE THE PREFIX [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HER FORMER HUSBAND WAS PREVIOUSLY CONNECTED WITH THE NAACP IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE OR SIXTYSIX, HOWEVER, SHE IS UNAWARE OF WHAT CAPACITY HE WAS SO CONNECTED. IT WAS HER IMPRESSION HE EITHER DISTRIBUTED OR SOLD LITERATURE TO NEGROES IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA.

[REDACTED] IS DESCRIBED AS BEING BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IN EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE SIXTYFIVE, HAIR LIGHT BROWN BUT HE USES A HAIR OIL THEREBY EFFECTING A DARKER HUE. HE HAS AN APPENDECTOMY SCAR.

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OTHERS NOT KNOWN. HE IS AN IMMACULATE DRESSER, TEXAS ACCENT; IS  
MARRIED TO [REDACTED] NEE [REDACTED], WHOSE PARENTS ARE BELIEVED TO  
RESIDE AT [REDACTED] MEMPHIS, TENN. BELIEVED TO BE  
PRESENTLY SEPARATED.

VARIOUS CHECKS MADE IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS TELETYPES RECEIVED  
IN ALBUQUERQUE TO DATE NEGATIVE AND UNPRODUCTIVE.

WFO AND NORFOLK ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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FBI MEMPHIS

4/12/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS  
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)P  
RE: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re WFO tel 4/10/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are the following:

1. Seven snapshots of [REDACTED]
2. Two specimens of handwriting of [REDACTED], one being a check in the amount of \$100, bearing his signature and the other is a power of attorney form bearing his signature.

The above items were obtained from [REDACTED] Ruidoso Downs, N.M., and she requests that if they are of no evidentiary value that they be returned to her.

[REDACTED] furnished the following description of this possible suspect:

Name  
Age  
Born

[REDACTED]  
38

Either [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Height  
Weight  
Hair

5'9"

165

Medium or light brown but he used a hair oil, thereby effecting a darker hue

- 2 - Memphis (Enc 9) (RM)
- 1 - WFO (44-703) (Info)
- 1 - Richmond (Info)
- 1 - Little Rock (Info)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (Info)
- 2 - Albuquerque

(3) JWP  
(3)

44-38861-3054

ENCLOSURE

AQ44-715

Scars or marks  
Peculiarities  
Marital status

Appendectomy, no others noticeable  
Immaculate dresser - Texas accent  
Married to [REDACTED], nee  
[REDACTED], whose parents believed to  
reside at [REDACTED], Memphis,  
Tennessee, believed to be currently  
separated. [REDACTED] previously  
married to a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on 4/11/68, that her former husband,  
[REDACTED], appeared in Ruidoso Downs, NM, at  
approximately 2:30PM, 4/1/68, remained until 7:30PM, at which time  
he departed, indicating he was proceeding to Albuquerque, NM,  
thence to Phoenix, Arizona.

[REDACTED] advised that at the time of his appearance he  
was in possession of a White Station Wagon, possibly a 1962 or 1963  
model and make not specifically known. She indicated he usually  
drives Chevrolets or Fords, therefore, this could have been  
one or the other. Also, the vehicle has Texas license plates,  
believed to have the prefix [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that her former husband was  
previously connected with the NAACP in Little Rock, Arkansas,  
in approximately 1965 or 1966, however, she is unaware of what  
capacity he was so connected. It was her impression he either  
distributed or sold literature to Negroes in that particular  
area.

In the event the enclosures tend to implicate this  
individual it is suggested that Memphis set out specific  
leads to assist in effecting his location.



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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

RE: [REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT

Re Bu Airtel, 5-1-68, MISS

Results of inquiry in this matter furnished to the Bureau by Jackson airtel to Bureau, 4/17/68, which contained four enclosures. Memphis and Oklahoma City were also advised similarly. (Lo Ser. 1556)

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(3) - Bureau  
 1 - Memphis (Info)  
 1 - Jackson  
 JLP/clm  
 (5)

44-38861-305

MAY 4 1968

C. C. Bishop

Approved: *CKM*

55 MAY 13 1968

Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

VI. TELETYPE  
APR 30 1968  
ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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URGENT 4-30-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM NEW ORLEANS

MURKIN.

EIGHT THOUSAND I. O.'S REQUIRED FOR NEW ORLEANS TO CIRCULATE ALL  
BARBER SHOPS IN LOUISIANA, BAKERIES AND CONFECTIONARY ESTABLISHMENTS.  
AS WELL AS ALL FIRMS DOING BUSINESS WITH THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS,  
INCLUDING STEAMSHIP LINES, BARGE LINES, ETC.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO APPROVE ABOVE CIRCULATION AND FORWARD EIGHT  
THOUSAND I. O.'S FOR THIS PURPOSE.

RECEIVED: 5:26 PM MKP

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EX 106

44-38861-305

MAY 6 1968

Airtel NO  
SAC, NO  
cc - NIE  
5-2-68  
RE 4/10  
E 5 RE 6/10

cc - [Signature]

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SIX

5/2/68

Airtel  
EX 106

1 - Mr. Long

REC-154-38861-3056

To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

ReNoteletype to Bureau April 30, 1968.

The Bureau under separate cover is forwarding 8,000 identification orders regarding subject Ray for the purpose of New Orleans to circulate all barber shops in Louisiana, bakeries and confectionery establishments as well as firms doing business at the Port of New Orleans, including steamship lines and barge lines.

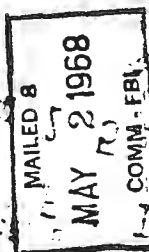
Armed and dangerous.

1 - Memphis

REL:cs  
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NOTE: New Orleans by teletype has requested Bureau and 8,000 identification orders to New Orleans to circulate all barber shops in Louisiana, bakeries and confectionery establishments as well as firms doing business with the Port of New Orleans, including steamship lines and barge lines.

Tolson  
DeLoach  
Mohr  
Bishop  
Casper  
Callahan  
Conrad  
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Gale  
Rosen  
Sullivan  
Tavel  
Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Holmes  
Gandy



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TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FBI

Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN  
CR

PERSON RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER 338

Re FTS tel call from EP to NK, 5/2/68 and NY airtel dated 4/30/68 to BA, DL, EP, OC, PH, PX, RH and WFO, which teletype has been received by NK office.

New York teletype indicated that one of the tourist passengers on American Airlines Flight 338 which departed Dallas, Texas, 4/6/68, was Mrs. ROSE TERESHKO, telephone number [REDACTED] El Paso, Texas.

On 5/1/68, WALLACE J. CAMP, [REDACTED], residing [REDACTED] El Paso, Texas, advised that he has telephone number [REDACTED] and that his mother-in-law is Mrs. ROSE TERESHKO, who is currently located at the residence of Mrs. LILLIAN DE RENZE, [REDACTED] Blackwood, New Jersey.

LEADNEWARK DIVISIONAT BLACKWOOD, NEW JERSEY:

Will contact Mrs. ROSE TERESHKO in care of Mrs. LILLIAN DE RENZE, [REDACTED] New Jersey, to determine if any individual on above mentioned American Airlines flight was identical to subject JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- ③ - Bureau (RAM)
- 2 - Newark (RAM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RAM)
- 1 - El Paso

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Per

Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN

PERSON RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 338

Reference is made to FTS tel call from EP to NF, 5/1/68. This call transmitted the following:

New York teletype to Baltimore, Dallas, El Paso, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Richmond and WFO, dated 4/30/68, contained the following:

Re OC tel to the Director, dated 4/26/68.

[REDACTED] (protect identity), [REDACTED], Edmond, Oklahoma, was re-interviewed and IO #4182 displayed to her. [REDACTED] said the individual she saw on American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 4/6/68, very strongly resembled RAY and she believed him to be identical with RAY. She stated she first noticed this individual in Love Field Terminal, American Airlines waiting area a few moments prior to boarding this flight. [REDACTED] could not locate her ticket stub but believed she occupied Seat [REDACTED], an aisle seat on left side of plane in tourist section and that the above individual occupied the aisle seat one row up on the right. [REDACTED] said this individual did not get off the plane when it landed at Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, and did not converse with anyone on plane and carried no luggage. She informed he deplaned at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and she lost sight of him when her husband met her at the airport.

- ③ - Bureau (REG. AM)
- 2 - Norfolk (REG. AM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (REG. AM)
- 1 - El Paso

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Special Agent in Charge

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EP 157-186

A representative of American Airlines, furnished the names of persons traveling tourist class on American Airlines, Flight 338, which departed Dallas, Texas, 4/6/68, at 9:05 a.m. and made one stop at Friendship Airport, Baltimore, before arriving at Philadelphia 1:31 same date.

These names included the following:

"Mrs. WEBB, area code [REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED] El Paso, Texas.

The El Paso Telephone Directory listed number [REDACTED] to Sgt. WILLIE WEBB, JR., residing [REDACTED] El Paso, Texas. Upon dialing this number, it was learned that this was not a working number.

[REDACTED], 112th MI Group, Ft. Bliss, Texas, advised on 5/1/68, that Sgt. WILLIE WEBB, JR. was separated from the U. S. Army on 4/6/68, and left as a forwarding address, [REDACTED] Newport News, Virginia.

The following information obtained on 5/1/68, from [REDACTED] (protect identity) [REDACTED] Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co., was not included in the FTS telephone call but is being set forth here as confirming information of possible value:

E-5 WILLIE WEBB, JR., ASN [REDACTED] residing [REDACTED] El Paso, Texas, had service from January, 1968, to 3/29/68. He was attached to the 581st Transportation Support Group. Upon discontinuing his telephone service, he left as a forwarding address in care of Mr. WILLIE WEBB, SR., father, [REDACTED], Newport News, Virginia.

LEAD

NORFOLK DIVISION

AT NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA:

Will attempt to locate and interview "Mrs. WEBB", in care of WILLIE WEBB, JR. and/or SR., [REDACTED]

EP 157-185

Newport News, Virginia, to determine if the individual mentioned above on American Airlines Flight 338 is identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

F B I

Date: 4/26/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith is one Gilbey's Gin bottle made available by [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pa., on 4/25/68.

On 4/25/68 [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pa., who is employed as a [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pa., appeared at the FBI Office at Philadelphia, where he related the following information:

On the evening of 4/6/68 he had encountered on the street near his home an individual who used the name of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] was very cold and as a result, [REDACTED] took him to his home where he stayed for the evening and left the following morning.

According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] resembled the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY which appear in both the Time Magazine issue of 4/26/68, and the U.S. News and World Report issue of 4/29/68 and the pictures appearing on Identification

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- 4 - Bureau (44-38861)(Enc. 1)(RM)  
1 - package  
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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airtel 5-2-68  
[Signature]

[Signature]  
[Stamp]

[Signature]  
[Stamp]

C. C. Bishop  
Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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PH 44-1368

Order #4182 dated 4/20/68.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] told him that he was in Philadelphia to visit some friends with whom he had been in the service, but that when he went into a movie, his wallet was stolen and he did not know how to get in touch with these individuals.

[REDACTED] advised this individual said he had come from the State of Alabama and spoke with a Southern accent. He advised he appeared to be slightly illiterate and a bigot. He advised this [REDACTED] made reference to the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and said he believed the individual who did the killing would get a lot of money.

[REDACTED] stated this individual wore a dark blue sportshirt, with long sleeves; dark blue trousers; white socks; and black shoes, without any outer clothing in spite of the cold weather.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had slightly stooped shoulders, pock marks on the back of his neck and shoulders, but he did not recall any scar on his forehead.

[REDACTED] furnished a gin bottle which he indicated [REDACTED] had handled on four or five occasions. He stated that he and [REDACTED] were the only ones who had handled this gin bottle and he stated he felt that his and [REDACTED] fingerprints could be obtained from this bottle to determine definitely if this individual were identical to [REDACTED].

He advised he knew of no additional pertinent information relative to [REDACTED] which would be helpful in locating him.

The Identification Division is requested to compare the latent fingerprints developed from the enclosed empty bottle of Gilbey's Gin with the known fingerprints of RAY and advise the Philadelphia Office.

PH 44-1368

The Identification Division is requested to dispose of the above bottle after the examination is completed.

5-2-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Philadelphia (44-1368)  
                    Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 3059  
EX-116  
MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel 4-25-68, submitting one gin bottle  
for examination.

Four latent fingerprints of value were developed on the  
bottle. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints  
of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Philadelphia requested to submit fingerprints or identifying  
data re owner bottle ~~for elimination purposes~~ for elimination purposes.

Bottle destroyed, as requested.

MAILED 10  
MAY 2 1968  
COMM-FBI

1 - Mr. Rosen

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI

Date: 5/2/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 OO: MEMPHIS

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE: [REDACTED], aka [REDACTED]

WCSK.

C/O

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau dated 5/1/68  
 and Seattle teletype to the Bureau dated 5/2/68.

On 5/1/68, STEWART NORTHRUP, Manager, Bush Hotel,  
 621 South Jackson Street, Seattle, advised that [REDACTED]  
 was registered at the Bush Hotel from 3/2/68 until  
 4/27/68. He furnished a home address of [REDACTED]  
 Chicago, Illinois. He roomed with one [REDACTED] home-  
 [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois. Although [REDACTED]  
 moved out of the hotel on 4/27/68, [REDACTED] still resides there.

NORTHRUP stated he believed [REDACTED] to be employed  
 at the [REDACTED] in Seattle, Washington.

On May 1, 1968, inquiry at the [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Seattle, failed to reflect  
 any employee by the name of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

On 5/1/68, [REDACTED] Manager, [REDACTED]  
 Burien, Washington, advised that [REDACTED]  
 is employed there [REDACTED]  
 was off on 5/1/68 but due to return to work on 5/2/68.  
 did not have a home address for [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] referred to employment records [REDACTED]  
 and stated that he has been employed with [REDACTED] since  
 3/11/68, and is a most satisfactory employee. He stated  
 that he works five days a week from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

③ - Bureau C. C. - Bishop

2 - Memphis

2 - San Francisco

2 - Seattle

PEC: [REDACTED] Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

During April his days off were Wednesday and Thursday, although [REDACTED] could not be sure that [REDACTED] took his days off since employees sometimes work on their day off or trade the day off with other employees for personal reasons.

[REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED] Burien, Washington, on 5/2/68. He stated he has been in Seattle continuously since early March, 1968 with the exception of a few short trips to the nearby rural areas for fishing. [REDACTED] advised that while employed at the [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, in 1966, he had occasion to fire a Negro girl under his supervision. Shortly thereafter a series of what he described as retaliatory measures took place, among them a personal assault on [REDACTED] accompanied by the theft of his automobile and threats to his family. When his automobile was recovered, it was found to have sugar in the gas tank and other damage which appeared to have been deliberately caused.

[REDACTED] stated that shortly after the above incidents, two detectives from the Damon Avenue Station of the Chicago Police Department approached him at his home and furnished him with information re [REDACTED] such as I that set forth in re Chicago tel. He advised the detectives at that time that he believed this to be another retaliatory measure by members of the "Deacons For Defense", a Negro organization whom [REDACTED] believes is responsible for the attacks on his person and property in retaliation for his firing of the Negro girl, above. He felt at that time that this matter had been settled to the satisfaction of the Chicago Police. [REDACTED] stated that his supervisor at that time was one [REDACTED] (PH) whom he claimed would verify the above information. He stated that [REDACTED] would also be in a position to furnish information regarding a bomb threat which was received at [REDACTED] around the same time as the above incidents and which [REDACTED] believes probably was connected with the Deacons for Defense.

[REDACTED] advised he was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], and currently resides at [REDACTED] Seattle, Washington. He operates a 1962 Oldsmobile. [REDACTED]

On May 2, 1968, [REDACTED] the Bush Hotel, Seattle,

advised that he met [REDACTED] in Denver, Colorado, in early March, 1968. They came to Seattle together and lived, until recently, together at the Bush Hotel. [REDACTED] stated that, to the best of his knowledge, [REDACTED] has been in Seattle continuously since they arrived. He stated that he also worked at [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] and knows that [REDACTED] was also continuously employed at that store since March, 1968. [REDACTED] specifically recalled telling [REDACTED] during the early part of April, 1968, of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and pointed out that [REDACTED] was the first one to mention this to [REDACTED]. He recalled that this was either during the afternoon or early evening on the day KING was shot.

In view of the above, UAC, no further investigation is being conducted regarding [REDACTED] at Seattle.

FBI

Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
RE: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 4/25/68; and  
San Diego airtel to Bureau, 4/30/68.

RE: [REDACTED]

On 5/2/68, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Van Nuys, California, was  
interviewed by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that his brother's daughter  
was the wife of [REDACTED] who is currently  
incarcerated [REDACTED]  
and was interviewed regarding association with JAMES EARL  
RAY by Buagents on 4/24/68.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] arrived  
at his residence at [REDACTED] Palos Verdes,  
California, the day prior to Thanksgiving, 1967. This

EX 101

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis (info)
- 2 - Atlanta
- 2 - Los Angeles

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C. C. Bishop

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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visit lasted until the day after Thanksgiving, 1967, at which time [REDACTED] driving his wife's Volkswagen, bearing Georgia license plates, departed with his wife en route to Monterey, California.

[REDACTED] stated that approximately one and a half days later, [REDACTED] and his wife returned to the [REDACTED] residence claiming he had lost his wallet in Monterey and was without funds. [REDACTED] advised that he gave [REDACTED] sufficient funds to drive back to Atlanta, Georgia.

[REDACTED] after consulting a 1967 calendar, recalled that [REDACTED] arrived at his residence on 11/22/67, and stayed through a portion of the day 11/24/67. He left en route to Monterey on that date and returned to Los Angeles from Monterey approximately 11/26/67.

[REDACTED] should be reinterviewed about his activities during the period of time when he left Los Angeles, California, allegedly going to Monterey, California.

[REDACTED] advised that he would consult with his wife on the evening of 5/2/68, and would be available for reinterview on 5/3/68.

Los Angeles will reinterview [REDACTED] 5/3/68, and will advise results.

LEAD

ATLANTA

AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA: Reinterview [REDACTED] concerning his alleged trip from Los Angeles, California, to Monterey, California, and the facts surrounding the loss of his wallet while in Monterey, California.



F B I

Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: Bureau (44-38861)  
Memphis (44-1987)  
Louisville

FROM: SAC, Jackson (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson, Dallas, Jacksonville,  
dated 4/25/68.

Reference Bureau airtel dated 4/24/68 that the  
main file on MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. had been reviewed  
and certain threats against KING were set forth. Among  
the alleged threats was the following:

"Jackson Office, by teletype, 9/17/66, entitled  
'Unsub; alleged plan to kill Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
Grenada, Miss., Racial Matters,' reported that the  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who requested his identity be concealed,  
claimed [REDACTED] told him two white  
residence of Grenada planned to assassinate KING on  
9/19/66 at Grenada. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]"

A review of Jackson file [REDACTED] on 4/27/68,  
disclosed no additional information other than as summarized  
above.

C. C. Bishop  
2-Bureau  
2-Memphis  
2-Louisville  
2-Jackson (1 - 157-6712)  
JLP:mah

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Approved: *RKM*

Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

JN 157-9586 .

Inquiry at [REDACTED]  
Grenada, Miss., disclosed that [REDACTED] is  
no longer located in Grenada, Miss.

On 5/3/68, [REDACTED] (Protect), [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Grenada, Miss., advised that his records  
disclose [REDACTED] is now located at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Kentucky, zip code [REDACTED]

LEAD:

LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT PARIS, KENTUCKY

Will locate [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and attempt to determine from him the identity of  
[REDACTED] at Grenada, Miss., who furnished [REDACTED]  
with the above information and immediately advise the  
Jackson Office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Springfield airtel dated 4/17/68 and Memphis airtel to all offices dated 4/25/68.

Re Laundry checks.

Remaining laundries checked in Springfield Division regarding laundry tags 02B-6 and 2OR-3 (prior to receipt of referenced Memphis airtel) with negative results.

2 - Bureau (44-38861)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Springfield (44-561)  
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EX 106

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION  
MAY 3 1968

FBI ATLANTA

TELETYPE

556P EDT 5/3/68 URGENT VSC

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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INVESTIGATION RE STOLEN AUTOMOBILES, ATLANTA, DURING  
PERTINENT PERIOD REFLECTS 'FIFTY TWO-DR MAROON FORD, VIN  
BOAT ONE TWO SIX ONE ONE SIX, 'SIXTYSEVEN GEORGIA ONE DASH  
ONE SEVEN THREE SEVEN FIVE, REPORTED STOLEN TO ATLANTA POLICE  
BETWEEN HOURS TWELVE THIRTY AM AND EIGHT AM, APR. SIXTH, LAST,  
FROM TWELVE EIGHTYONE SIZEMORE AVE., NW, ATLANTA, WHILE IN  
CUSTODY OF RAYMOND CLAYTON. CAR NOT INSURED AND NO KEYS IN  
IGNITION AT TIME OF THEFT. CAR OWNED BY DENNIS CLAYTON, PRESENTLY  
IN USMC, CONFINED TO MEMPHIS NAVAL HOSPITAL

RAYMOND CLAYTON IS EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED], ATLANTA,  
HOWEVER, INTERVIEW FAILS TO REVEAL ANYTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE RE CAR

THOUGHT WORTHY. [REDACTED] AREA OF DOWNTOWN ATLANTA  
AREA AND NOWHERE NEAR ANY OF THE PERTINENT AREAS WHILE SUBJECT IN  
ATLANTA. SIZEMORE IS SLUM AREA OF BOTH WHITE AND NEGRO FAMILIES.  
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AT 44-2386

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO RELATIVES OF CLAYTON  
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. INASMUCH AS DENNIS CLAYTON IN MEMPHIS  
DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, HE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED RE CAPTIONED  
MATTER TO ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLY MET SUBJECT RAY IN MEMPHIS AREA.

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FBI CHICAGO

1133AM URGENT 5/3/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

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KING MURDER

AS A RESULT OF CHICAGO "SUN-TIMES" REPORTER LOCATING AND  
INTERVIEWING SUBJECT'S BROTHER JERRY RAY THE VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA  
CONVERGED ON SPORTSMAN'S COUNTRY CLUB LAST EVENING IN AN EFFORT TO  
FURTHER INTERVIEW AND EXPLOIT JERRY RAY. MR. CHAMBERLAIN, OWNER,  
SPORTSMAN'S COUNTRY CLUB, WHO HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE WITH THIS  
OFFICE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE JERRY HIDDEN OUT IN A LOCAL MOTEL,  
WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO LOCAL PRESS. CHAMBERLAIN RELEASED THE  
INFORMATION THAT JERRY HAD LEFT HIS EMPLOYMENT AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS  
UNKNOWN. THIS HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE BOTH ON RADIO  
AND TV, CHICAGO AREA. JERRY WILL CONTACT CASE AGENT THIS DATE  
AND HE WILL BE DISCREETLY INTERVIEWED AS BEFORE ON A CONTINUING BASIS.  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

50 MAY 14 1968  
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MR. WICK ✓  
MR. CASPER ✓  
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MR. FELT ✓  
MR. GALE ✓  
MR. ROSEN ✓  
MR. SULLIVAN ✓  
MR. TAVEL ✓  
MR. TROTTER ✓  
MR. JONES ✓  
TELE. ROOM ✓  
MAIL ROOM ✓  
MISS GANDY ✓

May 3, 1968

The attached Sy Presten news release was sent to the Director from Walter Winchell, 33 West 56th Street, New York, New York.

This is a duplicate of the release which was sent to the Director earlier in the week from Sy Presten Associates.

*Markin*

*Dealy*

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Winchell  
33 W. 56 St.  
New York, NY

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CRIME RESEARCH

ENCLOSURE

79 MAY 15 1968

April 27, 1968

*MR.  
To Hoover -*

CAVE INSURING DR. KING SUSPECT  
DOESN'T FOLLOW JESSE JAMES EXAMPLE

Pictures of James Earl Ray, suspect in the killing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has gone up all over Meramec Caverns, on U.S. 66, Stanton, Missouri.

The cave wants to prevent Ray, who once escaped from the Missouri State Prison, from getting an idea to emulate another much wanted Missouri criminal, Jesse James, who used the cave as a hide-out during the 1870's.

Life-size posters of the much-sought after Ray is on display throughout the five-story cave.

For many years, through the cooperation of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the cave has been posting pictures of the FBI's "10 Most Wanted Men," in case any of them got any ideas from Jesse James. However, this is the first time that a wanted man's picture has been posted all around the underground emporium, according to Lester B. Dill, cave director.

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ENCLOSURE

44-38861-3066



Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. Recipient offices will determine from the subscriber, or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Atlanta
- 2 - Albuquerque
- 2 - Boston
- 2 - Charlotte
- 2 - Chicago
- 2 - Cincinnati
- 2 - Cleveland
- 2 - Detroit
- 2 - El Paso
- 2 - Jackson
- 2 - Jacksonville
- 2 - Las Vegas
- 2 - Houston

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C. C. Bishop

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ALBUQUERQUE:

12/17/67 682-9177  
(Houston, Texas)

Albuquerque

12/15/67 468-9836  
(Houston)

Belen, N.M.

BOSTON:

12/16/67 468-9009  
(Houston)

Reading, Mass.

12/16/68 835-9546  
(Beaumont, Texas)

Pawtucket,  
R. I.

CHARLOTTE:

12/15/67 673-9255  
(Houston)

Roxboro, N.C.

12/15/67 886-9976  
(Orange, Texas)

Enka, Candler,  
N. C.

CHICAGO:

12/15/67 769-9108  
(Vidor, Texas)

Elmhurst, Ill.

12/17/67 835-8273  
Beaumont, Texas

Rock Island,  
Ill.

CINCINNATI:-

12/17/67 892-9963  
(Beaumont, Texas)

Cincinnati

12/16/67 453-9015  
(Houston, Texas)

Bartlett, Ohio

12/17/67 468-9844  
(Houston, Texas)

Urbana, Ohio

HO 44-1509

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>CLEVELAND:</u>			
12/17/67	468-9727 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Marion, Ohio
12/17/67	468-9727 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Marion, Ohio
12/15/67	682-9317 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Cleveland
<u>DETROIT:</u>			
12/17/68	673-9872 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Shelby, Mich.
<u>EL PASO:</u>			
12/16/67	673-9501 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	El Paso
12/16/67	682-9348 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Odessa, Texas
12/17/67	468-9878 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Midland, Texas
<u>JACKSON:</u>			
12/15/67	453-9611 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Hattiesburg, Miss.
12/16/67	453-9015 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Jackson
12/15/67	453-9611 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Seminary, Miss.
12/16/67	886-9011 (Orange, Texas)	[REDACTED]	McComb, Miss.
12/17/67	468-9731 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Laurel, Miss.
12/17/67	835-9023 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Forest, Miss.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>JACKSONVILLE:</u>			
12/15/67	673-9050 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Milton, Fla.
12/15/67	673-9419 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Jay, Fla.
<u>LAS VEGAS:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9587 (Beaumont, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Las Vegas

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FBI PHOENIX

251PM URGENT 5-3-68 LEG

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386) AND BALTIMORE  
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (2P)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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*Hickson*

*Johnston*

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES,  
APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST; PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE,  
LAST; AND ATLANTA TEL TO PHOENIX, MAY ONE, LAST, CAPTIONED  
"UNSUB; SIXTYTWO FORD, VIN TWO A ONE TWO FIVE ONE TWO SIX  
NINE ONE SIX."

RE CAR RECOVERIES FROM GEORGIA SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH  
TWENTYTHREE LAST.

INVESTIGATION FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, REFLECTS SIXTYTWO  
FORD FALCON, GEORGIA LICENSE ONE NINE-D-TWO ONE SEVEN FOUR,  
FOUND ABANDONED FLAGSTAFF APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST. CAR  
DETERMINED STOLEN PERRY, GEORGIA, APRIL ONE, LAST. NO ONE  
OBSERVED IN OR NEAR VEHICLE AT PLACE OF RECOVERY AND PHOTO  
JAMES EARL RAY NOT IDENTIFIABLE IN AREA OF RECOVERY.

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY ONE LAST SET FORTH INFO

WHITE MALE, TWENTYSIX,  
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BALTIMORE, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PERRY, GEORGIA, STOPPED WHILE DRIVING VEHICLE  
APRIL EIGHT, LAST, AT VENTURA, CALIF.

ATLANTA AT PERRY, GEORGIA, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF

[REDACTED] IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

BALTIMORE AT [REDACTED] DETERMINE IF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

END JP;D HOLD FOR SECOND MSG PLS

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FBI WASH DC

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FBI - MEMPHIS  
FBI - BALTIMORE

FBI

Date: 5/3/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Francisco teletype to the Director, 5/2/68.

SUSPECT [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED]

For information of offices not previously having information concerning [REDACTED] he is considered possible suspect and co-conspirator because of an alleged offer [REDACTED] to furnish airline tickets and untraceable weapon [REDACTED] travel to unspecified place to kill certain designated Negro leaders including MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The reliability and credibility [REDACTED] is unknown but is considered subject to doubt because of discrepancies of his stories, and because of information received from other sources.

[REDACTED] has been extremely active in affairs of the American Independent Party in California, prompting GEORGE WALLACE for president.

AGENTS IN INTERVIEWS SHOULD EXERCISE DISCRETION AND CAUTION TO PREVENT ANY FALSE ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FBI IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF THE AIP.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
 1 - Birmingham (Info.) (AM)(RM)  
 2 - Los Angeles (AM)(RM)  
 2 - Knoxville (AM)(RM)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)(RM)  
 2 - Mobile (AM)(RM)  
 2 - Sacramento (AM)(RM)  
 4 - San Francisco

WH: cmg

(18) C. C. - Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED], commonly known as [REDACTED] was interviewed at his apartment, [REDACTED] San Leandro, California. After proper identification, he was advised that investigation was being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning a violation of Federal Law in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Further, that an allegation had been received that [REDACTED] might have information pertinent to this matter on the basis of remarks [REDACTED] is reported to have made concerning such matters in the presence of others.

[REDACTED] advised that he has no information concerning the murder, and except for his personal opinion as to who might be responsible, has no specific information concerning the murder. He said he had absolutely no objection to discussion of the matter.

[REDACTED] advised that he is extremely active in the political field at the present time and in the recent past. He is a member of [REDACTED] the American Independent Party (AIP) in California, and particularly in behalf of the candidacy of former Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Alabama for President. He stated that most persons not familiar with the AIP program and objectives, seem to assume that those favoring AIP are what is sometimes termed "negro-baiters." He denied that this is true, and said that from the view point of promoting the AIP, the murder of Dr. KING under such circumstances was a set back to the AIP who might have favored their principles.

He said that no one knowledgeable in affairs of the AIP would have caused or participated in a situation or action such as this in that it would be certain to make a "Martyr" of Dr. KING, which would hurt the AIP.

However, since persons generally seem to associate AIP members with "negro-baiters," he is frequently "kidded" along such lines by certain persons with whom he regularly comes into contact.



He said that in recent months he has regularly frequented the Blue Dolphin, a San Leandro restaurant, and in fact assisted in arranging a couple of luncheons there in honor of WALLACE. Therefore, he has become acquainted with the owner of the Blue Dolphin, BILL PELUSO, and with many of the employees, including the bartenders.

When he goes to the cafe, he frequently goes to the bar and the bartenders frequently "kid" him concerning some current event involving Negroes or the AIP. This has been going on for several months, and everything said has been in jest.

However, he speculated that some person hearing such conversation might misinterpret the conversation, and draw a conclusion which would not be warranted.

In connection with Dr. KING's murder, he recalls such a conversation in the bar of the Blue Dolphin either the same night Dr. KING was killed, or possibly the evening after that.

As he recalled he had been driving on the Nimitz Freeway in Oakland, about 5:00 pm the night of the murder, April 4, 1968, when he first heard the announcement on the car radio.

When next visiting the Blue Dolphin, he recalled one of the employees greeting him with the comment "Well, I see you got him," or some similar comment. He believed he replied that "It wasn't me."

The next comment dealt with "How did you get back from Memphis so soon?"

As he recalled, he made some facetious remark such as "There's planes leaving every hour."

He again stated that the above conversation was strictly in the nature of "kidding," and except for the actual specific subject matter, was very similar to other comments made at the same place on numerous occasions.

He believed that these comments could have been misconstrued by someone who heard them, if the listener did not understand the circumstances or attached some literal interpretation to the remarks.

██████████ said that he had no objection to furnishing his whereabouts on March 29,30, 1968 and April 4, 1968, and to furnishing independent substantiation if he could.

Relative to the date April 4, 1968, ██████████ said that he could definitely establish his whereabouts on that date. He stated that he left the Bay Area in his own car sometime between 7:00 and 9:00 am, drove to Berkeley, California, where he picked up a real estate dealer named ██████████ telephone ██████████. They then proceeded to Oroville, California, to look at some real estate which they were considering for investment purposes.

He recalled that they visited a savings and loan association in Oroville, but does not recall the name of it, although ██████████ would probably know. To the best of his recollection, they returned to the Bay Area about 5:00 pm. He dropped ██████████ off at his car in Berkeley, and proceeded out the Nimitz Freeway toward San Leandro. It was at this time that he first heard of the killing of Dr. KING on his car radio.

In further support of his whereabouts, ██████████ said that when in San Leandro he frequently charges his gasoline at a Douglas Service Station on Marina Blvd. When traveling, he pays cash. He does not use a credit card. Whether charged to his account, or when paying cash, he usually obtains a purchase ticket. He throws these tickets in the glove compartment of his Cadillac where they are available if needed for his business records.

He located in his glove compartment the following charge tickets which he said recorded purchases at Douglas Service Station, Marina Blvd., San Leandro, both dated April 4, 1968:

Ticket #B 036026 dated 4/4/68 recording purchase of \$5.00 of gasoline.

Ticket #B 36186 recording purchase of \$4.55 of gasoline.

██████████ said that undoubtedly he had put gas in the car in the morning when leaving for Oroville, and had put in gas upon his return that evening.

A search of the available tickets failed to record any purchase of gasoline in the Oroville area, although [REDACTED] believed they must have purchased gasoline. He does not recall, but thought that perhaps [REDACTED] had paid for some gasoline in the area.

Relative to his whereabouts on March 29, 30, 1968, [REDACTED] said that he does not recall specifically where he was. He stated that he tries to go to his home in Southern California every other weekend to visit his wife and 2 1/2 year old son. By consulting a calendar, he determined that this would have been the weekend when he normally visited his wife.

When he makes this trip, he normally leaves on Saturday morning, which in this instance would have been March 30, 1968. He sometimes drives and sometimes flies via Air California from Oakland, California Airport to Orange County Airport.

He searched his available gasoline tickets and could locate no record of purchases on March 29 or 30, 1968. This indicated to him that if he had visited his home in Southern California that weekend he had probably gone by air.

[REDACTED] was asked if he could establish his whereabouts on March 29 & 30, 1968 through other records. He said that his business records probably would not show such information, with the exception of his appointment book, which might give him a clue as to where he had been. He contacted his secretary and ascertained there were no notations in his appointment book for those dates.

He said that he has discontinued the use of a checking account due to several civil suits having been filed against him, so he could not establish his whereabouts by cancelled checks.

He does not use credit cards, whether for gasoline or airline travel. He examined numerous airline ticket folders which he found in his apartment. He said he makes no particular effort to save these. He found some undated and none for the pertinent dates. There were no copies of tickets.

[REDACTED] advised that he makes numerous long distance telephone calls, business, personal and political in nature. He makes them from his business phone, [REDACTED], and from the phone in his apartment, [REDACTED]

He said his telephone bill for the period contains record of numerous long distance telephone calls which could definitely establish that he was in San Leandro on March 29, 1968 and probably on March 30, 1968. He furnished the following concerning these records:

March 29, 1968

- 10:13 am Telephone call to [REDACTED], Anaheim, California where he talked to an ex-business associate [REDACTED]
- 4:34 pm Telephone call to [REDACTED], Fullerton, California, where he talked to [REDACTED], brother of above [REDACTED]
- 3:49 pm Telephone call to [REDACTED], where he talked to Mr. MAYALL, State Chairman of the Committee directing AIP campaign in California. He believes this telephone number is no longer in use, but Mr. MAYALL can be reached through [REDACTED] in Bakersfield, which [REDACTED] believes is the home telephone of [REDACTED]

Collect telephone call, person to person, received by him from [REDACTED] who was calling from telephone [REDACTED] in Oroville, California. [REDACTED] does not have a telephone, so location of above phone is unknown to him. [REDACTED] can be located through the [REDACTED] in Oroville.

March 30, 1968

His telephone records reflect that at 12:11 pm, a call was placed from his office to [REDACTED], Roseville, California. He noted that this is the telephone number of his employee, [REDACTED] who works in San Leandro but returns to his home in Roseville on Friday evening for the weekend.

[REDACTED] does not specifically recall making this call, and in reality it could have been made by any company employee. However, he sometimes handles Saturday business at the office so [REDACTED] can go home on Friday, and it is most likely that he is the one who made the call.

Since this is the last recorded call on Saturday, March 30, 1968, and since he is quite certain he visited his wife in Southern California on that weekend, he feels that shortly after this call he went to the Oakland Airport and got a flight to Orange County Airport.

He said he would have flown Air California Air Lines and since they make their reservations by name, this line should have a record of his having made such a trip.

He also volunteered information on a trip he had made back East. He said his mother-in-law [REDACTED] Johnson City, Tennessee, died about two to three weeks prior to March 1, 1968. His wife had naturally gone back for the funeral. His wife remained there for two or three weeks after the funeral to clear up details of the death and the estate.

[REDACTED] said that he desired to visit his wife's relatives and to bring his wife back to California. He decided to drive his car back to Johnson City, and because of his interest in activities of the AIP, he decided to stop and confer with leaders of that party in Montgomery, Alabama.

He said that en route to Johnson City, he stopped in Montgomery on the night of February 27, 1968, at which time he stayed at the Holiday Inn, Midtown. Next day he drove to Johnson City, where he stayed a few days at [REDACTED].

On March 3, 1968, accompanied by his wife and small son, he was again in Montgomery en route to California. At this time, he stayed at the Town House Motel.

He next has record of a cash receipt from Cotton's Truck Stop, Las Cruces, New Mexico on March 5, 1968, which he said was for the purchase of gasoline on his return trip to California.

SF 173-65  
WH:ay

[REDACTED] advised that he was born [REDACTED]. He has been in California most of the time since 1945. He attended high school at Golden Gate Academy, which was at that time in Berkeley, California, but which moved to some hill area near Oakland. He is not sure it is still in operation. He graduated in 1947.

During the school year 1950-51 he attended La Sierra College in Riverside, California.

From 1951 to 1953 he was in the U.S. Marine Corps under MSN [REDACTED]. Since 1953, he has worked as a salesman, principally in California, but actually traveling in numerous states.

He is married and his wife lives in Southern California. He said he is reluctant to furnish her specific address because he feels that reprisals against his wife and child are very possible because of his political activities in behalf of AIP should her address become generally known.

He said that he established a business in Sacramento, California in July, 1967, known as [REDACTED].

He came to San Leandro in December, 1967, and established his present business known as [REDACTED].

He is active in experimenting with gold dredging combined with skin diving, and spends some weekends in the Sierra stream areas searching for gold, or conducting experiments along those lines.

He also had interest in speculative investment in businesses in the Oroville area, which are in a depressed state due to departure of the workmen engaged in building the now completed Oroville Dam. He believed such property could be purchased cheaply and held until business picks up, insuring an excellent profit. He has abandoned this idea, at least temporarily.

SF 173-65  
WH:ay

He said that he has no photo of himself at the present time due to theft of his billfold, with the exception of the photo on his driver's license, California # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5' 8"
Weight	220
Hair	reddish blond
Eyes	Grey-green
Build	Obese
Complexion	Light
Teeth	even & smoke stained

[REDACTED] volunteered that should further information or clarification be desired, he would be pleased to attempt to furnish such information.

SF 173-65

WH: cmg

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AT JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE: Verify death of [REDACTED] about February, 1968, and conduct investigation to establish presence of [REDACTED] in that city from about February 28, 1968 to March 3, 1968.

LOS ANGELES

AT ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA: Locate [REDACTED] through telephone number [REDACTED] a business associate of [REDACTED] to verify telephone call he received from [REDACTED] 3/29/68.

AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA: Locate [REDACTED] brother of [REDACTED] to verify telephone call he received from [REDACTED] 3/29/68.

MOBILE

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA: 1) Will check registration of Holiday Motel, Midtown, to verify presence of [REDACTED] in that city 2/27/68. (He drives 1967 Cadillac convertible, white canvas over light blue, California license [REDACTED]).

2) Will verify that [REDACTED] and his wife stayed at Town House Motel night of 3/3/68.

SACRAMENTO

AT OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA: Will locate [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] to verify that [REDACTED] placed collect person to person call to [REDACTED] in San Leandro on 3/29/68, and talked to him.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA: Will interview realtor [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] to verify he took a trip with [REDACTED] to Oroville on 3/29/68.



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WH: cmg

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: At Oakland Airport, ascertain if [REDACTED] made trip to Orange County Airport on 3/30/68.

AT SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA: Verify gas charges of [REDACTED] at Douglas Station, Marina Boulevard, on 4/4/68, and any record of charges on 3/29,30/68.

FBI

Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, Sacramento (100-427) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re airtel to Bureau from Legat, Mexico City,  
4/23/68.

RE: UNITED STATES RESIDENTS STAYING  
AT HOTEL RIO,  
PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO,  
10/19 - 11/6/67

On May 2, 1968, JAMES W. HINES, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Sacramento, California, advised that he was on tour  
in Mexico during November, 1967. He advised that he stayed  
at the Hotel Rio on the night of November 4, 1967, and again  
on November 10 and 11, 1967.

Various photographs of RAY and GAULT were displayed  
to HINES, and he advised that he did not recall seeing anyone  
resembling either RAY or GAULT while visiting in Mexico.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

③ Bureau  
2-Kansas City  
2-Memphis  
2-Sacramento  
GMS:ela  
(9) C. C. Bishop

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25 MAY 8 1968

Approved: 346

70 MAY 13 1968  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN  
RE: [REDACTED] - SUSPECT

Re Director airtel to Detroit, 5/1/68.

Investigation at Detroit indicates [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has returned to Detroit Metropolitan area.  
Investigation is continuing in effort to locate [REDACTED] and  
interview him regarding his alleged trip to Memphis,  
Tennessee.

The Bureau will be immediately advised of the  
results of the interview of [REDACTED].

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Detroit

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(5)

C. C. - Elshoff

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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Per



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Date: May 3, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562013 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 4/26/68

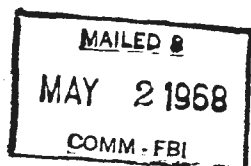
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q300 and Q301.

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19 MAY 8 1968

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report) 1 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)

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TELETYPE UNIT

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Date: May 3, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562013 JK

Specimens received 4/30/68

Q300 Envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. 4A PM APR 22 1968" bearing typewritten address "Editor, Citizens News, 1545 N. Wilcox, Hollywood, Calif. 90028" and return address "James E. Ray, Far Away"

Q301 Accompanying clipping captioned "88 Days in a Red Prison" which appears to have been smeared with a fecal material and bears on the reverse side typewriting beginning "The Citizens News has. . ."

Result of examination:

It was determined that the typewriting on Q300 and Q301 is not identical to typewriting on material previously submitted in this case attributable to Eric S. Galt.

Q300 and Q301 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference. The typewriting on these specimens most closely resembles Corona pica style of type spaced ten to the inch. The submitted material was examined for watermarks and indented writing with negative results.

Q300 and Q301 have been photographed and are being returned to Los Angeles separately.

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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FBI

Date: 4/26/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI Laboratory  
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for laboratory examination is an envelope addressed to the editor, Citizen News, 1545 North Wilcox, Hollywood, California, with returning address of JAMES E. RAY, Far Away, and its contents which is a clipping captioned "88 Days in a Red Prison" which appeared to have been smeared with a fecal material. On the reverse side of this clipping is typed "The Citizen News has become toilet paper".

The enclosure is submitted for latent fingerprint and typewriting examination and to be compared with pertinent information developed in this matter.

The enclosed was furnished by HAL HUBBARD, Hollywood Citizen News, 1540 North Wilcox Avenue, Los Angeles. He advised that several individuals employed at this newspaper handled the letter in the normal procedures connected with the mail department and the routine handling of mail at this newspaper. He stated that it is not possible to identify all the employees who have handled the enclosures.

SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN was the only Bureau employee who handled this letter.

The enclosed need not be returned.

④ - Bureau (Enc. 1)  
2 - Los Angeles  
TJA/met  
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*Rec'd*  
*4-30-68*  
*ADJ ROSEN*

Approved: [Signature] Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 5-4-68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL)  
SAC CHICAGO  
SAC ST. LOUIS

FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE MAY TWO, LAST AND SPRINGFIELD TELEPHONE  
CALLS TO CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS, MAY THREE, LAST.

RE: JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA., "BLACKIE."

COP WILLIAM H. PETERSEN, (NA), ALTON, ILLINOIS, POLICE  
DEPARTMENT ADVISED AUSTIN ARRESTED FOR ARMED ROBBERY WITH  
SUBJECT RAY IN ALTON IN ONE NINE FIVE NINE, AND REFERRED TO  
BY JERRY RAY AS BEING ONE OF SUBJECT'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATES,  
HAS SINCE DIED IN PRISON.

AIRMAIL COPY TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

1 - Bureau (AM)  
1 - Memphis (AM)  
1 - Kansas City (AM)  
1 - Springfield (44-561)  
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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 5/4/68

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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-  
 RE: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director dated 5/3/68.

Referenced communication requesting Kansas City to advise Atlanta of identities of all recent releasees from Missouri State Penitentiary from Atlanta area. These records reveal that the only releasee from Atlanta since 4/1/67 is a [REDACTED] who is now reportedly residing St. Louis, Missouri, area. St. Louis has been advised by teletype.

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③ Bureau  
 2-Atlanta  
 2-Memphis  
 2-Kansas City  
 RBH:jlh  
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EX 106

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25 MAY 8 1968

E. C. Bishop

Approved: 396 KJH  
 20 MAY 1968  
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_



FBI

Date: 5/4/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)

**MURKIN**

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(00: MEMPHIS)

Re Los Angeles teletype to Director, 5/3/68.

RE: LOCAL SWINGER CORRESPONDENCE CLUB

Investigation was instituted 5/4/68 to locate and interview individuals, Sacramento Division, who were listed as individuals on correspondence list:

**[REDACTED] Manteca, Calif.;**

[REDACTED], Chico, Calif.;

**[REDACTED], Fresno, Calif.;**

**Fresno, Calif.**

AT MANTECA, CALIFORNIA:

[REDACTED] aka [REDACTED]

██████████ advised that sometime in 1966 letters began  
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③ - Bureau (RM) REC-59  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (RM)  
1 - San Diego (RM)  
1 - San Francisco (RM) P  
2 - Sacramento

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2 MAY 8 1968

Approved: JRB:sab

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Special Agent in Charge

arriving at her home and have been coming to her home since; however, she denies having participated in this correspondence in any way. She has saved all letters received and displayed them for review. None of the letters viewed were from RAY under any of his known aliases. She claimed she was not acquainted with RAY or any of his known aliases. She was left a copy of the I.O. on RAY and advised she would immediately contact the FBI if she received any contact from RAY or anyone with a picture resembling him.

#### AT CHICO, CALIFORNIA

Owner of dwelling at [REDACTED], Chico, advised has owned dwelling at this address since January, 1965, and does not recall [REDACTED]. A neighborhood resident remembers name of [REDACTED] however, possesses no information. The 1964 Chico "Polk's City Directory" lists a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], Chico. Occupation listed as U. S. Army. Subsequent directories negative re [REDACTED] family. U. S. Post Office, Chico, has no address in records under [REDACTED] name. Forwarding addresses cleared every two years by U.S. Post Office, Chico. No record Chico PD re [REDACTED] family.

It would appear [REDACTED] would not have received correspondence from "Swinger Correspondence Club" in view of U. S. Post Office clearing forwarding addresses every two years and Sacramento contemplates no investigation re [REDACTED].

#### AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED] Fresno, sister of [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] has been married 3 years and previously belonged to Swinger Correspondence Club and all mail received from club during past 3 years destroyed by [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] request since [REDACTED] has a jealous husband and mail was vulgar in content. [REDACTED] does not recall any correspondence from GALT or ERIC and added all mail received was destroyed without attention to sender. She advised no mail was forwarded to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has no knowledge of contents of mail.

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[REDACTED] aka. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Fresno, advised she formerly resided in trailer court at [REDACTED]. She advised she may be listed as member of club but never signed up for membership. She has, however, received a quantity of mail as result of joining two other clubs. She stated most of mail vulgar in content and she could recall no correspondence with anyone named ERIC or GALT and photograph of GALT not familiar to her. A review of correspondence in her possession failed to reflect any correspondence from ERIC or GALT.

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FBI - LOS ANGELES  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 4 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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FBI WASH DC

FBI DETROIT

1:01 AM URGENT 5-4-68 SPW

TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861

MEMPHIS

FROM: DETROIT 44-989

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

RE: WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

FLOYD RAY, [REDACTED] FLINT, MICH.,  
INTERVIEWED AND IS NOT IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY. FLOYD  
RAY IS FROM SOUTHERN MISSOURI, NORTHERN ARKANSAS AREA, HOWEVER,  
TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, JAMES EARL RAY IS NOT RELATED. HE HAD NEVER  
HEARD OF JAMES RAY UNTIL RECENT PUBLICITY REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION  
OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. JR.

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STATE OF

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM (104) MEXICO CITY NO. 117

VIA TELETYPE

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ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
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Mr. Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

(MURKIN.)

REMYCAB MAY THREE LAST.

ALLEGED SUSPECT IN MEXICO CITY:

AT EIGHT THREE ZERO P.M., MAY THREE LAST, MEXICAN CITIZEN

PERSONALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE TO REPORT AMERICAN  
HERE ATTEMPTING TO SELL ONE NINE SIX SIX CAR AND HIGH-POWERED RIFLE  
WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHT UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES THROUGH MIDDLE  
MAN AND FOR UNUSUALLY LOW PRICE. IMMEDIATE LOCAL INQUIRY AND ASSISTANCE  
FROM LOS ANGELES OFFICE ESTABLISHED THAT SUSPECT IS  
OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA,  
BORN HIS DOCUMENTS SHOW HE  
CROSSED BORDER WITH CAR ON APRIL TWO LAST AND HIS MOTHER IN CALIFORNIA  
DESCRIBES HIM AS UNSTABLE AND STATES HE HAS BEEN GONE SEVERAL WEEKS  
AND PRESUMABLY IN MEXICO; ALSO VERIFIED THAT CAR REGISTERED IN HIS NAME  
AND NO STOLEN REPORT. HAS CRIMINAL RECORD IN CALIFORNIA FOR  
MINOR OFFENSES BUT NOT CURRENTLY WANTED. SINCE HE CROSSED BORDER  
APRIL TWO LAST AND IN VIEW OF OTHER FACTS DEVELOPED, NO FURTHER  
ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

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INVESTIGATION AT CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE:

AGENT ON SCENE REPORTS MAXIMUM COOPERATION BEING RECEIVED FROM CAMPECHE STATE JUDICIAL POLICE AND STATE HIGHWAY POLICE. THESE TWO AGENCIES HAVE BROADEST JURISDICTION AND A RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR USE IN COVERING EACH COMMUNITY IN A STATE WITH SOME ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND INHABITANTS AND AN AREA SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, CONSISTING OF ABOUT TWO ONE SEVEN ZERO ZERO SQUARE MILES. CAMPECHE CITY HAS OVER FIVE FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO PEOPLE AND THERE ARE SEVEN OTHER MUNICIPAL AREAS IN THE STATE WHICH ARE ONLY MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS BESIDES CITY OF CAMPECHE. SOME PUBLICATIONS HAVE ALREADY PRINTED NEW ITEMS CONCERNING CASE SINCE ARRIVAL OF AGENT IN AREA AND ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY EXPECTED IN MAJOR EDITIONS THIS WEEKEND. RELIABLE AMERICANS WITH ESTABLISHED RESIDENCE IN AREA ALSO BEING ALERTED FOR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT.

[REDACTED] HAS CHECKED ALL HOTELS, MOTELS, BARBER SHOPS, LIQUOR STORES, GROCERY STORES, HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION IN CITY OF CAMPECHE. NO ONE YET LOCATED WHO CAN RECALL ALLEGED EARLIER VISITS BY SUBJECT SOME YEARS AGO OR HAS SEEN ANYONE ANSWERING HIS DESCRIPTION IN RECENT PAST.

RE SUSPECT IN CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

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DRIVERS OF TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO BUS NUMBER ONE FOUR INTERVIEWED AT GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MAY FOUR INSTANT AND STATE THAT ON APRIL TWO FIVE LAST ONLY THREE PASSENGERS BOARDED BUS AT CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA. ALL THREE WERE MEXICANS AND PERSONALLY KNOWN TO DRIVERS AS FREQUENT PASSENGERS ON THIS RUN.

[REDACTED] AT CIUDAD OBREGON WILL COMPLETE INTERVIEWS OF LOCAL TAXI DRIVERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY CAN RECALL A PASSENGER ANSWERING DESCRIPTION OF THIS SUSPECT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS MAKING THOROUGH SEARCH OF GUAYMAS, SONORA, AND NEARBY AREAS, SINCE SUSPECT COULD HAVE OBTAINED TAXI OR BUS TRANSPORTATION TO GUAYMAS FROM CIUDAD OBREGON.

ALL LEADS AND POSSIBLE SUSPECTS BEING GIVEN VIGOROUS INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

COPY SENT TO LOS ANGELES BY MAIL.

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RECEIVED: 2:39AM RM

APR 11 1964  
FBI - LOS ANGELES  
FBI - SAN JOSE  
FBI - SAN JOSE

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Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO-MEMPHIS

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY  
EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO  
NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau, 4/30/68.

In regard to telephone call made from pay booth at either Van Horn, Valentine, or Sierra Blanca, Texas, to Denison, Texas, on 12/16/67, to Area Code [REDACTED]

Subscriber identified 5/6/68, as MRS. J. W. HAGER, [REDACTED] Denison. MRS. HAGER advised her son, JOHN J. HAGER, of Hanford, California, traveled to Denison during mid-December, 1967 because of death in family. She recalled that en route back to California, her son and family were stranded overnight 12/16/67, at Van Horn, Texas, due to bad weather, and they had spent the night in a church. She recalled he had telephoned to advise her and family were well.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Dallas  
RPB/jc  
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22 MAY 7 1968

C. C. Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M

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## Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM :

SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

RE: MOTOR VEHICLES AND LICENSE  
PLATES STOLEN IN ALABAMA

Reference is made to Bureau airtel to Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile, and Savannah, 4/26/68.

Transmitted to Mobile and Birmingham was a list of motor vehicles and license plates stolen in Alabama, as compiled from information retained in NCIC.

SA [REDACTED] on 4/30/68, 5/1, 2, and 3/68, reviewed the files concerning these stolen licenses and automobiles which were listed on the enclosure from the Bureau. The information reviewed by him was made available by [REDACTED] Investigation and Identification Division, Alabama Dept. of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama.

Information concerning each offense was recorded in handwriting on a separate sheet. Enclosed herewith for Birmingham are 96 sheets reflecting information concerning licenses and automobiles stolen in that portion of Alabama recovered by the Birmingham Division.

Mobile is instituting investigation concerning the licenses and automobiles stolen within that portion of Alabama, covered by Mobile to develop any information indicating whether or not subject RAY may have been involved in any of these thefts.

Details of these investigations are being handled in Subfile one of Mobile File 157-2627, and any pertinent information developed will be reported to the Bureau, Memphis, and Atlanta.

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- ② - Bureau  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)(Info)  
2 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Enc.96)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Mobile (1 - 157-2627)(1 - 157-2627 SF1)  
JTB:crb

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI

Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)  
 RE: MURKIN  
 CR  
 OO: MEMPHIS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/68.

Telephone Calls by Subject RAY Enroute  
 from Los Angeles to New Orleans

A call was placed from Texas to Sacramento, telephone  
 No. [REDACTED] on 12/17/67.

On 5/3/68, [REDACTED] advised that this number was  
 listed to BETTY HUMAN, [REDACTED] Sacramento.  
 [REDACTED] this service was established in November, 1967,  
 and because of the heavy toll charges, HUMAN's employment was  
 checked and it was determined she was a waitress at the  
 [REDACTED], Elk Grove, California.  
 [REDACTED] in checking this number for names of collect caller  
 or callers, it was determined that HUMAN had received over  
 120 calls during the past three months from an individual named  
 [REDACTED] from all over the United States.

On 5/3/68, BETTY J. HUMAN was contacted at which time  
 she said [REDACTED] her boyfriend who is separated  
 from his wife, is a driver with [REDACTED] main office

- ③ - Bureau  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - Kansas City

2 - Sacramento

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Special Agent in Charge

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SC 100-427

being in Detroit, Michigan. She said he calls her almost daily and subsequently pays the phone bill. She displayed her last phone bill dated 4/23/68 in the amount of \$189.37. This bill reflects he called her from Abilene on 4/4/68. She also had a photograph of [REDACTED] taken Easter Sunday, 1968, who she said was 56 years old and has brown eyes. He has no resemblance to the subject of this case.

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Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE  
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Director, dated 4/30/68.

On 5/3/68, Mrs. NEIL L. PETERS, [REDACTED], Southfield, Michigan, advised that their phone number is [REDACTED]. On approximately 12/12/67, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. GLEN YAKES of Detroit, left Detroit by automobile en route to Los Angeles, California. On approximately 12/16/67 or 12/17/67, her parents phoned her from the El Paso, Texas area to advise that they were being detained by a snow storm.

This was the only telephone call Mrs. PETERS could remember receiving from Texas in the past several years and she feels certain that her husband has not received a phone call from Texas without her knowledge.

- ③ - Bureau (RM)  
2 - El Paso (157-186) (RM)  
2 - Memphis (RM)  
2 - Detroit  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone calls, Atlanta, Ga., and Atlanta teletype, 4/30/68.

Atlanta advised that on April 1, 1968, a telephone call was made to number [REDACTED], Sebastopol, California from an outdoor telephone located on the wall of Kirkpatrick Pharmacy, 14th and Peachtree Sts., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT SEBASTOPOL, CALIFORNIA

The current Sonoma County telephone directory lists [REDACTED] to GORDEN FOWLER, [REDACTED] Sebastopol.

On 5/1/68, it was determined that this residence was vacant and inquiry of a neighbor revealed the occupants, GORDEN FOWLER and his mother, Mrs. HESTER, about a month or six weeks ago, had moved to [REDACTED], Sebastopol, Calif. They have telephone [REDACTED]

Mrs. BETTY HESTER, [REDACTED], Sebastopol, advised she had moved from the [REDACTED] address about the last week in February, 1968. She stated that her son, GORDEN FOWLER, is an Evangelistic Minister and he is presently traveling in Northern California. She stated he was not

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2 - Memphis (RM)  
1 - Atlanta (Info.) (RM) REC-52  
2 - San Francisco

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in Sebastopol during April, 1968, and she recalls that she had telephone [REDACTED] disconnected on about March 1, 1968. She stated that she and her son have no relatives living in the East or the South part of the United States and she knows of no one who would be calling a disconnected number on 4/1/68 from Kirkpatrick Pharmacy, 14th and Peachtree Streets, N.E. Atlanta. She stated she knows no one by the name of JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 5/1/68, the Business Office of Pacific Telephone advised that [REDACTED] had been disconnected and the number has not been re-issued.

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)

RE: MURKIN  
CRRE CARS STOLEN FROM STATE OF GEORGIA

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau and all offices  
4/25/68; San Antonio airtel to Bureau 4/25/68.

The files in the 26 classification of the  
San Antonio Division, in which San Antonio is origin and  
which were opened between 3/23/68 and 4/4/68, were reviewed  
with negative results concerning cars recovered which were  
stolen in Georgia.

San Antonio is conducting no further investigation  
in this phase of this case.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
  - 2 - Atlanta (44-2386)(RM)
  - 1 - Dallas (44-2649)(Info)(RM)
  - 1 - El Paso (Info)(RM)
  - 1 - Houston (44-1509)(Info)(RM)
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
  - 1 - Savannah (Info)(RM)
  - 2 - San Antonio
- JMK:kfh  
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Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Legat Mexico City airtel, 4/23/68.

On 5/2/68, Mr. and Mrs. CLYDE B. GORDON, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Old Saybrook, Conn., were contacted by SA  
[REDACTED] and furnished the following information:

They were at the Hotel Rio, Morales 28, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, from the period 10/21-24/67, and during this time stayed in Room 106. After observing a photograph of the subject they stated that they could not recall seeing him at the hotel and could furnish no information concerning him or his present whereabouts. Both noted that while they were there they did not recall seeing any single individuals at the hotel and that most of the guests appeared to be couples or families.

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③ - Bureau (RM)  
2 - New Haven  
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Date: 5/6/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN  
CR

OO Memphis

Re: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE  
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Director 4/30/68.

Telephone Call 12/15/67 to Britton, Oklahoma, Phone  
Number [REDACTED]

Above telephone number is listed to Market Produce Distributors, 801 W. Wilshire, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a Division of Allied Supermarkets, Inc.

On 5/2/68 DUANE SAXON, Manager, Produce Division, Allied Supermarkets, Inc., advised SA [REDACTED] there are no records available which would specifically identify the receipt of a phone call to this company on 12/15/67 from the Pecos, Texas, area. He advised that truck drivers hauling produce for the company will generally call the produce division one or two days before arriving and he would assume that the call from the Pecos area was from a truck driver. He advised that a check of his records revealed the company received a load of tomatoes from the Nogales, Arizona, area on 12/18/67. The records indicate the load was a split load, where part of the load was delivered to Dallas, Texas. From these circumstances, Mr. SAXON feels certain the telephone call would have been a check call from the trucker advising the company of the expected date of arrival of the load of tomatoes in Oklahoma City.

③ - Bureau C. C. - Bishop  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - El Paso (Info)  
1 - Oklahoma City

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Telephone call 12/17/67 to Ponca City, Oklahoma,  
Phone Number [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

At Ponca City, Oklahoma

It was determined that telephone number [REDACTED] is listed to EARL FISHER, present address [REDACTED] Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. EARL FISHER, [REDACTED], on 5/2/68 advised they have had that number for over a year, and that the photographs and description of Subject are totally unfamiliar to them.. They are a retired farmer and wife, and at first advised they could recall no telephone call from Southwest Texas received in December, 1967. After discussion, they recalled that in December, 1967, their daughter MELBA and her husband JIM WHEELER were staying with them in Ponca City and that JIM had been driving a construction job dump truck in Southwest Texas near El Paso for JACK MC CUNE, who owns two such trucks used on contract work. WHEELER had returned to Ponca City, and had been called shortly before Christmas, 1967, by MC CUNE from somewhere in Southwest Texas to tell him his pay check was being mailed to him, and possibly to be asked by MC CUNE to return to work for him. MC CUNE, who had previously been working around Ponca City, also had a check coming to him in care of the FISHER's address, [REDACTED] thought, which he wanted forwarded.

Mr. and Mrs. FISHER advised MELBA and JIM are presently residing at [REDACTED] Lockwood, Missouri, but that JIM WHEELER is now driving an over-the-road truck for [REDACTED] Joplin, Missouri, and the last they heard a few days ago, he was in Portland, Oregon, en route from there to New Jersey.

They are unable to recall the exact location in Southwest Texas where MC CUNE was, and possibly still is, located, as JIM WHEELER stayed there with MC CUNE only a few days after helping him move his trucks there, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. FISHER advised MC CUNE is about 50 years of age, bald headed, was originally from Fairfax, Oklahoma, and has a married sister, name unknown, living in Ponca City.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

*1/1* FBI WASH DC

FBI TAMPA

348PM URGENT 5-6-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR, AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 3P

*Q* MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPES MAY ONE AND THREE, LAST  
TO BUREAU, TAMPA AND MEMPHIS, AND BUREAU TELETYPE  
TO BIRMINGHAM, TAMPA AND MEMPHIS, MAY TWO, LAST.

L. B. DEMAY, O. J. WEISS, CONCESSIONS SECRETARY,  
HYMIE JACOBSON, CONCESSIONS SECRETARY, HARRY STEPHENS,  
INDEPENDENT OPERATOR OF CONCESSIONS, DDN PIERSON, *EX-102*  
INDIVIDUAL MANNING CONCESSIONS, RICHARD FERLICH, INDIVIDUAL  
OPERATOR, LEAD GALLERIES, GUY GARDNER, SECRETARY - TREASURER  
AND BUSINESS MANAGER, AND JACK FLYNN, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
OF CONCESSIONS, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, INC., TAMPA,  
FLA., ADVISED THEY WERE NOT ACQUAINTED WITH *REC-12*

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AND *REC-12* GUY GARDNER, SECRETARY-

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TREASURER AND BUSINESS MANAGER, UNABLE TO LOCATE EMPLOYMENT RECORD DURING PAST TWO YEARS FOR [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] TED AND JOE PATTERSON UNKNOWN BY ABOVE EMPLOYEES. TED AND JOE WILLIAAS WHO OPERATE COOK HOUSE, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, DEPARTED TAMPA TWO WEEKS AGO AND WILL REJOIN SHOW AT DAVENPORT, IOWA, JUNE ONE, NEXT.

DEMAY STATED NO ONE FITTING [REDACTED] DESCRIPTION AT ANY TIME PREPARED HIS MEALS SINCE HE TAKES MEALS AT COOK HOUSE WITH OTHER EMPLOYEES. ALSO STATED NO EMPLOYEE SLEEPS IN RAILROAD CARS WHILE IN WINTER QUARTERS, TAMPA, FLA.

DEMAY ADVISED MANIFEST CARDS ISSUED ANNUALLY AND EXPIRE SAME YEAR. ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS MANIFEST NUMBER FIFTEEN, ISSUED FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ISSUED TO ROOSEVELT GUNNARSON. DEMAY, GUY GARDNER, JOE BROWN, TIMEKEEPER AND FOREMAN, ANGELO HAMILTON, LABORER AND JAMES

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ALLEN JOHNSON, LABORER, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF [REDACTED] OR HIS WIFE AS ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH SHOWS AT ANY TIME.

ALL OF THE ABOVE EMPLOYEES, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, OBSERVED SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND COULD RECALL NO ONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHOW AT ANY TIME RESEMBLING SUBJECT.

BIRMINGHAM WILL RE-INTERVIEW [REDACTED] CONCERNING ALLEGED MANIFEST CARD, EXPIRING NINETEEN SEVENTY, TO CLARIFY INFORMATION.

AM FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/6/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau airtel to SF and SL dated 4/26/68 and  
LSairtel to ME 5/3/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of reSLairtel  
which includes results of investigation conducted re complainant  
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In view of contents of re SLairtel, no further  
investigation is being conducted by receiving offices  
regarding this aspect of the investigation.

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- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 1)  
1 - San Francisco  
1 - St. Louis (44-775)  
2 - Memphis  
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Special Agent in Charge

5-3-68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P  
RE: MURKIN  
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OO:ME

ReBuairtel to SL and SF, 4-26-68.

On 5-1-68, [REDACTED] Ellington, Mo., was contacted by SA [REDACTED]. She was questioned concerning her knowledge of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], how they were associated with the matter, and any details concerning their identities or further location. [REDACTED] replied that she had a direct communication with God and that God had told her who the killers of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. were and also had told her to notify the FBI. She related that God had also given her the names of the two ladies and also their addresses. She stated that she has never heard either of these two names before, knows nothing whatsoever of their background or occupation, and could furnish no other additional information.

No further investigation is being conducted by SL; no leads being set out.

2 - Memphis  
2 - San Francisco  
2 - St. Louis  
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ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype 5/1/68, concerning telephone calls by subject RAY enroute from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Telephone Number [REDACTED] is listed to W. E. MOON, [REDACTED], Grand Junction, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. MOON, who have no children, both advised that they received no call from Alpine, Texas, the afternoon of December 17, 1967, and believe that there must have been some mistake in the records.

Telephone number 242-7412 is listed to Modern Roofing and Insulation Company, 2841 North Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado. CHARLES and SANDRA McANALLY of Modern Roofing and Insulation Company advised that they had made the call on December 15, 1967, from Alpin, Texas. They were calling their parents in Grand Junction, because Mr. McAnally's father was in the hospital at the time.

Neither the MOONs nor the McANALLYs had any information concerning James Earl Ray.

Telephone Number [REDACTED] is listed to RICHARD FOREMAN, [REDACTED], Arvada, Colorado. Miss LINDA SANDLIN, granddaughter of Mrs. RICHARD FOREMAN, advised that she received a call from CHARLES HUGH HANAH, age 19, from Alpine, Texas, on or about December 15, 1967. She stated that HANAH is a boyfriend attending Sul Ross State College and has the address of [REDACTED] in Alpine.

2-Bureau  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Dallas (44-2649)  
1-Denver  
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Date: 5/6/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Birmingham tel 5/3/68 re JAMES CURTIS WOODS.

Records Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, Florida, reflect no death record on information or dates supplied in referenced tel.

Records do reflect JAMES CURTIS WOODS died 11/7/67 at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida. He was a resident of Starnes Park, Gadsden, Alabama. He was described as white male, age 56, born Alabama, unemployed and died of a heart blockage. He was buried at the Clayton Cemetery, Clayton, Alabama.

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③ - Bureau  
2 - Memphis  
2 - Birmingham (44-1740)  
3 - Jacksonville (1 - 66-297)  
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Approved: [Signature]  
79 MAY 14 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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FBI ATLANTA

245PM URGENT 5-6-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY ONE LAST.

CHARLES V. TYSON, MANAGER, HERTZ RENTALS, ALBANY, GA., ADVISED HE IS IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM HERTZ IN CHICAGO THAT VEHICLE DESCRIBED RETEL TURNED IN MAY TWO LAST, EVERGREEN PARK, ILL., TWO FIVE FIVE EIGHT WEST NINETYFIFTH ST. HE INSTRUCTED THEM NOT TO TOUCH VEHICLE UNTIL PROCESSED BY BUREAU.

CHICAGO, AT EVERGREEN PARK, ILL. CONTACT HERTZ OFFICIALS, DEVELOP INFO RE PERSON WHO TURNED IN VEHICLE, AND PROCESS VEHICLE FOR LATENT PRINTS FOR COMPARISON WITH PRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date 5/6/68

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268) (P)  
 MURKIN  
 RE: SUSPECT FRANK G. NILES

Re Knoxville teletype to Bureau 5/2/68 and Cleveland teletype to Bureau 5/3/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Williamsburg, Va., by SA [REDACTED]

On 5/3/68 [REDACTED] Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg, Va., furnished their file on [REDACTED] patient # [REDACTED]. A review of this file revealed the following information:

[REDACTED] was committed at Eastern State Hospital on [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] City of Richmond, Richmond, Va

[REDACTED] He was diagnosed as being a person with the reaction depressive reactive.

He was allowed one pass, which was issued for the period of [REDACTED]/68, when he listed his destination as being [REDACTED], Arlington, Va. He has missed no scheduled roll calls at Eastern State Hospital.

Very little background information has been acquired by Eastern State Hospital. On several occasions they have sent personal background questionnaires to [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have received no replies from [REDACTED]

3-Bureau  
 1-Cleveland (44-565) (info)  
 1-Knoxville (44-696) (info)  
 1-Memphis (44-1987) (info)

Approved: 1-Norfolk DGF:sdh (7)

C. C. - Bishop Special Agent in Charge

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Their files revealed that [REDACTED] was confined at the St. Joseph Hospital, 205 West 29th St., Lorain, Ohio, from [REDACTED] 67 to [REDACTED] 67.

[REDACTED] is described as a white male, born [REDACTED] 131 pounds, 5'9" tall, blue eyes, gray hair, with mustache.

The admitting doctor was [REDACTED]

His attending physician is [REDACTED]

Interview of [REDACTED] revealed that [REDACTED] is an alcoholic currently assigned to the Alcoholic Vocational Rehabilitation Section of the Eastern State Hospital. It is noted that this area is not secured at all times.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is a definite racist but has had no violence exhibited toward any of his fellow Negro inmates. [REDACTED] described his feelings as being merely a general prejudice. He is described as being very polite but in-definite need of a great deal of activity to keep his mind occupied. [REDACTED] advised that he has a very deep-seated hostility toward life in general and that things need to go his way at all times. [REDACTED] considers him to have definite suicidal tendencies. [REDACTED] advised he has never heard [REDACTED] make any comments regarding any of the racial or Nazi leaders in the United States.

[REDACTED] noted that [REDACTED] wrote a letter to the Social Security Administration recently in regard to his Social Security account, number [REDACTED] which he felt was delinquent.

It was noted that since [REDACTED] 1968 [REDACTED] has been allowed to work at [REDACTED] off the Eastern State Hospital's grounds, in Williamsburg, Va. Since that time and to date, he has worked five and six days a week, 40 hours per week, and is paid \$58.

On 5/3/68 [REDACTED] Williamsburg, Va., was interviewed and advised that [REDACTED] was employed at [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] 68 to the present time. He noted that he was at all times on duty during the period 4/3-6/68. His days off during the instant period were April 2 and 9, 1968. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is very well liked and gets along well with all the Negro help.

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It was noted that [REDACTED] returned to the Eastern State Hospital after his work days during the instant period and at all times during his period of employment at [REDACTED]. He has missed no roll calls at Eastern State Hospital.

No further investigation being conducted concerning [REDACTED] at Norfolk.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Date: 5/1/68

AIRTEL

Via \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Persons involved in prior threats against KING.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 8 copies and for Atlanta, Memphis and Savannah, 2 copies each of a LHM concerning [REDACTED]. One copy of this LHM has been furnished to the Selective Service, Denver, Colorado. It is noted that past LHMs concerning [REDACTED] have been furnished Secret Service [REDACTED]. Last LHM prepared 3/3/66.

Memphis and Savannah also being furnished two copies each of LHMs in this matter dated 12/14/65 at Atlanta, 12/14/65 at Atlanta, 12/20/65 at Denver and 3/3/66 at Denver; 2 copies each of Denver airtel to the Bureau and Atlanta, dated 2/25/66 and for Savannah 2 copies of teletype from the Bureau to Denver, dated 4/29/68 and one mug shot of [REDACTED] obtained from the Denver PD 4/30/68.

4 - Bureau (3 - 44-38861) (Encls. 9)  
(1 - 9-44568)  
3 - Atlanta (Encls. 2) REC  
(1 - 100-5586)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encls. 12)  
2 - Savannah (Encls. 15) EX-105  
3 - Denver (2 - 157-203)  
(1 - 9-1537)

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Approved: W. J. [Signature] Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

DN 157-203

Interview of [REDACTED] on 4/29/68 was conducted by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Contact with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 4/30/68 was by SA [REDACTED].

The source mentioned in the LHM is [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

LEADS:

SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT SYLVANIA, GEORGIA:

Interview [REDACTED] to ascertain purposes of father's visit to Georgia.

AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA:

Verify purposes of visit of [REDACTED] to Georgia.

DENVER DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO:

[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Denver, Colorado  
May 1, 1968

HOLT CHEW  
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Records of the Denver Police Department, Bureau of Identification and Records, Denver, Colorado, reveal that [REDACTED] Denver Police Department Number [REDACTED], was placed on probation [REDACTED] after conviction for shooting [REDACTED] a Negro [REDACTED]

On April 29, 1968 and April 30, 1968, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He was asked if he recalled he made a telephone call to the office of Martin Luther King in Atlanta, Georgia on December 13, 1965. He reflected for a few moments and then said he was not about to lie about the situation, especially to the FBI. He said that he has no love for Martin Luther King and is glad he is dead. He stated King was not the non-violent civil rights leader he claimed to be. Wherever he went, violence followed and he was responsible for 37 deaths in the United States. He added that, as a personal matter, King was directly responsible for the destruction of the business career of one of his sons, [REDACTED] of Saint Augustine, Florida. He estimated his son's financial loss at \$400,000.00.

[REDACTED] stated that his son was [REDACTED] in Saint Augustine, Florida a few years ago when King and his followers came down to Florida and started efforts to integrate the industry. His son was [REDACTED] in Saint Augustine at the time. [REDACTED] was taken into Federal Court by these people for refusing to integrate his establishment and as the result of an unfavorable court decision, he ended up resigning [REDACTED] and selling [REDACTED] at a

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ENCLOSURE



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severe loss. [REDACTED] said that there was considerable newspaper publicity over the matter at the time.

[REDACTED] placed King in the same category as Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown and stated frankly that he hoped the same fate befalls the latter two. He made the statement that he is not against the Negro race; that he was born in Georgia, brought up with Negroes and hunted and fished with them. He made it clear that he is against some individual Negroes like Carmichael and Brown, who advocate violence and have no regard for property rights, but is not against all Negroes.

Having made these points, he returned to the original question and stated that he had no recollection of the telephone call and admitted that the reason could be that he could have been drinking at the time the call was made. He volunteered that at that time in his life he was a "bad drinker". He emphasized that he had no doubt that he made the call, if interviewing Agents said he did, but that he could not recall it. He stated that he was certain, whether or not he had been drinking, that he would not have made a threat over the telephone since he knows such a threat could lead to trouble for him. He said if he had had any intention of doing anything concerning King, he would not have used the telephone, he would have taken direct action.

[REDACTED] advised that he is certain that no one "put him up" to making the telephone call, and it was not an action involving anyone other than himself. He was shown photographs of James Earl Ray, the man being sought in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King, but disclaimed any knowledge whatsoever of Ray.

He constantly referred to King, Carmichael and Brown using expletives in an effort to show his intense dislike for these men.

He stated that he was in Denver on April 4, 1968 and April 5, 1968 and left the city by Eastern Airlines for Augusta, Georgia on April 6, 1968 where he is promoting business interests in the food industry, whereby he hopes to set up his son [REDACTED] in business. He was unwilling to further identify his business interests. He stated his son [REDACTED] is

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presently [REDACTED] in Sylvania, Georgia and drove up from there to meet him in Augusta the first part of the week of April 7, 1968. Both he and his son then drove to Sylvania and on to St. Augustine, Florida where they were met on April 12, 1968 by [REDACTED] and a younger son, who had just returned from military service in Korea. He said his wife and younger son flew from Denver. Thereafter, he and his family vacationed in Florida until he, his wife and younger son returned to Denver on April 29, 1968 in a new car he purchased in Florida.

He specifically stated that he had nothing to do with King's death and said that he knew of no conspiracy relating to it. He stated that he saw King's funeral on television and the way it was conducted it looked to him like it had been planned for 20 years.

He volunteered to the interviewing Agents that he has every intention of protecting his apartment house property in Denver, Colorado with as much force as is necessary if anyone attempts to cause damage or loot it. He stated that he was angry at the leaders of this country for putting up with rioting, looting and the like. He thinks that the Attorney General is "very weak" and used more expletives to emphasize his point. He stated that he is "all for" law and order, but would like to see law enforcement empowered to act. He also stated that he was angry because the National Association For The Advancement of Colored People were able to close businesses throughout the country after King's death when very few businesses closed after President Kennedy's assassination; and he is convinced that threats were used to accomplish the closing of businesses in Denver, as he was so informed before he left on his trip.

It should be noted that a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 21, 1966 that [REDACTED] is a highly irascible and unpredictable individual, an alcoholic and possibly a user of narcotics.

[REDACTED] on April 30, 1968 advised that her husband left Denver on April 6, 1968 for Augusta,

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Georgia via Eastern Airlines and that she and a younger son traveled to Florida to meet him on April 12, 1968 via United, Eastern and Delta airlines.

Records of the Retail Credit Men's Association, Denver, Colorado revealed on April 30, 1968 that [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. He attended school there and came to Denver in 1932. He served in the United States Army during World War II and has been owner and operator of [REDACTED] for many years. His wife's name is [REDACTED] and he has four children. He has been on record with the credit bureau since February, 1937 and has maintained a satisfactory credit rating.

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	55
Born	[REDACTED]
Height	5'9"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Build	Stocky
Scars and Marks	None visible, face heavily lined
Arrest Numbers	Denver Police Department, [REDACTED]

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Bates

To: SAC, Denver (157-203)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) **3093**

<sup>REC</sup>  
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ReDNairtel and LHM dated 5/1/68, setting forth results of interview with [REDACTED]

Referenced LHM indicates [REDACTED] to be owner and operator of [REDACTED]. Bureau files indicate [REDACTED] to be a [REDACTED]. It would appear that if [REDACTED] still operates [REDACTED] that a review of [REDACTED] records made by him might be a considerable project. By return airtel advise if [REDACTED] still operates the above-named [REDACTED] and whether, in your estimation, a check of [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] since 4/23/67, the date that suspect James Earl Ray escaped from prison, would involve the expenditure of considerable Agent time.

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NOTE:

[REDACTED] in interviews on 4/29-30/68, admitted he was glad Martin Luther King was dead. [REDACTED] holds King responsible for an alleged \$400,000 loss suffered by [REDACTED] son, [REDACTED], as a result of efforts of King and his followers to integrate [REDACTED] in Florida. In December, 1965, [REDACTED] called King's office and warned an assistant that King should be careful as someone was going to assassinate him. [REDACTED] denies knowing suspect James Earl Ray and declared he knew of no conspiracy relating to it. [REDACTED] flew from Denver to Augusta, Georgia, on 4/6/68. Suspect James Earl Ray was last known to have been in Atlanta, Georgia, on 4/5/68. Denver has requested [REDACTED] to determine if he is possibly implicated in this case.

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EX 109

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1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SACs, Philadelphia (Enc. 2)  
Jacksonville (Enc. 2)

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Coudersport, Pennsylvania, -  
complainant.

Enclosed for Philadelphia and Jacksonville are  
two copies of an unsigned letter which was postmarked 5-3-68,  
at Oil City, Pennsylvania. The envelope bore the return  
address of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Coudersport, Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia should immediately contact ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
to obtain any information he may have relating to this  
case.

Jacksonville, conduct pertinent investigation at  
Ocala, Florida.

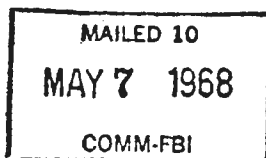
One copy of the letter is enclosed for Memphis.

1 - Memphis (Enc.)

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CK RECORDS FOR ADDRESS S.S. PAYMENTS  
SENT TO [REDACTED], ALIAS [REDACTED]  
M.L. KING JR NEAR Ocala FLA.

FOR IDENTIFICATION  
I HAVE MATCHING  
CORNER.

ANY REWARD IF NOW THERE  
WILL GO TO CHARITY.  
ANON.

KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED.

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To: SAC's, Denver (157-203) - Enc.  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

*MURKIN*

Re Denver airtel 4-29-68, submitting a registration card for rooms #32, & 307, for examination.

No latent impressions of value found or developed on the registration card, which is enclosed to Denver.

Laboratory reporting separate.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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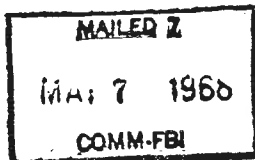
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To: SAC's, Omaha (44-310) - Enc. (2)  
Memphis (44-1937)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

Re Omaha airtel 4-30-68, submitting a white envelope, Q302, and accompanying handwritten message, Q303, for examination.

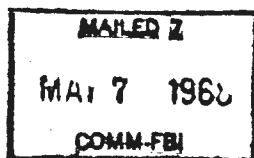
No latent impressions of value found or developed on Q302 or Q303, which are enclosed to Omaha.

Laboratory reporting separate.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI WASH DC

TELETYPE *gm*

FBI SANDIEGO

1141AM URGENT 5-7-68 CND

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND PHOENIX

FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387

*McGowan*  
*Boyd*

MURKIN

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND PHOENIX DATED  
APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST.

CHIEF, STATE JUDICIAL POLICE, TIJUANA, B.C., MEXICO,  
ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT FURTHER INQUIRY BY HIM HAS RESULTED  
IN IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE AS  
BEING IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED  
AND HELD BY THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES IN THE STATE OF SONORA,  
MEXICO.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE INFORMATION TO  
LEGAT MEXICO.

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FBI WASH DC

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*Legat, Mexico City*  
*5-7-68*  
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1 - Foreign Liaison

1 - Mr. Long

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URGENT

TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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BY TELETYPE MAY SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, TO BUREAU AND PHOENIX, SAN DIEGO OFFICE ADVISED THAT CHIEF, STATE JUDICIAL POLICE, TLJUANA, B.C., MEXICO, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT FURTHER INQUIRY BY HIM HAS RESULTED IN IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED IN SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND PHOENIX APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST, AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND HELD BY THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES IN THE STATE OF SONORA, MEXICO.

SAN DIEGO REQUESTED ABOVE INFORMATION BE FURNISHED TO YOU.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

COPY BY MAIL TO MEMPHIS

1 - MEMPHIS (BY MAIL)

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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VIA TELETYPE

825P LRC  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI PHOENIX

436PM URGENT 5-7-68 LEG

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (2P)

MURKIN

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

LETTER DATED MAY THREE, LAST, RECEIVED AT NOGALES, ARIZONA, RESIDENT AGENCY, MAY SEVEN, INSTANT, FROM [REDACTED] OF GUASIMOPA, SONORA, MEXICO. [REDACTED] STATED THAT AN AMERICAN TOURIST POSSIBLY RESEMBLING RAY APPEARED AT GUASIMOPA, WHERE HE IS RESIDING WITH WIFE, SEVEN YEAR OLD SON AND ELEVEN MONTH OLD BABY. STATED HE HAS GOVERNMENT PENSION AND IS DRIVING WHITE BUICK.

[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] IN GUASIMOPA, IS ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL. [REDACTED] STATED WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN NAME AND LICENSE NUMBER OF VEHICLE AND STATED WAS SUSPICIOUS OF THIS PERSON COMING TO LIVE AMONG THE YAQUI INDIANS AND BECAUSE STATED HAD CROSSED THE BORDER ABOUT THE FIFTEENTH OF APRIL AT DOUGLAS, ARIZONA, WHICH IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ROUTE TO GUASIMOPA.

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██████ DESCRIBED THIS PERSON AS ABOUT THIRTYTHREE YEARS OF AGE,  
SIX FEET, LIGHT BLUE EYES, LIGHT BROWN HAIR. 7

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE LEGAT, MEXICO, IN ORDER  
THAT APPROPRIATE INQUIRY THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES MAY BE  
MADE TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF THIS PERSON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL

PENDING.

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FBI WASH DC

*cc - Liaison*

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1 - Foreign Liaison  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI 44-38861-3098

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PHOENIX OFFICE BY TELETYPE MAY SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, FURNISHED  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

LETTER DATED MAY THREE, LAST, RECEIVED AT NOGALES, ARIZONA,  
RESIDENT AGENCY, MAY SEVEN, INSTANT, FROM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OF GUASIMOPA, SONORA, MEXICO. [REDACTED] STATED THAT AN AMERICAN  
TOURIST POSSIBLY RESEMBLING RAY APPEARED AT GUASIMOPA, WHERE HE  
IS RESIDING WITH WIFE, SEVEN YEAR OLD SON AND ELEVEN MONTH OLD  
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[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]

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CULT ROUTE TO GUASIMOPA.

1 - MEMPHIS (BY MAIL)

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VIA TELETYPE

1025P LRC  
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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY  
RE: MURKIN

**██████** DESCRIBED THIS PERSON AS ABOUT THIRTYTHREE YEARS OF  
AGE, SIX FEET, LIGHT BLUE EYES, LIGHT BROWN HAIR.

YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INITIATE APPROPRIATE INQUIRY  
TO DETERMINE IF THIS PERSON IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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COMM-FBI

FBI

Date: 5/4/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Dallas and Memphis dated 5/4/68  
relative to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (not [REDACTED] as set forth  
in referenced teletype) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, today advised that [REDACTED]  
(not [REDACTED] as set forth in referenced teletype) is  
[REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and has occupied that  
position in excess of one year. [REDACTED] stated he can account  
for [REDACTED] whereabouts on a daily basis during that period  
until the middle of April when [REDACTED] went directly to Mexico  
City with reservations at the Maria Cristina Hotel, Mexico  
City, made by [REDACTED] the day preceeding [REDACTED] departure  
from Dallas. (J)

Inasmuch as [REDACTED] has been eliminated as  
a suspect in this case, no further action being taken in this  
regard in Dallas.]

3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
2 - Dallas  
FFJ:jsd  
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Approved: E.C. Bishop Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge



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Foreign Liaison  
1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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DALLAS AIRTEL MAY FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, REFERENCED BUTEL  
TO DALLAS MAY FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, RELATIVE TO [REDACTED]  
AND SET OUT FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

[REDACTED] (NOT [REDACTED] AS SET FORTH IN  
REFERENCED TELETYPE) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DALLAS, TEXAS, TODAY ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (NOT [REDACTED] AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED  
TELETYPE) IS [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] AND HAS  
OCCUPIED THAT POSITION IN EXCESS OF ONE YEAR. [REDACTED] STATED  
HE CAN ACCOUNT FOR [REDACTED] WHEREABOUTS ON A DAILY BASIS  
DURING THAT PERIOD UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF APRIL WHEN [REDACTED]

WENT DIRECTLY TO MEXICO CITY WITH RESERVATIONS AT THE MARIA  
CRISTINA HOTEL, MEXICO CITY, MADE BY [REDACTED] THE DAY PRECEDING

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MEMPHIS (BY MAIL)

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VIA TELETYPE  
947 PRDR  
MAY 7 1968  
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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY  
RE: MURKIN

**[REDACTED] DEPARTURE FROM DALLAS.**

INASMUCH AS **[REDACTED]** HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AS  
A SUSPECT IN THIS CASE, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN IN THIS  
REGARD IN DALLAS. *Copy mailed Memphis*

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI

Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO:ME)

On 4/26/68, Colonel ROBERT C. HUTCHINSON, JR., Florida Southern College, ROTC, Lakeland, Florida, telephonically advised he had read article in "The Army Times" concerning JAMES EARL RAY, wherein there was statement to the effect that the solution to RAY's whereabouts may rest with Army. The article went on to relate, RAY's military career, and solicitating information from anyone who might know him.

Colonel HUTCHINSON stated his Sergeant Major, EUGENE E. F. BRITTI was stationed with 16th Infantry Regiment and had roster of personnel which included RAY's name.

Sergeant Major BRITTI was contacted at Florida Southern, whereby he furnished a xeroxed copy of the Company "B" roster, which included RAY's name. BRITTI said RAY was attached to the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, and that the Roster in his, BRITTI's possession was compiled on 7/7/48.

3 - Bureau (Encl 2) (RM)  
2 - Memphis (Encl 2) (RM)  
2 - Kansas City (Encl 2) (RM)  
2 - Tampa  
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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

BRITTI stated the original 16th Infantry was headquartered in Austria with Battalions spread all over Europe. BRITTI and 13 others were sent from Austria to Frankfurt, Germany to reorganize the 16th. The reorganized group was formed from other units being deactivated or from excess personnel which other units no longer needed.

Sergeant BRITTI said that the Regiment moved from Frankfurt to Grafenwohr, Germany and was actually there, in 7/7/48, when the roster was made up. He said after the roster was made up the group was known as the 7892 Infantry Regiment, although it remained the 16th.

The Sergeant said when RAY was discharged in 12/48, his Battalion was stationed in Furth, Germany at the Montieth Barracks. He said they were sent there from Grapenwohr in the fall of 1948.

Two copies of roster of Company "B" are enclosed for Bureau. Two copies each are enclosed for Memphis and Kansas City for possible investigative lead purposes. It is believed that if leads presently outstanding do not produce RAY, the Bureau and OO may desire to have locale of the men on the roster be determined from Army sources and these men contacted.

## COMPANY "B"

**Capt.**  
**JACK BARBER**

**Lt.**  
**HAROLD B. PRINCE**  
**GENE C. SENTI**  
**JOHN SZULY**

**M/Sgt.**

**Kelly, Paul R.**

**S/Sgt.**

**Baxter, Jesse**  
**Bird, Joseph**  
**Evans, Lawrence**  
**Lucas, Russell**  
**Manis, T. J.**  
**Moore, Brestin**  
**Owens, William**  
**Simmons, Walter**  
**Suich, Frank**  
**Williams, Walter**  
**Young, Milton**

**Sgt.**

**Beerhoff, John R.**  
**Cummings, Alvan**  
**Johnson, Arthur**  
**Mallios, John H.**  
**Oelschlager, Herman**  
**Rhodes, Ernest**  
**Sant, Martin A.**  
**Sienicki, Harry T.**  
**Solai, Edward**  
**Spelling, Ewald**  
**Wise, Earl J.**

**Tec 4**

**Austin, Joe N.**  
**Burkett, Ralph**  
**Damiani, Dante**  
**Good, Duff**  
**Miller, Wayne Y.**  
**Melton, William H.**  
**Ryan, Reginald**  
**Wilson, Thomas**

**Cpl.**

**Berger, Ralph**  
**Brostom, Edward**  
**Catterson, Orville**  
**Covey, Robert A.**  
**Coro, Linwood**  
**French, Allen J.**  
**Nonnemacher, Robert**  
**Okuda, Mutsuo**  
**Popko, Henry**  
**Queen, Gordon T.**  
**Rasmus, Victor**  
**Riley, Roscoe**  
**Saganiego, Joaquin**  
**Sbano, Joseph**  
**Threalt, Zane**  
**Wallack, Raymond H.**

**Tec 3**

**Center, Leslie**  
**Davis, T. P.**

**Donlevy, Alfred J.**  
**Donnell, Robert D.**  
**Douglas, David**  
**Encinas, David N.**  
**Gant, Leo G.**  
**Gates, Billy M.**  
**McKinnley, Robert F.**  
**Oliverson, Gordon D.**  
**Parks, Gordon E.**  
**Spurlin, Onnie D.**  
**Thiebaud, Charles V.**  
**Thomas, Eugene K.**  
**Tyndall, Ernest K.**  
**West, Eldridge V.**  
**Young, John W.**

**Pfc.**

**Arthur, David L.**  
**Barrett, Arthur L.**  
**Belus, Harold, E.**  
**Casillas, Joe A.**  
**Clark, Tellus J.**  
**Clifford, Herbert D.**  
**Conley, Harold W.**  
**Cox, Henry C.**  
**Culbertson, John L.**  
**Dunning, Ekum**  
**Dunkel, Raymond H.**  
**Davis, Harold B.**  
**Davis, Thomas W.**  
**Eltukides, Simeon E.**  
**Fox, Robert F.**  
**Franklin, Alton M.**  
**Galska, Frank A.**  
**Hannagan, Wilbur**  
**Harjo, Daniel J.**  
**Hash, Jennings S.**  
**Hamilton, J. C.**  
**Horne, David L.**  
**House, Fox O.**  
**Huszar, Joseph**  
**James, William J.**  
**Joyner, Raymond S.**  
**Kiley, Robert L.**  
**Killian, James E.**  
**Klunk, Elmer**  
**Kovonski, Julius F.**  
**Lillie, Neal W.**  
**Lizardi, Roberto**  
**Maddox, Eugene E.**  
**Malone, James W.**  
**Mangan, Howard E.**  
**Martinez, Theodore R.**  
**Mattison, Kenneth C.**  
**McFarland, Marion**  
**Mezzell, Charles A.**  
**Montgomery, Wilbur I.**  
**Morrow, Leonard**  
**O'Brien, Dennis**  
**Peters, Wilmont**

**Pierce, Wayne K.**  
**Ray, Jackie R.**  
**Ray, James E.**

**Rhodon, Jerrel R.**  
**Robinson, Clarence L.**  
**Sakanol, Makoto**  
**Delgado, Paul J.**  
**Dries, Delbert W.**  
**Sams, Culford**  
**Shreve, Neal H.**  
**Stajger, Joseph W.**  
**Sturgis, Leslie**  
**Zimmerman, Clarence**

**Pvt.**

**Adams, Paul K.**  
**Adams, William S.**  
**Bailey, Robert C.**  
**Barrow, Lawrence**  
**Bates, Horace D.**  
**Belair, Eugene C.**  
**Bramder, Frederick**  
**Brown, Robert**  
**Bryan, John M.**  
**Burton, Emerson**  
**Buzbee, T. J.**  
**Chikowski, Theodore S.**  
**Christiansen, Edwin O.**  
**Collins, William E.**  
**Davis, Jack G.**  
**Emig, Norbert P.**  
**Flynn, Patrick E.**  
**Ford, Theodore R.**  
**Hite, Verl M.**  
**Garcia, Cipriane L.**  
**Jock, Leslie J.**  
**Katruskas, Paul**  
**Leedy, Ellie G.**  
**Lynn, Cash**  
**Maxwell, Gordon**  
**McGill, Carl D.**  
**Mercet, James R.**  
**Miles, Jack J.**  
**Mohley, Henry C.**  
**Morphis, Angel**  
**Morrow, Carl L.**  
**Munson, Richard L.**  
**Pecos, Jimmie N.**  
**Pierce, William L.**  
**Ritchie, Calvin T.**  
**Rowe, Earl W.**  
**Robinson, Eugene L. H.**  
**Shearer, Louis E.**  
**StLouis, Milton O.**  
**Turner, Louis C.**  
**Valley, Robert**  
**Walker, William H.**  
**Watson, James C.**  
**White, Isaac N.**  
**Woods, Robert E.**

ENCLOSURE

114-38861-2700

May 7, 1968

Airtel

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 3/00

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OO: MEMPHIS

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ReTPairtel to the Bureau dated 5/2/68.

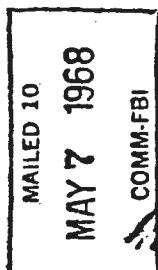
Bureau is in receipt of referenced communication which attaches a Xerox copy of the Company "B" roster which included subject Ray's name.

You should hold the interviewing of the names on the roster in abeyance to a future date. It will be incumbent upon the office of origin to institute any interviews of the names on the roster in the event Memphis feels this would be necessary.

Armed and Dangerous.

1 - Tampa (157-3231)  
1 - Kansas City (Info)

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE:

Tampa advised that a Colonel read an article in the "Army Times" concerning subject Ray wherein a statement was made to the effect that the source of Ray's whereabouts may rest with the Army. The article related about Ray's military career and solicited information from anyone who might know him. A roster was furnished of Company "B" which included Ray's name, roster being of men who were in the same outfit as Ray during Ray's military service.

Tampa transmitted this information for possible lead purposes. It is felt that due to the extensive investigation at this time in other areas, and in view of the fact that Ray was in the military service 20 years ago, the people on the roster should not be interviewed *now*.

5-7-68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re [REDACTED]

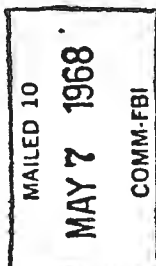
Enclosed for Birmingham are two copies of a communication from CIA regarding information received from [REDACTED] a Panamanian. Also enclosed are two copies of the translation of a Spanish language deposition made by [REDACTED] as well as two copies of a letter dated 2-2-63, addressed to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. One copy of each is enclosed for Memphis.

Birmingham, conduct necessary investigation to eliminate [REDACTED] or to establish him as a co-conspirator in this case.

No pertinent identifiable information was located in Bureau files regarding [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

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1 - Memphis (Enc. 3)

FJH:jlh  
(5)



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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI ST LOUIS

11:27AM URGENT 5-7-68 JJR

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS, MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK,  
NEW ORLEANS, CHARLOTTE

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

MURKIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL MAY SIX LAST AND ST. LOUIS AIRTEL TO  
BUREAU, SPRINGFIELD, AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE: [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED  
BY ST. LOUIS APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST. STATED ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AS  
FELLOW INMATE MSP NINETEEN SIXTY OR SIXTYONE UNTIL [REDACTED]  
RELEASED SIXTYFIVE. MAIN ASSOCIATION WAS WALKING TOGETHER IN  
PRISON YARD. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RAY WAS LONER, CLOSE MOUTHED, KEPT OWN COUNCIL,  
NEVER DISCUSSED PRISON ESCAPE PLANS. HAD FEW FRIENDS, BUT MIXED  
WELL WITH OTHER INMATES, BOTH BLACK AND WHITE. NEVER DISPLAYED  
PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE OR RACIST SENTIMENTS. NEVER INVOLVED  
IN RACIAL DIFFICULTY AT PRISON.

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OFTEN MENTIONED INABILITY TO COMPLETE SENTENCE, BUT NEVER MENTIONED ESCAPE PLANS OR OUTSIDE CONTACTS. ONLY VISITOR WAS BROTHER, JOHN RAY. MENTIONED HE HAD SERVED TIME IN MENARD PRISON, THAT ANOTHER BROTHER WAS KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT, BUT OTHERWISE DID NOT DISCUSS BACKGROUND.

RAY NOT ADDICTED TO DRUGS, BUT NEARLY ALL INMATES USED ANY DRUGS AVAILABLE.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNAWARE OF SUBJECT'S ESCAPE UNTIL RECENT PUBLICITY. REGARDS SUBJECT AS SMALL TIME ROBBER MENTALLY INCAPABLE OF PLANNING ASSASSINATION WITHOUT INTELLIGENT OUTSIDE GUIDANCE. BELIEVES SUBJECT CAPABLE OF BEING HIRED FOR KILLING AND WOULD NOT BE ALONE IN MATTER. BELIEVES WHOEVER HIRED SUBJECT HAS DISPOSED OF HIM, AS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO HIDE WITH HEAT ON AND REWARDS ADVERTISED.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

UACB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOLLOW UP INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED TODAY  
TO LEARN IF ANY NEW INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS  
HAVE COME TO HIS ATTENTION. [REDACTED] WILL NOT BE MENTIONED.

LITTLE ROCK IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT RESOLUTION OF RELIABILITY,  
MENTAL CAPACITY, AND REPUTATION FOR VERACITY OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ATLANTA

1203 PM URGENT 5-7-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND MIAMI

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

IN ADDITION TO THE AIRLINES CHECKS ALREADY CONDUCTED, MIAMI IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW RECORDS OF PASSENGERS LEAVING ATLANTA ON APRIL SEVEN THROUGH TEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AGAINST THE NAMES AND ALIASES OF JAMES EARL RAY. A SIMILAR CHECK IS BEING MADE OF ALL OTHER AIRLINES SERVING THE ATLANTA AREA.

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FBI LITTLE R

3:23PM URGENT 5-7-68 ACT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ST. LOUIS (44-775), KANSAS CITY  
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 2P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU THIS DATE, AND MYTEL  
TO BUREAU AND ST. LOUIS, MAY SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT.

NO REASON KNOWN FOR [REDACTED] TO FURNISH  
ANY FALSE INFORMATION AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED LITTLE ROCK  
TELETYPE. [REDACTED] FURNISHED INFORMATION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AREA WHICH HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIATED.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY CONTACT WARDEN AND  
DETERMINE FROM HIS ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE REGARDING  
[REDACTED] MENTAL STABILITY, RELIABILITY AND REPUTATION FOR  
VERACITY.

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED THREE TIMES, REGARDING  
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INFORMATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE  
AND HAS NEITHER ENLARGED NOR DELETED ANY INFORMATION  
PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED.

END

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FBI SANANTON

2:50 PM CST URGENT 5-7-68 CJH

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861) AND NEW ORLEANS  
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

RE TELCALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO  
NEW ORLEANS.

THE FOLLOWING TELCALLS TO LOUISIANA FROM COIN TELEPHONES  
ALONG ROUTE TAKEN BY RAY HAVE BEEN DETERMINED AND INVESTIGATION

BEING REQUESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING  
THESE CALLS.

CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT BRACKETVILLE, TEXAS:  
DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST:

[REDACTED] TO MONTGOMERY, LA.,  
FROM ROSELLE ENCO STATION, HIGHWAY NINETY.

CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT OR NEAR SAN  
ANTONIO, TEXAS:

DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST  
TO [REDACTED] NEW ORLEANS,  
LA., FROM FIVE FIVE ONE EIGHT S. W. MILITARY DRIVE.  
DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST  
TO CALLS TO [REDACTED]

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RUSTON, LA., FROM ENCO SERVICE STATION, ONE ZERO THREE S. W. W.  
WHITE ROAD

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST:

TO [REDACTED], NEW ORLEANS,  
LA., FROM TURNER SINCLAIR STATION, NINE TWO SIX COLISEUM ROAD.

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST:

TO [REDACTED] ALEXANDRIA,  
LA., FROM SHAMROCK SERVICE STATION, FIVE ONE FOUR TWO S. W.  
MILITARY DRIVE.

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST:

TO [REDACTED], MAUREPAS, LA.,  
FROM DAILEY'S LIQUOR STORE, FOUR SIX THREE ONE W. COMMERCE.

CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT SEGUIN, TEXAS:

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST:

TO [REDACTED], NEW ORLEANS,  
LA., FROM SAGEBIELS BUS STATION AND DRUG STORE, ONE ZERO TWO  
S. TRAVIS. CARD REFLECTS CALL FROM "RUSSEL FROLLY".

CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT LULING, TEXAS:

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DECEMBER FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN LAST:

ONE CALL ON EACH DATE TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ABBEVILLE, LA., FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY FOODS, NINE FIVE ZERO E. PIERCE, LULING, TEXAS, CARD FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN SHOWS FROM "DALE BENIDICT". CARD FOR DECEMBER SIXTEEN SHOWS FROM "DALE BENDICK".

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST:

TO [REDACTED] BATON ROUGE, LA., FROM THREE ZERO ZERO E. PIERCE.

NEW ORLEANS DETERMINE IF SUBSCRIBERS TO NUMBERS CALLED HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF RAY.

SAN ANTONIO CONTINUING TO OBTAIN PERTINENT DATA RE PHONE CALLS FROM TELEPHONE CO., AND WILL HANDLE EXPEDITIOUSLY.

TWO AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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RE YOUR TELEX CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 4182 APRIL 20 1968 FINGERPRINTS RECEIVED

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S. R. Jones

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FBI

Date: 5/7/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE  
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

For information of the Buffalo Division, in an airtel dated 4/30/68 the El Paso Division advised that a check of the telephone booths located along the route RAY was alleged to have autoed during the period 12/15, 16 and 17/68 from Los Angeles to New Orleans indicated numerous out-of-state toll calls from such booths.

One of these out-of-state toll calls was on 12/15/67 to Tucson, Arizona, telephone number [REDACTED] which is listed to a GILBERT J. PEDERSON [REDACTED] Tucson. Investigation by SA [REDACTED] determined that GILBERT J. PEDERSON is en route from an unknown address in New Orleans to Buffalo, New York, where he is a member of the law firm of Smith, Kendall and Pederson, 1407 Gevesee Bldg., Buffalo, New York. He maintains a residence at [REDACTED] Orchard Park, New York, telephone number [REDACTED]

PEDERSON's son, LARS PEDERSON, Assistant Attorney, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona, supplied the above information to SA [REDACTED] and indicated that GILBERT J. PEDERSON's estimated date of arrival in New York was 5/10 - 13/68.

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Buffalo
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Phoenix

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Special Agent in Charge

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PX 44-371  
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LEAD:

BUFFALO DIVISION

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Will interview GILBERT J. PEDERSON and ascertain if he knows subject RAY; exhibit RAY's photographs to him, and attempt to surreptitiously determine origin of the telephone call from El Paso Division to his residence on 12/15/67.

The El Paso Division has advised that the source of this information, which is the West Texas Telephone Company, Pecos, Texas, should not be disclosed when interviewing PEDERSON.

SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MAY 7, 1968

PLAIN TEXT

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACs, MOBILE  
CLEVELAND  
MEMPHIS

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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*See 11:15 P*  
TELETYPE

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

ON NIGHT OF MAY SEVEN, INSTANT, INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS [REDACTED], ALLIANCE, OHIO, WHO DECLINED TO FURNISH STREET ADDRESS, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BUREAU AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION. AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THIRTY P.M., MAY SEVEN, INSTANT, HE OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING AN OLD CAR POSSIBLY A CHRYSLER PRODUCT, APPLE GREEN IN COLOR, BEARING WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE ALABAMA LICENSE [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] LICENSE HAD A RED BACKGROUND WITH LIGHT NUMERALS. THIS INDIVIDUAL STOPPED AND WENT INTO TURNER'S DRUGSTORE NEXT TO CITY SQUARE ON MAIN STREET IN ALLIANCE AND 8 1968 AFTER A FEW MINUTES CAME OUT AND DROVE OFF HEADED EAST ON MAIN STREET. INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYFIVE -

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN, ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, APPEARED TO BE DYED, VERY DARK TAN COMPLEXION. [REDACTED] OBSERVED WHITE

HEH:hw (4)

NOTE: Above information furnished to Extra-Duty Supervisor [REDACTED] at 10 p.m. Check of NCIO [REDACTED] was negative on above license.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

TELETYPE TO SACs, MOBILE, CLEVELAND, AND MEMPHIS  
RE: MURKIN

FEMALE IN CAR BUT COULD DESCRIBE HER AS ONLY HAVING A  
LOT OF DARK COLORED BROWN OR BLACK HAIR. HE OBSERVED  
SOME CLOTHES HANGING IN THE REAR OF THE CAR.

MOBILE ASCERTAIN TO WHOM ABOVE ALABAMA LICENSE  
ISSUED AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO DETERMINE IF  
MALE OCCUPANT COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

CLEVELAND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT  
TURNER'S DRUGSTORE, INCLUDING DISPLAY OF SUBJECT'S  
PHOTOGRAPH, IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY ABOVE PERSON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Gale	_____
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Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI ST LOUIS

9:19 AM URGENT 5-7-68 DCJ

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND  
KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN. CR.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MAY TWO, LAST.

██████████ FORMER MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP)  
INMATE, # ██████████ ADVISED THAT ██████████ AND

██████████ PRESENTLY INMATES MSP, ARE ONLY INMATES TO HIS KNOW-  
LEDGE WITH "CONNECTIONS ENOUGH" TO HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING  
ANY PLOT OR CONSPIRACY AGAINST DOCTOR KING. 44-38861-3109  
KANSAS CITY, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL CONSIDER INTERVIEWING

██████████ AND ██████████ AT MSP. 5-52

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Mr  
TO ALL SACS AND LEGATS MEXICO AND OTTAWA  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MURKIN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES.

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Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Rosen  
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LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISE

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REC'D DE LOACH

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1 - Mr. McDonough

May 7, 1968

AIRTEL

To: All SACs and LEGATs

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

The Bureau has designated Memphis as office of origin in this case.

You were previously advised that leads in this Top Ten Fugitive case must be handled within 24 hours. The Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield Offices are to prepare the results of their investigation to date in report form, not as an insert. At such time as the amount of investigation in these field offices does not appear to warrant individual reports, advise the Bureau and office of origin that inserts being prepared in future in lieu of reports, UACB.

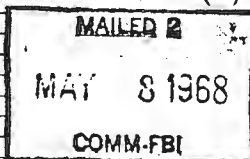
All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis.

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

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EJM:hw (3) NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo dated 5-15-68, same caption, EJm:hw



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Mr. Hoover--

*pan's*  
Please forgive me for bothering you--this may be just what you are looking for--and old man, who has second sight, told me that the man, who killed Dr. King, is still in Memphis, Tenn. and is within three blocks of the place where Dr. King was killed. Also the man's name is [REDACTED] and that he has a slight limp in his right leg. The man is dangerous because he is really a coward and would snoot one in the back.

I would write to Memphis but I do believe they would not be too interested in finding the man. The discription of the man is correct--all but not having a limp.

Wishing you luck-I am --

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Fontana, California.

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[REDACTED]

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

44-38861-3112

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Re [REDACTED] - complainant.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a letter from [REDACTED] postmarked 5-2-68, at Fontana, California. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Unless information in your files would preclude doing so, Los Angeles should interview [REDACTED] to determine the identity of the individual who furnished the information in her letter. That person should be interviewed for any pertinent details which he might have in his possession regarding this case.

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1 - Memphis (info) Enc.

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5/6/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enclosures (2)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

Re Los Angeles airtel 4/26/68, submitting an envelope, Q300, addressed to the "Editor, Citizens News," and accompanying clipping, Q301, for examination.

One latent fingerprint of value was developed on the envelope. No latent impressions of value developed on the clipping. Latent fingerprint on the envelope is not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, SA Theodore J. A'Hearn, or with the latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

Envelope and clipping enclosed to Los Angeles.

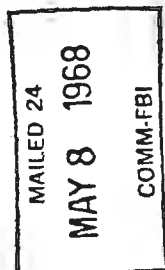
Laboratory reporting separately.

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19 MAY 9 1968



1 - Mr. Rosen

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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

5/8/68

Airtel

To: SAC's New York (44-1000)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

Re New York airtel of 5/4/68, submitting an undated coupon of the Modern Photo Bookstore and a letter dated 5/26/67 from Eric S. Galt, for examination.

One latent print of value was developed on the coupon, which bears the name and address "Eric S. Galt, 2606 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama." This latent print is identical with the left thumb print of James Earl Ray, FBI #4059433. No latent impressions developed on the letter.

Result of laboratory examination and disposition of submitted items furnished separately.

Confirming.

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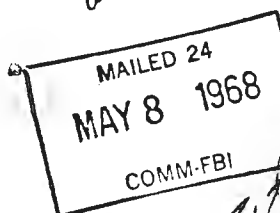
1 - Birmingham (44-1746)

1 - Knoxville

1 - Mr. Rosen

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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

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TO : MR. TROTTER *bls*

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : S. F. Latone

SUBJECT: MURKINLATENT PRINT ON COUPON IDENTICAL JAMES EARL RAY *McGowan*

*C* An undated coupon from the Modern Photo Bookstore bearing the name and address "Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama," and a letter dated 9/26/67 signed "Eric S. Galt" were received from the New York Office for examination. *Lat*

A latent fingerprint developed on the coupon has been identified as the left thumb print of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. The coupon, presumably clipped from the September, 1967 issue of Modern Photography, was sent to the Modern Photo Bookstore, 166 5th Avenue, New York, New York, to order book #633, and was accompanied by a money order in the amount of \$8.95. This coupon was followed later by the letter dated 9/26/67, in which Galt said in part, "If you have not allready mailed the book (PLEASE DO NOT MAIL IT) I am moving and will shortly send you my correct address." No latent impressions were developed on the letter.

General Investigative, New York, Memphis, Birmingham, and Knoxville Divisions have been advised.

Laboratory reporting separate.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

*MB*  
GJB:mb  
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URGENT 5-8-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 222

MURKIN.

UACB

McGowan  
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REMYCAB MAY SIX LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE, MEXICO:

STATE POLICE, STATE JUDICIAL POLICE AND HIGHWAY POLICE HAVE CONCLUDED SEARCH IN CITY OF CAMPECHE AND ALL OUTLYING AREAS OF STATE.

IDENTIFICATION ORDERS AND WANTED FLYERS AS WELL AS PERSONAL CONTACT UTILIZED TO ALERT EVERY POLICE UNIT IN STATE. EXTENSIVE COVERAGE PRODUCED INFORMATION CONCERNING ONE NORTH AMERICAN LOCATED IN COMMUNITY OF ESCARCEGA, SOME NINE ZERO MILES SOUTH OF CITY OF CAMPECHE. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS CHECKED OUT PROMPTLY AND FOUND TO BE A YOUNG NEGRO AND NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

SINCE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE ESTABLISHED THROUGH POLICE LIAISON AND CONTACT WITH NUMEROUS OTHER SOURCES, AGENT BEING RETURNED TO

HEADQUARTERS CITY, UACB, TO ASSIST IN HANDLING OF OTHER LEADS IN

CASE. [REDACTED] WILL CONTINUE CHECKING IN OTHER SMALL

COMMUNITIES ON PENINSULA OUTSIDE OF STATE OF CAMPECHE, INCLUDING ISLAND OF COZUMEL.

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RE ALLEGATION THAT SUBJECT IN GUATEMALA:

AGENT ON SCENE ADVISES EXTENSIVE COVERAGE EFFECTED THROUGH GUATEMALAN IMMIGRATION AND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT. EFFORTS BY THESE AGENCIES HAVE INSPIRED NUMEROUS PRESS ARTICLES INCLUDING SOME ERRONEOUS STORIES. NET EFFECT, HOWEVER, RESULTED IN PICTURES AND DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT BEING WIDELY PUBLICIZED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. CHIEF OF JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT ADVISES [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED BUT DENIED HAVING SEEN SUBJECT OR KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT HIM. [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED] QUOTED BY MICHIGAN STUDENT AS STATING SUBJECT HAD BEEN IN GUATEMALA. POLICE INTEND TO INTERROGATE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAVE OFFERED COMPLETE COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATION. THEY HAVE ALERTED ALL BORDER STATIONS AND STATE THAT IF SUBJECT CAUGHT IN GUATEMALA THIS OFFICE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED AND HE WILL BE EXPELLED TO UNITED STATES ON FIRST AVAILABLE PLANE AS ILLEGAL ALIEN.

RE SUSPECT AT CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

COMPLETE CANVASS AT GUAYMAS, SONORA, COMPLETED BY [REDACTED] AND ALL LOGICAL SOURCES AND POLICE AGENCIES ALERTED.

RE ANONYMOUS CALL TO MEMPHIS POLICE:

NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, EXCEPT FOR [REDACTED], KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED RECENTLY BY MEXICAN POLICE.

BRD CC MR. BRENNAN



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AREA INDICATED BY CALLER IS IN ISOLATED AND SPARSELY INHABITED DESERT AREA AND SHOULD BE GENERALLY IN VICINITY OF SMALL ROAD WHICH RUNS PARALLEL TO MEXICAN HIGHWAY TWO NEAR CABORCA, SONORA, IN SOUTH AND SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION TO PUERTO LIBERTAD ON GULF OF CALIFORNIA. AGENT AND [REDACTED] ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS AREA AND ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION BY [REDACTED]

RE ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO:

RUINS MENTIONED IN LETTER OF MAY TWO LAST ARE PROBABLY COPILCO RUINS SITUATED NEAR SOUTHERN EDGE OF CITY AND NEAR CUERNAVACA HIGHWAY. INVESTIGATIVE SOURCES ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THOROUGH SEARCH OF THIS AREA.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES ON PRIORITY BASIS WITH ALL LEADS RECEIVED WILL RECEIVE EXPEDITE ATTENTION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RECEIVED: 1:13 AM HFL

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI MEMPHIS

850AM URGENT 4-12-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

DR. JERRY T. FRANCISCO, MEDICAL EXAMINER, UNIVERSITY OF TENN., AT MEMPHIS, ADVISED THAT AN AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED ON DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, LAST.

HE STATED THAT AN OFFICIAL WRITTEN AUTOPSY REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE APRIL SIXTEEN, NEXT. DR. FRANCISCO FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS FINDINGS AT THE TIME OF THE AUTOPSY:

THE MISSILE ENTERED THE RIGHT JAW OF DR. KING, SIXTYONE INCHES SUPERIOR TO THE RIGHT HEEL. THIS IS A POINT FIFTY-NINE INCHES SUPERIOR TO THE RIGHT HEEL WITH THE HEAD POSITIONED TO CORRESPOND WITH THE PATH OF THE MISSILE.

THE MISSILE SEVERED THE SPINAL CORD AND CAME TO REST BENEATH THE SKIN FIFTYFIVE AND ONE HALF INCHES SUPERIOR TO THE LEFT HEEL AND THREE INCHES TO THE LEFT OF THE MID-LINE OF THE BACK. THE THICKNESS FROM THE POINT OF ENTRY, TO THE FINAL RESTING POINT OF THE MISSILE WAS EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES.

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DR. FRANCISCO SUMMARIZED THE ABOVE STATEMENT BY COMMENTING THAT THE BULLET ENTERED THE RIGHT JAW OF DR. KING AND TRAVELED EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES THROUGH THE FLESH COMING TO REST AT A POINT JUST BENEATH THE SKIN THREE INCHES TO THE LEFT OF DR. KING'S BACKBONE. DR. FRANCISCO STATED THAT HE SIGNED THE DEATH CERTIFICATE INDICATING THE OFFICIAL CAUSE OF DEATH TO BE GUN SHOT WOUND TO THORASIC CORD. THE DEATH CERTIFICATE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM DEPT. OF HEALTH ON APRIL SIXTEEN, NEXT. ON APRIL SIXTEEN, NEXT, A COPY OF THE AUTOPSY AND DEATH CERTIFICATE WILL BE OBTAINED BY MEMPHIS DIVISION.

MR. PAUL E. HASS, ASST. ADMINISTRATOR, ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS, ADVISED THAT MR. J. L. LUTON, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF HOSPITAL, HAS MAINTAINED ALL HOSPITAL RECORDS CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. UNDER LOCK AND KEY. HE STATED MR. LUTON IS CURRENTLY IN TRAVEL STATUS AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN MEMPHIS UNTIL APRIL FIFTEEN, NEXT.

ON APRIL FIFTEEN, NEXT, MEMPHIS WILL OBTAIN COPIES OF ALL PERTINENT HOSPITAL RECORDS FROM MR. LUTON. P

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FBI WASH DC

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4-29-68

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

SUBJECT: MURKIN (MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, telephonically contacted the office this date and stated that he was a [REDACTED] "strict segregationist."

He said he saw the photograph of the man who allegedly murdered MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., flashed on the TV at the end of the FBI Program last night and felt compelled to express his opinion. He said that he does not condone murder; however, he believed the FBI has become very "political" and he does not believe it is a good thing for the FBI or the country. He said he does not know if Mr. HOOVER is responsible for this; however, he recalls that Mr. HOOVER described Dr. KING as a liar a few years ago and never retracted his statement. He suspects The President, the Attorney General, and Mr. ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG as responsible for this political turn by the FBI.

[REDACTED] was advised that the killing of Dr. KING was a violation of the Civil Rights Act and that the FBI has investigative jurisdiction in these matters. It was clearly pointed out to him that this case, like all other cases within our jurisdiction, would be investigated vigorously and without apology to anyone.

The above furnished for Bureau's information.

2-Bureau  
2-Birmingham  
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EX-109

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

325PM URGENT 5-1-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION  
IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF [REDACTED]  
MEMPHIS PD NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] AND  
[REDACTED] FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WITH PRINTS DEVELOPED OF AN EVIDENTIARY VALUE IN THIS  
MATTER.

BALTIMORE ADVISED AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P END.

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FBI WASH DC

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
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25 MAY 9 1968

LFS  
CALLED:  
ML LATON  
By SW Time 4:40

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI MEMPHIS

1020AM URGENT 5-1-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST.  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, IS  
REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF [REDACTED]  
ARMY SERIAL # [REDACTED] BORN

[REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], WITH LATENTS OF AN EVIDENTIARY NATURE PREVIOUSLY  
SUBMITTED THIS MATTER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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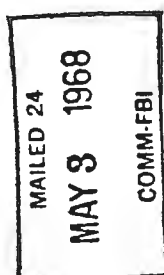
To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 3121

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Reurtels 5/1/68.

Latent fingerprints and latent impressions previously reported and remaining unidentified in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of [REDACTED] Memphis Police Department # [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED], FBI # [REDACTED] or with the fingerprints of one [REDACTED] born [REDACTED], in [REDACTED], FBI # [REDACTED] who may or may not be the [REDACTED] named in your teletype. No palm prints here for these four individuals.



1 - Mr. Rosen

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## RA Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 2, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. McDonough

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This is the case involving the murder of  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

With respect to the Director's inquiry, the Identification Orders (IO) on subject James Earl Ray have been distributed to countries extensively spread throughout the world.

The IO's on Ray have been furnished to our twelve Legal Attache Offices which cover in excess of 50 countries directly. In order to effect even further coverage in countries not within the orbit covered by our Legal Attaches, we have had the IO on Ray distributed to a large number of countries which come under the International Exchange Fingerprint Program.

In addition to the distribution of our IO on Ray in Canada by our Legal Attache in Ottawa, arrangements are being made by the Legal Attache with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for additional distribution of the IO which has been translated into French as well as English by the RCMP.

The IO's have been distributed to our Legal Attache in Mexico City which office also covers a number of Central American cities. In addition to the IO's distribution handled directly by the Legal Attache in Mexico City, the Bureau has sent IO's directly to 46 other Mexican law enforcement recipients maintained on a mailing list for that as well as other purposes. In addition to this, our border offices arrange for distribution of the IO's in Mexican states located along the border.

Similar distribution has been made of the Wanted Flyers prepared in this case which have also been prepared in the Spanish language.

EJM:cs

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

With reference to unsubstantiated reports that Ray may have fled to New Zealand or Australia, we have been able to refer the appropriate authorities to our Identification Orders on Ray which have been distributed to law enforcement agencies in those countries for their assistance in effecting identification or nonidentification of any suspects they may develop.

[REDACTED] Legal Attache, Mexico City, today advised that in addition to the above, it is noted that in addition to the distribution that has taken place in Mexico, the Legat is through his sources distributing separate photographs of the subject and in all places where leads are of current interest in Mexico additional distribution of the subject's photograph and description is being made. This in effect will assure that we are flooding any areas of immediate interest with thorough photographic coverage.

ACTION:

We are continuing to impress on our Legal Attaches, as well as our field offices, the necessity for widespread distribution of the Identification Orders and Wanted Flyers and also the necessity for maintaining contact with mass communications media and other sources of widespread publicity in order to assist in the location and apprehension of the fugitive.

*JRM* *R* *R* *P*  
*V. P. M.*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *du*

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *2*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach	1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. McDonough	1 - Mr. Sullivan
	1 - Mr. Trotter

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

SAC Wesley Grapp of the Los Angeles Office has telephonically furnished the following information.

The Los Angeles Police Department has just furnished to the Los Angeles Office a letter dated 5/1/68 postmarked in Los Angeles and addressed and mailed to the Editor in Chief of the "Los Angeles Times" newspaper in Los Angeles, California. The letter is typed single spaced and purportedly signed by James Ray. *P*

In the letter the writer states that he has been in the Los Angeles area but was departing Los Angeles as of the time he mailed the letter. He alleges that he is sick over having slain King but states he killed him for \$3,000. He additionally states that he is disgusted with articles which have been appearing in the press concerning him, particularly derogatory comments made about him by Warden Harold Swensen of the Missouri State Penitentiary and Cathy Norton, a dance instructor who was quoted as saying that "Ray was clumsy." In the letter he alleges that while he is remorseful over having slain King he will not go back to prison again and will kill himself before doing so. The letter does not indicate where Ray stayed in Los Angeles or what other cities he may have been in since the assassination.

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SAC Grapp stated that while it is not known whether the letter is legitimate or a crank letter, it is being forwarded to the Bureau immediately by commercial aircraft for appropriate Laboratory examination to determine if, in fact, it was written by Ray.

JGK:vea  
(14) *162*

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Los Angeles is immediately conducting appropriate investigation including contacts of all train and bus depots, airports and car rental agencies as well as informants.

The Laboratory has been alerted and the letter will be immediately examined upon its arrival.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

*P* *R* *clm/jk* *Copy*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 3 1968

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI MEMPHIS

200PM URGENT 5-3-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON  
KANSAS CITY, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND  
SPRINGFIELD

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN.

RE BUTEL MAY TWO LAST.

ONE PAIR SHORTS AND T-SHIRT BELIEVED PROPERTY OF SUBJECT,  
RECOVERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SLAYING, BORE BLACK LAUNDRY MARKS  
O TWO B DASH SIX" ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE. SHEET AND PILLOW  
CASE FOUND IN ABANDONED MUSTANG AT ATLANTA BORE BLACK LAUNDRY  
MARKS "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE" ON WHITE THERMO SEAL TAPE.

IN VIEW OF RAY'S INDICATED TENDENCIES TOWARD PERSONAL  
CLEANLINESS, PHOTOS OF RAY SHOULD BE SHOWN AT ALL LAUNDRIES  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF REBUTEL AND CONSIDERATION  
GIVEN TO ALERTING LAUNDRIES ABOVE DESCRIBED TAGS MAY STILL  
BE AFFIXED TO SOME OF SUBJECT'S LAUNDRY.

THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO FURNISH RECEIVING OFFICES WITH  
END PAGE ONE

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PHOTOGRAPHS IN COLOR OF LAUNDRY MARKS.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Long 1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. McDonough 1 - Mr. Trotter  
1 - Mr. Martindale

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach *DL*  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt *RF*  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen *AR*  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It has previously been reported that Ray resided at Harkay Apartments, 2589 Rue Notre Dame Est, Montreal, Canada, for about six weeks, moving out about Labor Day, 1967, but that no record of his tenancy could be located. The apartment owner has found a six months' lease executed by Eric S. Galt on 7/17/67 for Apartment 18. The lease was for the period of 7/18/67 to 1/18/68. Total rent was \$450 payable at \$75 a month.

The apartment owner has no record as to when the subject left but believes he skipped out on 9/2/67. A neighborhood investigation conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police did not develop any pertinent information concerning the subject.

Various allegations have been made that while Ray was in Missouri State Penitentiary he was well supplied with money and regularly received money from outside the prison. A review of Ray's account in the prison shows the following total cash deposits for each year:

1960	\$ 33.06
1961	31.00
1962	50.00
1963	314.10
1964	102.50
1965	50.50
1966	71.10
1967	45.00
	\$667.26

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(14) *vea*

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Most of the above deposits were in small amounts, the largest deposit being \$65 on 4/16/63. Only eight deposits were in amounts of more than \$25 and the total of all deposits of \$20 or more is \$390.

It is noted Ray reportedly escaped 4/23/67. The last cash deposit to his account was in the amount of \$15 on 2/3/67 after which the balance was \$30.35. Various small withdrawals were made between 2/3/67 and 4/21/67 when the last withdrawal of \$9.75 was made, leaving a balance of \$4.36 when Ray escaped.

The official version of Ray's escape from Missouri State Penitentiary is that on 4/23/67 he concealed himself in a truck carrying bread from the prison to a prison farm. There have been allegations that he actually escaped in some other manner and on some other date.

In a report dated 5/3/67, Captain Danton Steele advised the Associate Warden he had investigated Ray's escape, the means of which had "remained a mystery for ten days" because of gross dereliction of duty by three and possibly five prison personnel. Steele reported the following details.

The guard who drove the truck watched inmates load the bread box for the farm and the box did not appear unusually heavy. The driver watched another guard check the truck before leaving the prison and the bread in the box for the farm was still neatly stacked near the top of the box; however, the report noted that the box holds sixty loaves and since only forty loaves were being sent to the farm, the bread should have extended only two-thirds the distance to the top of the box.

En route to the farm the truck stopped to deliver another box of bread and nothing unusual was noticed. Upon arrival at the farm, the bread was found to be torn and crushed so that only a few loaves were usable. This fact went unreported for ten days.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Although Captain Steele concluded that Ray escaped in the bread truck, he pointed out that it would have been necessary for Ray to use a false bottom in the bread box if the bread was neatly stacked as described by two guards. No false bottom was found and Steele raised the question, "Why should the inmate dispose of the false bottom when the bread was mangled beyond use?"

[REDACTED] Oklahoma City, advised that she is acquainted with [REDACTED] who was released from Missouri State Penitentiary, [REDACTED] 67. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that Ray had not escaped in a bakery truck as reported in the newspapers but had escaped in a guard's uniform which he obtained when he was working in the dry cleaning plant at the prison. [REDACTED] said that Ray and the guard had been good friends and that the guard has since been fired. It is noted that one inmate previously interviewed stated that Ray had actually walked out the front door instead of hiding in a bread truck.

ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing to locate Ray as quickly as possible.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials: "R", "CLARK", "V", "J", "W", "R"]*



1 - Mr. McGowan, 2712  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
5/3/68

PLAIN TEXT

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URGENT

TO SAC DENVER (157-203)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

*ph*  
MURKIN.

REDNAIRTEL APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST SUBMITTING

REGISTRATION CARD OF THE ROCKLAND HOTEL, DENVER, FOR ONE

*ph*  
[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

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DIFFERENCES NOTED INDICATE REGISTRATION CARD NOT  
EXECUTED BY SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY; HOWEVER, LIMITED AND  
DISTORTED NATURE OF HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING PRECLUDE  
DEFINITE OPINION.

REC-97 44-38861-3

LATENT RESULTS FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY BEING

SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) - Airmail

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NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted regarding  
the results of the examination set out above.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION  
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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: May 4, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach      1 - Mr. Mohr  
 1 - Mr. Rosen        1 - Mr. Bishop  
 1 - Mr. Malley       1 - Mr. Conrad  
 1 - Mr. McGowan     1 - Mr. Gale  
 1 - Mr. Long          1 - Mr. Sullivan  
 1 - Mr. McDonough   1 - Mr. Trotter  
 1 - Mr. Martindale

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 1 - Mr. Tolson  
 1 - Mr. DeLoach  
 1 - Mr. Mohr  
 1 - Mr. Bishop  
 1 - Mr. Conrad  
 1 - Mr. Gale  
 1 - Mr. Sullivan  
 1 - Mr. Trotter  
 1 - Mr. Tele. Room  
 1 - Mr. Holmes  
 1 - Mr. Gandy

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Postal Inspector at Los Angeles has made available a letter and photograph Ray mailed to Patricia K. Anderson, Los Angeles, 2/17/68. The letter was written as a result of Anderson's inclusion in a list called "The Local Swinger" which is compiled by a correspondence club. Anderson is being located for interview. The letter is set out below.

"Dear Miss:

"I am ansering your listing in The Local Swinger since I think I share most of your interest, with emphasis on French cult, and swing sessions. I have just returned from Mexico after five yrs. and the few females I have met don't go for the swing parties and it takes two to swing. The same routine gets boring, don't you think. Will close until I here from you.

"5-11 - 170 lb. 36 yrs.

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Sincerely

Eric S. Galt"

44-38861-3127  
 25 MAY 10 1968

Owners of "The Local Swinger" recalled Eric Galt had sent one dollar for a list of swingers and subsequently submitted five letters for transmittal to persons identified on the list by symbol number. No record is maintained that would identify the persons the subject wrote but additional investigation is being conducted in this regard.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Both Charles Stein and Rita Stein have stated the above photograph is the best likeness of the subject they have seen. Identifying numbers on the back of this Polaroid print indicate the film was manufactured in August, 1967.

~~REDACTED~~ Los Angeles "Free Press," an avant-garde newspaper, made available the following advertisement placed by Eric S. Galt by mail on 1/30/68 and printed 2/8/68:

"Single male cauc. 36 yrs. 5-11 - 170 lb, digs Fr. cult. desire's discreet meeting with passionate married female for mutual enjoyment, and/or female for swing sessions apt. furn. will ex. photo.

"Write

Eric S. 406-So. 2nd. Alhambra, 91802."

The address used in the above advertisement is that of a mail forwarding service subscribed to by Ray. The owner of this service has previously advised no mail was ever received for the subject.

John Larry Ray, subject's brother, St. Louis, has been reinterviewed and appeared cooperative. He believes the subject started using narcotics in the Army and said he has not seemed right since. He again denied any knowledge of the subject subsequent to his escape.

~~REDACTED~~ Albert Pepper, brother-in-law of the subject, married Ray's sister, Carol, while Ray was in Missouri State Penitentiary. He denies ever meeting Ray or having any knowledge of his whereabouts. Pepper stated he had run off a "Life" magazine reporter with a club.

~~REDACTED~~ who previously advised he had taught Ray burglary, advised that on three occasions while Ray was in Missouri State Penitentiary, Ray contacted him through Carol to purchase a case of cold inhalents, probably benzedrine. The inhalents were picked up each time by an unidentified prison guard who received \$100 for each trip. ~~REDACTED~~ also alleged Ray operated a loan racket in prison.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

The Los Angeles Police Department furnished the Los Angeles Office a letter dated 5/1/68 which was addressed to the Editor in Chief of the "Los Angeles Times." The letter is typed single spaced and signed James Ray. The writer stated he has been in the Los Angeles area but was departing as of the time he mailed the letter, 5/1/68. He alleged he is sick over having slain King, but states he killed him for \$3,000. He additionally states that he is disgusted with articles which have been appearing in the press concerning him, particularly derogatory comments made about him by Warden Harold Swensen of the Missouri State Penitentiary and Cathy Norton, a dance instructor who was quoted as saying that "Ray was clumsy." In the letter he alleges that while he is remorseful over having slain King he will not go back to prison again and will kill himself before doing so. The letter does not indicate where Ray stayed in Los Angeles or what other cities he may have been in since the assassination.

The letter was flown to the Bureau and examined last night by the Laboratory and the Identification Division. Significant differences indicate the James Ray signature probably was not made by James Earl Ray, however, a definite opinion was precluded by limited questioned handwriting. No latent fingerprints were developed on the specimens.

Chicago has advised that various news media converged on Sportsman's Country Club to interview Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, and as a result Jerry left his employment. He has contacted the Chicago Office, stating he plans to visit other relatives in Missouri for three or four days and will probably return to his employment thereafter when news media interest has abated.

ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing to locate Ray as quickly as possible.

*[Handwritten initials: A, L. J. Ray, R, C, WLM 7/1/68]*

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Date: 5-6-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN  
(OO:ME)

Mrs. BETTY JEAN SANDERS, ~~██████████~~  
~~██████████~~, Sarasota, Fla. on 5-3-68 advised while  
reviewing the 5-3-68 issue of Life magazine  
concerning the article on subject RAY she noticed  
her photograph in the group picture on page 20.

She is in the fourth row, first on the  
left. She remembers this being taken during her  
first teaching assignment at Ewing, Mo. when she  
was 19 years of age. She only taught at Ewing  
from September, 1937 to May, 1938 and only taught  
part of the third grade, and did not remember the  
subject or anything about him, and could not  
remember anyone else in the photograph that might  
be connected with him.

She stated her maiden name which was  
the name she used in 1937, was BETTY JEAN RHEA.  
She was furnishing this information in the event  
she was being sought for interview in this case.

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2 - Memphis  
2 - St. Louis  
2 - Tampa  
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C. C. Bishop

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Approved: 11

80 MAY 10 1968 Special Agent in Charge

Sent

F B I

Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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ReButel, 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. Dallas will determine from the subscriber or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka obtain all available information.

DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/16/67	Houston 673-9369	[REDACTED]	Dallas, Texas
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8079	[REDACTED]	Dallas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9564	[REDACTED]	Dallas
12/17/67	Houston 682-9208	[REDACTED]	Fort Worth

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 9 - Dallas
- 2 - Houston
- JSW/sjm
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E.C. Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9631	[REDACTED]	Fort Worth, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9875	[REDACTED]	Fort Worth
12/17/67	Houston 468-9020	[REDACTED]	Fort Worth
12/17/67	Houston 468-9020	[REDACTED]	Fort Worth
12/15/67	453-9555 Houston	[REDACTED]	Fort Worth
12/16/67	"	"	"
12/17/67	"	"	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9631	[REDACTED]	Lubbock, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9838	[REDACTED]	Lubbock
12/17/67	Houston 468-9838	[REDACTED]	Lubbock
12/16/67	Orange 886-9776	[REDACTED]	Lubbock
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9065	[REDACTED]	Lufkin
12/16/67	Houston 468-9898	[REDACTED]	Lufkin
12/15/67	Houston 468-9076	[REDACTED]	Lufkin
12/15/67	Houston 673-9720	[REDACTED]	Rylie, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9535	[REDACTED]	Rylie

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/17/67	Houston 673-9604	[REDACTED]	Rylie
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8273	[REDACTED]	Denton, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 682-9123	[REDACTED]	Denton
12/17/67	Houston 682-9123	[REDACTED]	Denton
12/16/67	Houston 468-9903	[REDACTED]	Denton
12/16/67	835-9162 Beaumont	[REDACTED]	Midland, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9162	[REDACTED]	Midland
12/16/67	Houston 673-9757	[REDACTED]	Palestine, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9757	[REDACTED]	Palestine, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 682-9310	[REDACTED]	Longview, Texas
12/17/67 (two calls, same date)	Beaumont 892-9054	[REDACTED]	Longview
12/17/67	673-9171 Houston	[REDACTED]	Center, Texas
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9571	[REDACTED]	Center, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 682-9123	[REDACTED]	Plainview, Texas



HO 44-1509

DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/16/67	Houston 673-9822	[REDACTED] (This may not be a [REDACTED] - illegible)	Plainview
12/15/67	Houston 468-9139	[REDACTED]	Wichita Falls, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9796	[REDACTED]	Wichita Falls
12/15/67	Beaumont 825-9041	[REDACTED]	Texarkana, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9041	[REDACTED]	Texarkana
12/15/67	Houston 452-9294	[REDACTED]	Grapeland, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 673-9716	[REDACTED]	McKinney, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 468-9814	[REDACTED]	Farmersbranch
12/16/67	Houston 673-9829	[REDACTED]	Crockett, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9535	[REDACTED]	Crystal, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9631	[REDACTED]	Hughes Springs, Texas
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9126	[REDACTED]	Greenville, Texas

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/16/67	Houston 468-9857	[REDACTED]	Addison, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 468-9933	[REDACTED]	Marlin, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 453-9500	[REDACTED]	Altou, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 682-9097	[REDACTED]	Atlanta, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9650	[REDACTED]	Roby
12/15/67	Houston 468-9009	[REDACTED]	Paducah, Texas
12/16/67	Orange 886-9897	[REDACTED]	Henderson, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 468-9968	[REDACTED]	Richardson, Texas
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9065	[REDACTED]	Terrell, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9749	[REDACTED]	Weatherford, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 673-9976	[REDACTED]	Waxahachie, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 682-9117	[REDACTED]	Nacogdoches, Texas

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/17/67	Vidor 769-9155	[REDACTED]	Rockwell, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 682-9307	[REDACTED]	Eagle Mountain Lake

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Date: 5/6/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE  
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau, 4/30/68 to ascertain identity and nature of phone call from West, Texas area on 12/17/67, to phone No. [REDACTED] at Diboll, Texas.

It was determined on 5/4/68, that the subscriber to this phone number is JESS PARKER, Diboll, Texas.

On 5/4/68, MRS. ANNA PEARL PARKER, Diboll, Texas, said that her husband, JESS, is deceased and that she had telephone No. [REDACTED] for several years. She recalled that on 12/17/67, her son and his wife telephoned her from a small town in West Texas on that date to inform her that they were unable to arrive on Monday (12/18/67). MRS. PARKER explained that her son is in the U. S. Navy stationed in California and on 12/17/67 was en route by automobile to visit her over the Christmas holidays.

MRS. PARKER said she is aware of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, the alleged killer of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, but does not know RAY and has not received any phone calls from him.

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TO BUREAU, ST. LOUIS, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, AND CHARLOTTE  
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) P

MURKIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST LOUIS FOUR  
TWENTYFOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS DESCRIBED AS GOOD FRIEND OF RAY WHEN BOTH IN MISSOURI  
STATE PRISON. [REDACTED] LIVES SOUTH ST LOUIS, IS A NARCOTIC ADDICK  
AND PUSHER. HE GOT [REDACTED] TELEPHONE NUMBER FROM [REDACTED] TELEPHONE BOOK  
HE STARTED CONVERSATION [REDACTED] BY STATING HE WAS SHOCKED ON  
LEARNING THAT RAY KILLED KING [REDACTED] STATING RAY CALLED HIM  
[REDACTED] TWICE SINCE KING WAS KILLED, ONCE FROM NEW ORLEANS, LA., AND ONE  
FROM NORTH CAROLINA. HE STATED [REDACTED] THAT RAY WAS NOW  
DRIVING WHITE CHEVROLET CAMARO AND HAD SUB-MACHINE GUN. [REDACTED] ALSO  
STATED RAY TOLD HIM HE HAD PLENTY OF MONEY.

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██████ TOLD ██████ IF RAY CALLED AGAIN TO TELL HIM TO CONTACT ██████  
██████ GAVE ██████ HIS ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ██████

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED ██████ REQUEST ██████ NOT BE  
INTERVIEWED AS HE FEELS ██████ WOULD KNOW SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

RELIABILITY ██████ NOT KNOWN AS HE HAS ONLY BEEN CONTACTED FOR TWO  
WEEKS HOWEVER HE HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION ██████

LEAD PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH IN RE TEL FOR ST LOUIS TO INTERVIEW ██████  
██████, RESULTS OF WHICH NOT KNOWN TO LITTLE ROCK.

██████ SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF INFORMATION  
OBTAINED BY ██████ AS ██████ MAY BE ONLY PERSON ██████ HAS TOLD.

WHEN ██████ IS INTERVIEWED IN WEEK OR TEN DAYS INFORMATION FURNISH-  
ED BY ██████ SHOULD IN NO WAY BE DIVULGED TO ██████

CONTACT WILL BE MAINTAINED WITH ██████

NO SPECIFICS BEING SET FORTH FOR NEW ORLEANS AND CHARLOTTE, HOW-  
EVER THESE OFFICES BEING FURNISHED THIS COMMUNICATION TO ALERT THEM OF  
THE POSSIBILITY RAY MAY HAVE BEEN IN THEIR DIVISION INDICATED HEREIN.

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 FROM: *WJH* SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Remyairtel, 5/2/68.

Enclosed with reairtel was a list of approximately 300 calls made, 12/15-17/67, Houston Division to Louisiana. These numbers were obtained through equipment programmed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Set forth in this airtel are an additional 75 phone calls, 12/15-17/67, Houston to Louisiana which were obtained by a physical review of telephone records by agents of the Houston Division.

New Orleans should have each call checked out.

DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8358	[REDACTED]	New Orleans
12/16/67	835-9094 Beaumont	[REDACTED]	New Orleans
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9725	[REDACTED]	Lake Charles

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/15/67	Houston 682-9208	[REDACTED]	Lake Charles
12/17/67	Houston 682-9102	[REDACTED]	"
12/15/67	Orange 886-9907	[REDACTED]	Lake Charles
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8194	[REDACTED]	"
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8194	[REDACTED]	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8098	[REDACTED]	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8140	[REDACTED]	"
"	"	"	"
12/16/67	Vidor 679-9103	[REDACTED]	Lake Charles
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9103	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9104	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	Houston 673-9557	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	Houston 673-9557	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	Houston 673-9557	[REDACTED]	"
12/17/67	468-9039 Houston	[REDACTED]	Lake Charles
12/16/67	Orange 886-9708	[REDACTED]	"

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8334	[REDACTED]	Lake Charles
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8351	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9369	[REDACTED]	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9292	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9243	[REDACTED]	"
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9040	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9094	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	Houston 468-9857	[REDACTED]	LaFayette, Louisiana
12/17/67	673-9008 Houston	[REDACTED]	"
12/15/67	Houston 468-9032	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8347	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9243	[REDACTED]	Opelousas
12/17/67	Houston 673-9112	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	Houston 673-9557	[REDACTED]	"

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8264	[REDACTED]	Opelousas
12/16/67	Orange 886-9954	[REDACTED]	Vinton
12/15/67	Orange 886-9900	[REDACTED]	Vinton
12/15/67	886-9844 Orange	[REDACTED]	Vinton
12/16/67	Orange 886-9844	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	886-9714 Orange	[REDACTED]	Vinton
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9700	[REDACTED]	Baton Rouge
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9631	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67 (Four calls same date)	Beaumont 892-9920	[REDACTED]	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8111	[REDACTED]	Oakdale
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9208	[REDACTED]	"
12/15/67	Vidor 769-9103	[REDACTED]	Leesville
12/16/67	886-9750 Orange	[REDACTED]	Leesville
12/17/67	Orange 886-9989	[REDACTED]	Sulphur
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8275	[REDACTED]	Sulphur
12/15/67	Vidor 769-9103	[REDACTED]	Eunice

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/15/67	Houston 468-9156	[REDACTED]	Eunice
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8347	[REDACTED]	Jennings
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9319	[REDACTED]	Jennings
12/15/67	Houston 673-9979	[REDACTED]	Shreveport
12/17/67	Houston 468-9009	[REDACTED]	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9522	[REDACTED]	Mansfield
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9658	[REDACTED]	Ville Platt
12/17/67	Houston 673-9050	[REDACTED]	<u>Grmnsimbo</u>
12/15/67	Houston 468-9182	[REDACTED]	Ponchatola
12/17/67	Houston 683-9332	[REDACTED]	Marion
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8051	[REDACTED]	Many
12/17/67	886-9873 Orange	[REDACTED]	Many
12/17/67	Houston 682-9059	[REDACTED]	Plaucheville
12/15/67	Orange 886-9777	[REDACTED]	Starks
12/17/67	Houston 673-9076	[REDACTED]	Crowley

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/17/67	Houston 673-9501	[REDACTED]	Minden
12/17/67	Orange 886-9727	[REDACTED]	Church Point
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8111	[REDACTED]	Elizabeth
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8027	[REDACTED]	DeQuincy
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8127	[REDACTED]	"
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8104	[REDACTED]	Ragley
12/17/67	Orange 886-9754	[REDACTED]	Rayne
12/16/67	Orange 886-9900	[REDACTED]	Alexandria
12/15/67	452-9133 Houston	[REDACTED]	Abbeville
12/17/67	Houston 468-9898	[REDACTED]	Monroe
12/16/67	Houston 673-9407	[REDACTED]	Dubach
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8070	[REDACTED]	White Castle
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9136	[REDACTED]	Logansport

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)  
MURKIN  
(OO:ME)

Re Dallas teletype to the Bureau, 5/1/68.

Regarding telephone call made from telephone located at Alpine, Texas, 12/17/67, 7:18 a.m., to Number [REDACTED], Del Rey, California, it was determined that one digit was missing. [REDACTED], Pacific Telephone Company, advised that most of the prefix numbers at Del Rey, California, are [REDACTED]. He advised that Telephone Number [REDACTED] was listed to COSME GARZA, [REDACTED], Del Rey. The phone was disconnected on 2/15/68.

On 5/6/68, LYDIA GARZA, [REDACTED], Del Rey, advised that her father, COSME GARZA, has worked in the Del Rey area since 1964, and formerly resided in Weslaco and Mercedes, Texas, but she was unable to recall instant telephone call from Alpine, Texas. She advised that the call

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- 2 - Kansas City
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Sacramento

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may have been made from some relative, but she is not acquainted with anyone in Alpine, Texas, nor was any other member of the family aware of any telephone call received on 12/17/67, from Alpine, Texas.

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

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CABLEGRAM

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TO: 105 LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

THE MEMPHIS OFFICE HAS ADVISED THAT AT TWO FORTYFIVE P.M., MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, [REDACTED], INSPECTIONAL BUREAU, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED HE HAD JUST RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL FROM PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS CHARLIE WHO STATED JAMES EARL RAY'S BODY WILL BE FOUND BETWEEN FIFTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH OF MAY IN AREA FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF WHERE INDIVIDUAL FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, WAS ARRESTED BY MEXICAN POLICE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. ACCORDING TO THIS ANONYMOUS CALLER, RAY WAS PAID FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO KILL KING BUT ONLY ABLE TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. THIS MONEY, ACCORDING TO CALLER, PASSED THROUGH SOME TWELVE PEOPLE'S HANDS BEFORE REACHING RAY AND ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE AT LEAST THREE YEARS AGO TO ASSASSINATE KING. ANONYMOUS CALLER STATED

INDIVIDUAL WHO ARRANGED KING'S DEATH AND WHO PAID FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS DESIRED RAY'S BODY BE FOUND. CALLER STATED RAY DEPARTED

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY  
RE: MURKIN

MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY UPON ASSASSINATING KING, WAS OUT OF TOWN WITHIN TWELVE MINUTES, TRAVELED TO ATLANTA, GA., SUBSEQUENTLY TRAVELED FROM ATLANTA AND RETURNED TO BIRMINGHAM, THEREAFTER TRAVELING FROM BIRMINGHAM TO LAS VEGAS, TO PHOENIX, ARIZ., AND DOWN INTO MEXICO.

[REDACTED] STATED IDENTICAL INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY TWO OTHER POLICE OFFICERS WITHIN PAST THIRTY MINUTES, FROM SAME ANONYMOUS SOURCE.

THE INDIVIDUAL FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, REFERRED TO BY ANONYMOUS CALLER MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, WHO WAS PICKED UP BY MEXICAN POLICE AT CABORCA, MEXICO, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, WHOSE ARREST TOUCHED OFF PRESS SPECULATION THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

LEGAT, MEXICO CITY SHOULD ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION IN THE LOCALE FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF CABORCA IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY'S WHEREABOUTS. YOUR INQUIRIES SHOULD ALSO DETERMINE IF ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED RECENTLY BY MEXICAN POLICE, AND IF SO, APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE THEREAFTER INITIATED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re SA airtel to the Bureau, 5/3/68.

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE  
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Referenced airtel sets out information to the effect that there was no such place as Fratt, Texas, telephone number [REDACTED]

On 5/6/68, SA [REDACTED], San Antonio Office, was advised of the following by FTS telephone call:

It had been determined that the telephone call made on 12/17/67, from Van Horn, Texas, had been directed to San Antonio, Texas, and not Fratt, Texas, the telephone number in San Antonio being [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] advised that the San Antonio Office would check out this telephone number.

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(3) Bureau  
2-Memphis (44-1997)  
1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)  
2-San Antonio (44-1242)  
1-El Paso

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CR

ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. San Antonio will determine from the subscriber, or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
12/17/66	Beaumont 835-8100	[REDACTED]	San Antonio Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9020	[REDACTED]	San Antonio
12/17/67	Houston 468-9031	[REDACTED]	San Antonio

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12/17/67	Houston 453-9613	[REDACTED]	Austin, Texas
12/17/67	Beaumont 892-9948	[REDACTED]	Austin
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9567	[REDACTED]	Austin
12/16/67	Houston 673-9996	[REDACTED]	Cameron, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9351	[REDACTED]	Fairfield
12/15/67	468-9871 Houston	[REDACTED]	Hico, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 468-9031	[REDACTED]	Laredo, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 468-9968	[REDACTED]	Luling, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 673-9282	[REDACTED]	Mercedes, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 673-9282	[REDACTED]	Mercedes
12/15/67	Houston 673-9541	[REDACTED]	Mexia, Texas
12/16/67	468-9150 Houston	[REDACTED]	McAllen, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 468-9085	[REDACTED]	Odessa, Texas
12/17/67	682-9241 Houston	[REDACTED]	Temple, Texas

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/17/66	Houston 498-9031	[REDACTED]	San Antonio, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9172	[REDACTED]	San Antonio
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9463	[REDACTED]	San Antonio
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9463	[REDACTED]	San Antonio
12/17/67 (Two calls same date)	Beaumont 835-9463	[REDACTED]	San Antonio
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8273	[REDACTED]	Austin Texas
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8273	[REDACTED]	Austin
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8146	[REDACTED]	Austin
12/16/67	Houston 673-9872	[REDACTED]	Austin
12/17/67	Houston 673-9926	[REDACTED]	Austin
12/15/67	Houston 673-9170	[REDACTED]	Austin
12/15/67	Houston 468-9026	[REDACTED]	Austin
12/16/67	Houston 468-9039	[REDACTED]	Austin
12/16/67	Houston 468-9039	[REDACTED]	Austin
12/17/67	Houston 468-9039	[REDACTED]	Austin
12/17/67	Houston 468-9712	[REDACTED]	Austin

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9103	[REDACTED]	Temple, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 673-9526	[REDACTED]	Temple
12/15/67	Houston 673-9419	[REDACTED]	Sattler, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 673-9652	[REDACTED]	San Benito, Texas
12/16/67	Orange 886-9772	[REDACTED]	Waco, Texas
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9065	[REDACTED]	Waco, Texas
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9631	[REDACTED]	Waco
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9631	[REDACTED]	West, Texas
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9631	[REDACTED]	West, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 682-9286	[REDACTED]	Pharr, Texas
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8084	[REDACTED]	Little Rio, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9848	[REDACTED]	Burton, Texas

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) (P)  
 SUBJECT MURKIN  
 OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed are three copies RCMP "C" Division  
 report of 4/22 and 4/26/68.

It will be noted information in the report of  
 4/26/68 confirms that set forth in my tel of 5/4/68.

5 - Bureau (Encs. - **ENCLOSURE**)  
 1 Liaison Direct  
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FBI TAMPA

825 PM URGENT 5/7/68 ALS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU-AND TAMPA MAY SIX LAST.

[REDACTED] GUY GARDNER, SECRETARY-TREASURER AND  
BUSINESS MANAGER, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, INC., TAMPA, FLA., ADVISED  
THAT THE SHOW HAS NOT ISSUED "PERSONNEL IDENTIFICATION" CARDS  
DURING PAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS DURING TIME THEY HAVE BEEN  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHOW. DRAW RECEIPTS MADE AVAILABLE BY [REDACTED]  
WERE NOT ISSUED BY ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS. WITHDRAWAL FORMS USED BY  
ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS BEAR THE COMPLETE NAME OF THE SHOW. GARDNER  
RECALLED THAT DURING SHOWING IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, OCTOBER  
EIGHT THROUGH FIFTEEN LAST, IDENTIFICATION CARDS SIMILAR TO ONE  
PRESENTED BY [REDACTED] WERE OFFERED FOR SALE BY UNKNOWN COMPANY AT  
SITE OF SHOW, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

RUSSELL C. BREWER OPERATED OPERATED RIDE BATCAVE DURING  
NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. PRESENT ADDRESS [REDACTED]  
PORTLAND, OREGON. TAMPA FAIR HELD FEBRUARY SIX THROUGH SEVENTEEN  
LAST.

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*cc. Long*



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TED AND JOE WILLIAMS, OPERATORS OF COOKHOUSE, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, NOT AVAILABLE. WILL REJOIN ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AT DAVENPORT, IOWA, JUNE ONE NEXT.

LEADS TO INTERVIEW BREWER AND WILLIAMS BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF BIRMINGHAM.

WITHDRAWAL FORMS AND MANIFEST CARD USED BY ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS BEING SUBMITTED AMSD, BIRMINGHAM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ATLANTA

10:31PM URGENT 5-7-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHARLOTTE, AND SAVANNAH  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY SEVEN INSTANT.

EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECKS FOR DATES APR. SEVEN THROUGH APR.  
TEN SIXTYEIGHT CONTINUING. SOUTHERN AIRLINE COMPLETED AND NEGATIVE.  
DELTA AIRLINE CHECKS CONTINUING. TELETYPE SENT MIAMI TO CONDUCT  
EASTERN AIRLINE.

PIEDMONT AIRLINE RECORDS REFLECT (FNU) RAY ON EASTERN AIRLINE  
FLIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE ORIGINATING NASHVILLE ON APR. SIX LAST TO  
ATLANTA. RAY BOOKED THROUGH TO FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., ON APR. SEVEN;  
HOWEVER, PASSAGE CANCELED AND PIEDMONT HAS NO RECORD OF HOW RAY  
LEFT ATLANTA.

PIEDMONT RECORDS ALSO REFLECT [REDACTED] BOOKED PASSAGE  
MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., TO ATLANTA ON  
FLIGHT EIGHT FOUR SEVEN APR. FIVE LAST; EASTERN AIRLINE FLIGHT ONE  
ONE ONE, ATLANTA TO BIRMINGHAM, AND RETURNED VIA UNITED AIRLINE  
FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN ZERO ON APR. EIGHT LAST. SCHEDULED TO RETURN  
TO FAYETTEVILLE ON APR. EIGHT; HOWEVER, PIEDMONT RECORDS REFLECT  
ONLY PASSAGE FROM FAYETTEVILLE TO ATLANTA ON APR. FIVE LAST.

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[REDACTED] ATLANTA, ADVISED THAT ON MAY FOUR SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE IN STUCKEY'S CARRIAGE INN, JEKYLL ISLAND, AND CHECKED OUT THIS DATE AND NOTED ONE OF THE BELLHOPS, A WHITE MALE ABOUT THIRTY, BROWN HAIR, AND BLUE EYES, RESEMBLED SUBJECT RAY. HE DID NOT WEAR UNIFORM AND APPARENTLY WAS NOT EXPERIENCED AS A BELLHOP. HE WAS EVASIVE WHEN ASKED QUESTIONS BY [REDACTED] CONCERNING AN EMPLOYMENT IN ATLANTA.

MRS. ESTELLE PETERS, PIEDMONT LAUNDRY, ONE ONE SIX EIGHT PEACHTREE ST., NE, ATLANTA, SHOWN LATEST PHOTO OF SUBJECT BUT BELIEVES PHOTO OF SUBJECT WITH BOWTIE THE BEST.

CHARLIE STEPHENS, UNITED CAB CO., ATLANTA, SHOWN LATEST PHOTO OF SUBJECT AND STATED DOES NOT RESEMBLE ANY PASSENGERS HE HAS HAD IN HIS CAB.

ONE [REDACTED] EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED] ATLANTA, AS GUARD AT [REDACTED] PULLED A GUN ON A DOCTOR IN THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN NARCOTICS. [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED AND INTERVIEWED IN ATLANTA CITY JAIL. HE ADMITTED BEING ADDICTED TO DEMEROL AND STATED HE WAS IN DIRE NEED OF A FIX AT THAT TIME AND ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN IT FROM THE DOCTOR. [REDACTED] IN NO WAY FITS DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT. HE WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF SUBJECT AND DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT BY PHOTO, NAME, OR KNOWN ALIASES. [REDACTED] STATED HE IS UNFAMILIAR WITH AMPHETAMINE NARCOTIC.

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PAGE THREE

CHARLOTTE, AT FAYETTEVILLE. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]

MEMPHIS, AT NASHVILLE. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY EASTERN AIRLINE  
PASSENGER RAY.

SAVANNAH, AT JEKYLL ISLAND. IDENTIFY BELLHOP DESCRIBED BY

[REDACTED] EMPLOYED AT STUCKEY'S CARRIAGE INN.

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FBI MIAMI

7:51PM EST 5-7-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO THE BUREAU APRIL TWENTYNINE,  
LAST, AND BALTIMORE TEL TO LOS ANGELS AND MIAMI MAY  
FOUR, LAST.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTH ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

MAX MENDELSON INTERVIEWED, MIAMI, THIS DATE AND ADVISED  
HE WAS IN LOS ANGELES DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT,  
AND RESIDED [REDACTED]  
WITH HIS SISTER AND USED TELEPHONE IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL TO  
CALL HIS DAUGHTER. MENDELSON VIEWED PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES  
EARL RAY AND WAS UNABLE TO RECALL SEEING HIM.

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FBI KAN CITY

643PM URGENT 5-7-68 ELN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO LEARN INFORMATION REGARDING "COOLEYS ORGANIZATION" IN THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE, INTERVIEWS AT PRISON CONTINUE.

LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSE AREA BEING CONTACTED. INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW FULL-BLOODED INDIAN BARBER REPORTED TO BE ASSOCIATE OF RAY AT THE MSP. SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] IS MRS. FLOYD NONTZ, [REDACTED] WATHENA, KS. SHE AND HER SON A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ARE THE ONLY RESIDENTS AT THAT ADDRESS. BOTH ADVISED THAT TELEPHONE IN THEIR NAME SINCE MAY SIXTYSEVEN AND RECALL NO CALLS FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS AT ANY TIME. PHOTOGRAPH OR NAME OF SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO THEM.

COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED] FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM.

LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO GET IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

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END

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cc - [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

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Date: 5/7/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham teletype to Director, 5/3/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Memphis Office is one photograph of [REDACTED], MSP # [REDACTED] and 3 pages from his penitentiary file containing complete background information regarding him. This is being furnished per request of referenced communication to assist in locating [REDACTED] in the Birmingham area.

③ - Bureau  
2 - Birmingham  
2 - Memphis (Enc. 4)  
2 - Kansas City  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, dated 4/27/68,  
Kansas City airtel to Bureau, dated 5/1/68, copy to LA,  
and Kansas City teletype to Bureau, dated 5/2/68.

Enclosed for Los Angeles is the FBI record and  
photograph of [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED]  
which indicates he was last arrested by Sheriff's Office,  
Los Angeles # [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] /67 [REDACTED]

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Review [REDACTED] arrest record for leads to  
his whereabouts.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2)  
2 - Kansas City  
RH:WSA  
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C. C. - [REDACTED]

Approved: [REDACTED] 151963  
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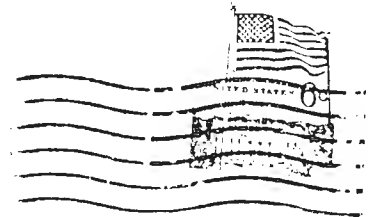


[REDACTED]

Algonac

May have information  
on Dr King's killer

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Washington, D.C.

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EX 106

To: SAC, Detroit

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re [REDACTED] - suspect.

Enclosed for Detroit are two copies of a note postmarked 5-2-68, at Algonac, Michigan, indicating that [REDACTED] Algonac, may have information regarding the victim's killer. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

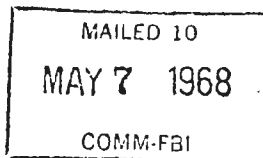
Detroit should interview [REDACTED] for any information pertinent to this investigation.

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1 - Memphis (Enc.)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DLW*

DATE: May 7, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

1 - Mr. DeLoach	1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McDonough	1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Martindale	

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the matter involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Louis E. Lomax has now released his final news article. It is a vicious and unwarranted attack against the Bureau and is replete with misstatements of fact and ridiculous conclusions.

1. LOMAX STATES: The Director deeply disliked King and once referred to him as a notorious liar; therefore, few black people will believe the Bureau will work overtime to find King's slayer.

FACTS: The total facilities of the FBI have been fully committed to this case from the outset. Investigation has proceeded around-the-clock on a top priority basis throughout the United States and in various foreign countries. Thousands of interviews have been conducted and hundreds of suspects have been processed. A tremendous number of examinations have been conducted by the Laboratory and Identification Division. Every logical investigative approach is being vigorously pursued and there will be no let up until Ray is apprehended.

2. LOMAX STATES: The FBI is inept or its bungling is intentional.

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FACTS: The Bureau's record in this case is one of substantial achievement. Starting with an unknown subject, the man known as Eric Galt was identified as a prime suspect within five days. Within another week we had obtained a photograph of the subject and the Attorney General. MAY 9 1968 considered sufficient evidence had been developed to

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RE: MURKIN

warrant Federal process. Three days later, as a result of a project to check latent fingerprints against the fingerprints of more than 53,000 fugitives, Ray was determined to be identical with Galt.

3. LOMAX STATES: Somebody managed to circulate wrong fingerprints for Ray and if he had been arrested when he abandoned his car in Atlanta (4/5/68) he would not have been identified as Ray.

FACTS: The FBI has issued only one set of fingerprints and these are the actual fingerprints of Ray. When Ray escaped from prison in April, 1967, Missouri authorities issued a wanted notice that bore the wrong fingerprints; however, the warden immediately issued a corrected wanted notice bearing the correct fingerprints. We had nothing to do with these wanted notices issued by Missouri almost a year before King was killed.

4. LOMAX STATES: The FBI has pre-empted local police from the case by declaring the King murder a conspiracy.

FACTS: We have closely cooperated with the Memphis Police who obtained a murder warrant immediately after Federal process was obtained. All evidence has been turned over to the police together with the results of Laboratory and fingerprint examinations and we have offered local authorities whatever assistance may be needed in presenting the case to a local grand jury.

5. LOMAX STATES: The FBI has yet to ask the cooperation of the Los Angeles Police.

FACTS: Our relations with the Los Angeles Police in this case have been excellent. We have checked their records on the subject and various other individuals and on 5/3/68 when the police received a letter to the "Los Angeles Times" purportedly written by the subject, it was immediately made available to the Los Angeles Office.

6. LOMAX STATES: Ray made at least three trips from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

FACTS: Ray is only known to have made two trips from Los Angeles to New Orleans, in December, 1967, and in March, 1968.

7. LOMAX STATES: The FBI confiscated telephone company records listing calls made from Los Angeles telephone booths used by Ray and only the FBI knows what these records show.

FACTS: We have not confiscated any records. We have obtained information from the telephone company regarding calls made from all pay telephones in the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles. It would appear that Lomax has been unsuccessful in his efforts to obtain similar information from the telephone company.

8. LOMAX STATES: America's blacks never have trusted either the Director or the FBI.

FACTS: We have long enjoyed the confidence of responsible Negro leaders and the responsible Negro press. This confidence has been gained by the Bureau's continuing success in handling Civil Rights cases such as the murder of three civil rights workers in Mississippi, the murder of Lt. Colonel Lemuel Penn in Georgia, the murder of Viola Liuzzo in Alabama, investigations concerning discrimination in voting, education, and many similar investigative accomplishments.

9. LOMAX STATES: The FBI leaked a story to the press suggesting a Negro was behind King's murder.

FACTS: This is absolutely false.

10. LOMAX STATES: The Director should publicly admit his dislike for King and then "share the hunt" with a less prejudiced agency; the cause of justice would be better served if the investigation were under a Warren-type, biracial commission.

FACTS: This is unworthy of comment.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

11. LOMAX STATES: It is certain powerful men in American society were part of the deed.

FACTS: We have developed no evidence to indicate this is true nor does Lomax document this statement in any way.

In his prior articles Louis Lomax made reference to a "mysterious blond" named Jerri who he alleged had been involved with Ray at Los Angeles and later went to Milwaukee where Lomax said she had disappeared. Jerri has been identified as Dyrell Dennis [REDACTED] whose relationship with Ray appears to have been limited to a single meeting in a bar followed by a brief visit to his room.

Edgar John Pendleton, Los Angeles, with whom Lomax has also been in contact, has made available a letter he received from Dyrell Dennis, postmarked 4/19/68 at Milwaukee. This letter states in part, "Have you seen Ray? I hope he is OK." Pendleton denies any knowledge of the subject and states the Ray mentioned by Dennis is Ray Selma, a Mexican-American who formerly resided at the St. Francis Hotel. It is noted Dennis has stated she knew the subject only as Eric.

Local authorities are scheduled to present this matter to a grand jury at Memphis, 5/7/68, to seek a murder indictment against Ray. At the present time it does not appear that Bureau personnel will be required to testify, but the Special Agent in Charge will be available if he is needed.

ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing on a top priority basis.

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TELETYPE

FBI ST LOUIS

848PM URGENT 5-7-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAY: JERRY RAY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] STATED WOULD CALL EMPLOYER TO DETERMINE IF PRESS PRESSURE  
STILL ON. IF SO WOULD PROBABLY SPEND FEW DAYS WITH FATHER OR IN  
PHILADELPHIA, PA., AREA USING SURNAME RYAN.

SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED SITUATION QUIET AT EMPLOYMENT, BUT HE BE-  
LIEVED DESIREABLE TO RECHECK TOMORROW BEFORE DECIDING TO RETURN TO CG.  
STAYING WITH BROTHER JOHN. TO VISIT SISTER CAROL PEPPER THIS AFTER-  
NOON.

ADVISED FOLLOWING VISIT PEPPER RELUCTANCE CAUSED BY POLICE RE-  
VELATION OF RAY RELATIONSHIP TO PEPPER EMPLOYER. SHE BELIEVES SUB-  
JECT NOT GUILTY. HE WILL CONTACT CG EMPLOYER BY ELEVEN A.M. AND IF  
SAFE, WILL START FOR CG AT NOON. WILL CONTACT SA [REDACTED] PRIOR TO  
DEPARTURE.

RE CAROL PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE: SL USA VERNE RIDDLE ADVISED  
IN CURRENT PROJECT TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF CRIMINAL OWNER-  
SHIP OF TAVENRS NOT RELATED TO THIS CASE. HE HAD SECURED COOPERA-  
TION OF USPO AND STATE LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICIALS. STATE HAS MAILED

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EXTENSIVE QUESTIONNAIRE TO ALL LICENSED OWNERS OF LIQUOR DISPENSING ESTABLISHMENT IN SL, SL COUNTY AND JEFFERSON COUNTY, WITH RETURN DEADLINE JUNE FIRST. RETURN WILL BE BY MAIL, AND FALSE ANSWERS BY CERTAIN TARGET OWNERS MAY CAUSE PRESENTATION TO GRAND JURY FOR USING MAIL IN FURTHERANCE OF SCHEME TO DEFRAUD. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

ATU ADVISED COURT DECISIONS HOLD PERSON HAVING ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST MAY PROPERLY FILE FORM ELEVEN SPECIAL TAX RETURN AS OWNER, BUT SHOULD SHOW PROFIT OR LOSS ON INCOME TAX RETURN. RETURNS FOR LAST YEAR NOT AVAILABLE TO IRS DISTRICT DIRECTORS FOR TWENTY WEEKS AFTER APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.. NOTE GRAPEVINE STATED LATE DECEMBER LAST AND FAILURE TO LIST PROFIT OR LOSS WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE SIGNIFICANT.

CITY ORDINANCE PROHIBITS EMPLOYMENT OF CONVICTED FELON IN TAVERNS, VIOLATION PUNISHABLE BY ONE TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE AND OR UP TO NINETY DAYS IMPRISONMENT, WITH EACH DAY CONDITION EXISTS CONSTITUTING SEPARATE OFFENSE.

RE: [REDACTED] RE INTERVIEW EXPECTED TO NIGHT.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND LOOK ALIKE RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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Date: 5/7/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau airtel and New Haven dated 4/30/68, and  
[REDACTED] SUSPECT.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on 5/3/68:

On 5/3/68 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Alexandria, Va., advised that [REDACTED] is currently  
a resident of her apartment complex at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] She said he has resided in these apartments since  
November of 1964. She said at the time he moved in, he  
noted his employment to be [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a white male,  
in his mid 20s, approximately 25, with black hair, and  
being quite tall (figure unknown), and very thin. She said  
he bore no resemblance to the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-19847)  
2 - Richmond  
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C. C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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that were exhibited to her as he appears too young and too thin to be the person in the photograph.

[REDACTED] was unable to provide any information concerning the whereabouts of [REDACTED] on 4/5/68.

Since the suspect has resided at this address for about a four year period, and according to the Resident Manager, has not been gone from that address for any extended period, and since the description does not seem to fit that of the subject, it is suggested that no further action be taken in this matter.

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Date: 5/7/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)  
MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Bureau airtel to Indianapolis, Birmingham, and  
Mobile, 4/30/68, copy to Memphis, regarding [REDACTED]  
COMPLAINANT.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

On May 6, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Muncie, Indiana, advised as follows:

All the information which she has furnished by letter  
to FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., was obtained by her and  
her daughter, [REDACTED], Daleville, Indiana, by use of a ouija board, a device  
which mystically spells out words when questions are asked of  
it. Also, she stated that at about the time of the Pueblo  
incident, she began hearing signals over her television set  
which sounded like Morse Code being transmitted, and she  
thought the Russians were doing this.

[REDACTED] letter to the Bureau was orally  
acknowledged and she was asked not to furnish additional letters  
to the Bureau based on information she obtains from her ouija  
board.

In view of the foregoing, no further investigation  
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For the information of Phoenix, Texas offices have reviewed telephone company records and obtained all long distance phone calls from public phones on Interstate Highway 10 during the period 12/15-17/67. JAMES EARL RAY is alleged to have made phone calls during this period along this route.

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DATE	FROM	TO
12/16/67	713-769-9140 Vidor, Texas	<del>REDACTED</del> Phoenix, Arizona

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Mr. Bishop:

RE: BOOKS BY IAN FLEMING  
AUTHOR OF THE JAMES BOND SERIES

Pursuant to Mr. DeLoach's instructions, we have checked the February, 1968, edition of "Paperbound Books in Print," as well as the 1967 edition of "Books in Print," and have determined that Ian Fleming is the author of the following 18 books:

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Casino Royale           | 10. Man With The Golden Gun         |
| 2. Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang | 11. Moonraker                       |
| 3. The Diamond Smugglers   | 12. More Gilt-Edged Bonds           |
| 4. Diamonds Are Forever    | 13. Octopussy                       |
| 5. Doctor No               | 14. On Her Majesty's Secret Service |
| 6. For Your Eyes Only      | 15. Spy Who Loved Me                |
| 7. From Russia With Love   | 16. Thrilling Cities                |
| 8. Goldfinger              | 17. Thunderball                     |
| 9. Live & Let Die          | 18. You Only Live Twice             |

In connection with the Martin Luther King case, there has been some speculation that James Earl Ray concocted the alias of Eric Starvo Galt by combining the names of characters from Ian Fleming books and from the book "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand. This speculation is based upon the fact that in Ian Fleming's series of James Bond books, an individual named Ernst Stavro Blofeld is one of the most formidable adversaries who confronts James Bond. Ernst Stavro Blofeld, for example, appears in "Thunderball," "On her Majesty's Secret Service" and elsewhere in the James Bond series. It will be noted, however, that there is a significant difference between Eric Starvo Galt and Ernst Stavro Blofeld.

Ayn Rand's book "Atlas Shrugged" was published in 1957 and is more than 1,100 pages long. The book begins on page 1 with the question, "Who is John Galt?" (Galt is characterized in this book as a

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RE: BOOKS BY IAN FLEMMING

social "drop-out"--a person who has withdrawn from society because he resents the "leeches" who habitually take from, but do not contribute to, the body politic.) It is interesting to note that a person named Eric Starnes also is mentioned in "Atlas Shrugged." On 321 of this book, a chief of police in Louisiana is quoted as stating as follows about the Starnes family:

"There's all sorts of human beings to see in the world, there's murderers and criminal maniacs--but, somehow, I think these Starnes persons are what decent people shouldn't have to see. They're a bad sort.... Yes, they're still here in town--two of them, that is. The third one is dead. Suicide. That was four years ago. Its an ugly story. He was the youngest of the three, Eric Starnes. He was one of those chronic young men who go around whining about their sensitive feelings, when they're well past forty...."

The name Eric Starnes--appearing in a book which starts off with the question "Who is John Galt?"--could prompt some persons to say that James Earl Ray concocted the name Eric Starvo Galt after reading Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged", and that this alias has nothing to do with any of the characters in Ian Fleming's books. Furthermore, these persons could say similarities do exist between James Earl Ray's family and the family of Eric Starnes as described on page 321 of "Atlas Shrugged." Confronted with the above-cited quotation from "Atlas Shrugged," some of these same persons undoubtedly would insist that FBI fugitive James Earl Ray (like Eric Starnes) has committed suicide. (On the other hand, significant differences can be pointed out between Eric Starnes and James Ray. For example, Eric Starnes is described as the youngest of the Starnes; whereas, James Earl Ray was the oldest child in his family.

Attached are lists of the names which appear in 14 of the 18 Ian Fleming books. The other four Ian Fleming books ("Thrilling Cities," "Octopussy," "More Gilt-Edged Bonds" and "Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang") are not available in Washington book stores, including stores dealing in paperback books. If desired, we will ask the New York Office to attempt to run down copies of these four books in that city.

  
M. A. Jones

## CASINO ROYALE

By Ian Fleming

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Monsieur Xavier	8	Smyert Shpionam	18
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"Diamonds are Forever"

Galland	Sergeant Dankwaerts	Kriendler Brothers
Sillitoe	Sergeant Lobiniere	C. V. Whitney
Daker	Mr. Grunspan	William Woodward, Jr.
M.	Willy Behrens	Come Again
James Bond	George Feyer	Pray Action
Jacoby	Michael Tree, wa, Shady Tree	Raymond Loewy
Bronsteen	Tommy Armour	Jimmy Cannon
Bill	Seraffimo Spang	Jersey Lily
Sefton Delmer	Edgar Hoover	Lily Langtry
Lil	W. Winter	Novelty
DeBeers	Mike Hammer	Iron Mask
Ronnie Vallance	Rocky	Mauve Decade
Rufus B. Saye, wa, Jack Spang	Felix Leiter	Colonel E. R. Bradley
Miss Money Penny	Shy Smile	Al Vanderbilt
Bugsy Siegel	Pickapepper	Jock Whitney
Peter Franks	Smersh	Bill Winfrey
Tiffany Case	A B C	Native Dancer

"Diamonds are Forever"

Lucy Luciano	Belair Stud	Mr. Lucian
Kid Tatters	Mr. Weiss	Suet Face
T. Bell, aka - Tingaling Bell	Windy Wint	Frasso
Lame-Brain Pissaro	Boofy Kidd	McGonigle
Rosy Budd	Ernie Cuneo	Captain Hook
Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons	Jack Entratter	B. Kitteridge
"Chicago" O'Brien	Bobby Bilbo	Mr. Rothblatt

"The Diamond Smugglers"

Ian Fleming

Sir Reginald Leeper

Mr. Swart

Brigadier Rademeyer

Volk - father & son

Bernard Nealon

John Blaize

"old" Chief

Cecil Rhodes

Williamson

Somerset Maugham

Eric Ambler

Charles Hallam

Protection officer du Raan

Prospector Katze

Mr. Louwrens

Sergeant Cilliers

Andries Coetzze

Alexander Foote

Alphonse

Desmond

X

Sir Percy Sillitoe

Sir Ernest Oppenheimer

Major General J. A. Brink

Mr. Justice Claasens

Bill Syer

Philip Oppenheimer

Fuchs

LeBeers

Kimberley Diamond Mines

Van Blommestein & Birt

Graham Greene

Tim Patterson

Piet Willers

T. S. Patterson

Blake

Davis

de Graaf

Mrs. Coetzze

Christine Granville

Sammy Silberstein

Captain van der Westhuisen

Charlie

"The Diamond Smugglers"

Johnny	Clausewitz
William Percival Radley ("Tony")	Harry Openheimer
Donald Miles	Kutze
Karl	Groffelaar
Smith	Patrick Sullivan
Mr Henry Orford (Mrs )	Leiser Weitman
Blaize	John Gundry
Bernard Nealon	Commissioner Bill Syer
Security Chief Harry Morgan	Willy Rosen
Lisl Rosen	Sillitoe
Finkle	Delores
Senator Witherspoon (Honourable William N.)	
Miss Dorothy Cooper	Dean's Bar ( <u>the</u> bar of Tangier)
Mr. P. M. R. Willis	Harry Morgan
Johnson's HOTEL	Henry Brasseur
Ardayast Powanlian	Kheir
British Consul, David Mitchel	British Ambassador, Mr. Capper
American Charge d'Affaires, Frank Wile	
Max Pop	Robert Johnson
Francis Gballeit	(name omitted: I. F.)
Arthur Sherman	President Tubman
Belcher	Sir Ernest Oppenheimer
Sir Herbert Cox	Lyall
Monsieur Diamant	Philip Schreiber

"The Diamond Smugglers"

Amschel Benny Engel

Solomon Cukrowicz

M. Lallet

David Gollansky

M. Mario Pinci

Alahaji Mustafa Ibrahim

Alio Giwa

Mike Collins

Nathan Ascher Glatt

R. F. Sheldon

Dr. H. P. Lowe

Mr. H. Rogers

H. J. Browning (Mr.)

Harras

"Doctor No"

James Bond	Waygood Otis
Commander John Strangways	Clausewitz
M	Girl Tarzan
Bill Templar	Julius No
Miss Mary Trueblood	Joe
Stoker Smith	Lemmy
James Molony	Gladys
Miss Moneypenny	King George VI
Dr. Peter Steincrohn	II
Major Boothroyd	Nanny
Quarrel	
Miss Annabel Chung	
Sir Hugh Foot	
Mr. Pleydell-Smith	
Miss Longfellow	
Miss Taro	
Dr. No	
Ben Gibbons	
Josiah Smith	
Honeychile Rider	
Limey	
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Sister Lily	
Mr. and Mrs. John Bryce	

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Mary Anns

Rattray

007

Colonel Schreiber

Bates

John O'Hara

Commander

Einstein

Proctor

Station F

SHAPE

Mrs. Havelock

Pyramus

Thisbe

Daphnis

Chloe

Colonel Havelock

Batista

Castro

Jimmy Farquharson

Ursula

Aschenheim

Bill

Judy

Agatha

Fayprince

Henriques

Oliver Cromwell

King Charles

Feddens

H Major Gonzales

Major

Content

Joshua

Pandora

Fifth Sea Lord

Station C

Hammerstein

von Hammerstein

Edgar Hoover

Mr. James

Dick Tracy

Rose Marie

Colonel Johns

Haversack

Walther PPK

Burns Martin

Monty

Ethan Allen

Robina Hood

Judy Havelock

Harvey Millers

Mrs. Harvey Miller

Godalming

Cheltenham

Tunbridge Wells

Governor

Philip Masters

Rhoda Llewellyn

Lady Burford

Tattershall

Rhoda Masters

Whitehall

Fate

Albergo Colomba D'oro

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Signor Kristatos

Mrs. Elizabeth Krest

Alfredo

Liz Krest

Ronnie Vallance

Fatty Arbuckle

Allen Dulles

Mr. Abendana

Santos

Professor Hildebrand

The Dove

Sir Galahad

Enrico Colombo

Lisl Baum

Van Cleef

Byron

Brigitte Bardot

JB

Greta E Garbo

Mr. Toad

Mario

Albergo Daniell

Fidela Barbey

Milton Krest

Makarios

Humphrey Bogart

Milt

Fritz

Liz



"From Russia With Love"

Donovan Grant	Litvinoff
"Red" Grant	Madame Kollontai
Krassno Granitsky	Sorge
"Granit"	Rene Mathis
Dr. Baumgarten	Mendes-France
Colonel Boris	Colonel of State Security Nikitin
Colonel Arkady Fotoyev	James Bond
Lt. Col. Nikolai Godlovsky	Drax
General Ivan Aleksandrovitch Serov	Queen of England
Colonel General Grubozaboyschikov	Churchill
Lt. General Slavin	Colonel Klebb
Lt. General Vozdvishensky	Kronsteen
Admiral Radford	Makharov
Comrade Bulganin	Rosa Klebb
Comrade Khrushchev	Fouche
Gouzenko	Corporal Tatiana Romanova
Fuchs	Professor Deniken
Tokaev	May
Khoklov	Paymaster Captain Troop
Petrov	Burgess
	Maclean
	M.

(Continued)

Miss Money Penny

Miss Case

Carko Kerim

Lermontov

Eric Ambler

Swaine

Adeney

Wilkinson

Loelia Ponsonby

Lil

Kerim Bey

Cecil Beaton

Croesus

David Somerset

Caroline Somerset

Bianco

Major Dansey

Gyllius

Vavra

Krilencu,

Zora

Vida

Boris Kerim

Melchior Benz

Kurt Goldfarb

Tito

Stefan Trempo

"Tempo"

Captain Norman Nash

Wilbur Frank

Comtesse Metterstein

Rosa Malheur

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"Live and Let Die"

James Bond	Mr. Halloran
Grady	Captain Dexter
Felix Leiter	Zachary Smith
Arthur Fein	Baron Samedi
Buonaparte Ignace Gallia	
Tee-Hee Johnson	Sam Miami
Ma Frazier	G-G Sumatra
Leigh Fermor	Mr. Big
M.	Miss Solitaire
Blabbermouth	Flannel
McThing	Simone Latrelle
Samuel D. Baldwin	Mr. Bryce
Mr. Hoover	Mrs. Stuyvesant
Strangways	Quarrel

Total: 27 characters

"The Man With the Golden Gun"

M.	Dr. No	H. Q.
James Bond	Commander Edmund G. Ross	
Captain Walker	Mark Hazard	Sir Alexander Bustamante
Miss Money Penny	Tony Hugill	Mr. Scramble
Colonel Boris	Mr. Brown	Joyce Grenfell
Mr. Em	Mistress Agatha Brown	Mr. Arosio
Major Townsend	Francisco Scaramanga	Mr. C.
Mr. Robson	Mother Edna	Lucius Beebe
Miss Mary Goodnight	Mr. Hendriks	P. G. Wodehouse
Sir James Molony	Sam Binion	John Crow
Bill Tanner	Leroy Gengerella	Rastafari
Burgess	Ruby Rotkopf	Dr. Macdonald
Maclean	Hal Garfinkel	Colonel Bannister
Castro	Louie Paradise	Constable Percival Sampson
Ramon "The Rod" Rodriguez	Mr. S.	Dr. Lister Smith
Enrico Scaramanga	Felix Leiter	Justice Morris Cargill
Harold L. Peterson	Mr. J. P. Morgan	Rommel
Oliver Winchester	Mr. Travis	Donitz
de Gaulle	Mr. Nick Nicholson	Guderian
Beau Desert	Stanley Jones	Napoleon
Honechile Wilder	King Tiger	Allen Dulles

"Moonraker"

M.	Grimley	Otto Skorzeny
James Bond	General Bealey	Hitler
Sir Hugo Drax ("Hugger")	Duff Sutherland	Group Captain Tandy
Loelia Ponsonby (Lil)	Mrs. Fitzherbert	Peter Trimble
Bill	Morphy	Detective-Inspector Vivian
May	Ronnie Vallance	Malenkov
"Pedro"	Tallon	
Miss E. Twining	Gala Brand	
Miss Monepenny	Egon Bartsch	
Jack Hobbs	Clausewitz	
Gordon Richards	Professor Train	
Basildon (Basil)	Dr. Walter	
Tranby Croft	Willy Krebs	
Steffi Esposito	Marie Laurencin	
Meyer	Leica	
Gibbon	Hoagy Carmichael	
Longchamp	Phillips Oppenheim	
Brevett	Baxter	
Canfield	Professor Bhose	
Dangerfield	Galatea	
Max	Graf Hugo von der Drache	
Porterfield	Kaltenbrunner	

"On Her Majesty's Secret Service"

Phillippe Bertrand	Yolande Lefevre
Madame Dufours	James Bond
Boudin	Tissot
Monet	Tracy
Ernst Stavro Blofeld	Blauenfelder
"George"	Monsieur Maurice
Le Contesse Tereso di Vicengo	Monsieur Pol
King Edward VII	Changeur
Croupier	Marc - Ange Draco
Rossi	Jean Gindicelli
Andre Mattei	Loelia Ponsonley
Mary Goodnight	Griffon Or
Peckham	Sir Thomas Bond
Henrietta Maria	Nell Gweynn
Laurence Sterne	Boswell
Johnson	Reynolds
Goldsmith	Garrick
Dean Swift	Canning
Lord Nelson	Lady Hamilton
Sable Basilish Pursuivant	Lord Bently Royal
Gebriider Gumpold-Moosbrugger	Sir Hilary Bray



Walt Disney

G. W. Marshall

Sir James Malony

Irma Bunt

Violet

Anne Charter

Beryl Morgan

Joseph

Achmed

Sarah

Ursula Andress

Aga Khan

Jenny Bray

Mary Potts

O'Neill

Maria Stavro Michelopoulos

Captain Boris

Caresse Ventnor

Denise Robertson

Alphonse de Bleuville

Nero Wolfe

Rex Stout

D'dsigneys

Professor Auguste Kommer

Conte de Bleuville

Ruby

Pearl Tampion

Elizabeth Mackinnon

Fritz

Ivan

Bertil Yugo

Duke of Marlborough

Sir George Dunbar

Duke of Kent

George Albert Windsor

Queen Victoria

Ernst George Blofeld

Shaun Campbell

Herr Graf

Pat Smythe

Simon de Bleuville

Muir

H. Q.

Summerhayes

Mrs. Hammond

Mr. Leathers

Roosevelt

Marius

Che-Che

Le Commandant

Number Two

Ernst Stefan Blofeld

Mr. Franklin

Yuri Gargarin

Sir Ronald Vallance

Mr. Trumper

Toussaint

Georges

Chief Petty Officer Hammond

"The Spy Who Loved Me"

Vivienne Michel	Gracie Donaldson	Millicent Phancey
Mr. Sanguinetti	Bill Donaldson	Mr. Jones
Jed Phancey	Emily Donaldson	Mr. Thompson
Derek Mallaby	Katharine Whitehorne	Sluggsy Morant
Miss Threadgold	Penelope Gilliatt	Sol (Horror) Horowitz
Florence Toussaint	Drusilla Beyfus	James Bond
Ben Said	Veronica Papworth	Jack Kennedy
Susan Duff	Jean Campbell	Boris
The Normans	Shirley Lord	Horst Uhlmann
Maurice Smart	Barbara Griggs	Lieutenant Morrow
Don Shirley	Anne Sharpley	O'Donnell
James Grant	Kurt Rainer	Captain Stonor
Cary Grant	Trude	
Audrey Thompson	Hitler	
Nosy Parker	Dr. Susskind	
Hoppy Jones	Herr Doktor Braunschweig	
Bill Kenny	Pat Moss	
Charlie Fuqua	Fenimore Cooper	
Harling	Amelia Earhart	
Len Holbrook	Amy Mollison	
Frank Donaldson	Elliott Frey	

"Thunderball"

James Bond	Miss Fearing	Roddick
M.	Beresford	Felix Leiter
Bircher-Brenner	Jules	Allen Dulles
Kneipp	Gregor Karlski	Bryce
Preissnitz	Ernst Stavro Blofeld	Harold Christie
Rikli	Marius Domingue	Sergeant Molony
Schroth	Pierre Borraud	Mr. Fuchs
Gossman	Giuseppi Petacchi	Signor Pontecorvo
Bilz	Fidelio Sciacco	Mr. Snow
Miss Money Penny	Bruno Bayer	Mr. Player
Joshua Wain	Loelia Ponsonby	Constable Santos
009	May	Emil Traut
007	Fonda	Brigadier Fairchild
Penny	Enrico Valli	Peter Pedersen
Tommy Steele	Vargas	Admiral Carlson
Polly Grace	Emilio Largo	Strelik
Myrtle	Kotze	Petty Officer Fallon
Alan Moyle	Leopoldo Rodriques	Dr. Stengel
Heinkel	Dominetta Vitali	
Patricia	Pitman	
Count Lippe	F. Larkin	

"You Only Live Twice"

James Bond	Irma Bunt	Frau Emmy Shatterhand
Tiger Tanaka	Mary Goodnight	Mariko Ichiban
Trembling Leaf	Tracy	Superintendent Ando
Grey Pearl	Miss Money Penny	Kissy Suzuki
Dikko Henderson	Colonel Hamilton	Taro Todoroki
Admiral Ohnishi	Allan Dulles	David Niven
M.	McCone	Kono
Porterfield	Prenderghast	Kazama
Sir James Molony	Bill Tanner	Noel Coward
Ernst Stavro Blofeld	Jim Saunderson	Theresa
Richard Lovelace Henderson	Doctor Guntram Shatterhand, aka - Comte de Bleuville	

May 6, 1968

Mr. Bishop:

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RE: BOOKS BY IAN FLEMING  
AUTHOR OF THE JAMES BOND SERIES

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
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Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Rosen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

By informal memorandum dated May 3, 1968, I furnished you lists of the names which appear in 14 of the 18 books written by Ian Fleming. My informal memorandum noted that we were unable to obtain copies of four of Fleming's books ("Thrilling Cities," "Octopussy," "More Gilt-Edged Bonds" and "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang") here in Washington--but that we would ask the New York Office to attempt to run down copies of them, if desired.

Pursuant to Mr. DeLoach's instructions, the New York Office was instructed on Saturday, May 4th, to attempt to find copies of the four Ian Fleming books cited above. The New York Office was able to locate three of these four books on Saturday, and they have been forwarded to the Bureau. The New York Office is still attempting to locate the fourth book ("More Gilt-Edged Bonds").

Attached are lists of the names which appear in Ian Fleming's books entitled "Thrilling Cities," "Octopussy," and "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." A list of names appearing in "More Gilt-Edged Bonds" will be prepared as soon as the book is available.

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M. A. Jones

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1 - Mr. Bishop

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an Goffstein	Bugs Moran
Ray Russell	John Dillinger
Charles Beaumont	Sherman Adams
Ray Brennan	"Shoeless Joe" Jackson
Tony Accardo	Fred Cook
Marshall Caifano	Gene Gleason
Paul "The Waiter" Ricca	Frank Costello
Joey Glimco	Vito Genovese
Francis "The Immune" Maritote	Dan Jacobson
Charles "Cherry Nose" Gioe	David Barlow
Richard Hauff	Michael Arlen
Cosmo Orlando	Felix Leiter
Carlo "Bananas" Urbaniti	Marthe Richard
Love	Signora Merlin
Ripa	Antony Terry
Joseph Broge	Sarah Gainham
Sam Giancana	Queen Nefertiti
Roger "The Terrible" Touhy	Knoeller
John "Jake The Barber" Factor	"Rickey" Renee
Hymie Weiss	Erna Forbes Denis
O'Banion	Phyllis Bottome
Al Capone	Dr. Julius Raab

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## THRILLING CITIES

by Ian Fleming

Leonard Russell

"Tiger" Saito

James Bond

Somerset Maugham

Mr. Frere

Alan Searle

Miss Trueblood

Seki Ryushi

Hugh Barton

Chin Chan

Jack Conder

Sozan Takashima

Dick Hughes

Toshiyuki Domoto

Kadoorie

Mrs. Elizabeth David

Richard Mason

Kissy

Suzie Wong

Masami

Dr. Lobo

Kaichi Tsuji

Foo Tak Yam

Madam Cherry

C. Y. Leung

Mr. Fratinelli

Ho Yin

Mrs. Finkleberg

Garbo

M.

Samuel Montague

Moki

Mr. Foo

Captain James Hamilton

General Kot Sui Wong

Virgil Peterson

Len Cosgrove

Professor Philip Fox

"Cos"

Colonel Edward Bradley



THRILLING CITIES - CONT'

Dr. Kriesky

Lucky Luciano

Anton Karas

Raymond Chandler

Colonel Podharsky

Mrs. Lee Thody

Maria Theresa

Francesco Waldman

Franz Joseph

Salvatori Funari

Dr. Bleher-Brenner

Antonina Cutrlando

Sir Stafford Cripps

Miss Gracie Fields

Ian Fleming

Mr. Onassis

Frederick Bussy

Captain Jacques - Yves Cousteau

Charlie Chaplin

Noel Coward

Caryl Chessman

Lord Attlee

Lord Moran

Viscount Montgomery

Ralph Richardson

Pierre Jaccoud

Charles Zumbach

Linda Baud

Andre Zumbach

Rene Floriot

Professor Pittard

"Octopussy"

"Octopussy, the Darling"

Major Dexter Smythe

Professor Bengry

Dr. Jimmy Greaves

Mary (Smythe?)

Octopussy

James Bond

Luna

Sir Kenneth

Colonel King

Patton (General)

Mountbatten

Hannes Oberhauser

Foo (brothers)

Mary Parnell

Messrs. Foo

Gieves

Arundels

Marchesis

Dr. Cahusac

"The Living Daylights"

James Bond

Corporal Menzies

M.

Tanqueray

Trigger

Number Two

Captain Paul Sender

Grafin Liselotte Mutzenbacher

Amaryllis

Donskaya

Lomova

"The Property of a Lady"

James Bond

Mary Goodnight

M.

Miss Money Penny

Dr. Fanshawe

Maria Freudenstein

Faberge

Kenneth Snowman

Sir Ronald Vallance

Peter Wilson

Piotr Malinowski

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG  
by Ian Fleming

Pott

Commander Caractacus Pott

Commander Caractacus Pott aka Jack short for Caractacus

Mimsie Pott

Jeremy (Pott)

Jemima (Pott)

Commander Crackpott

Lord Skrumshus

Joe the Monster

Man Mountain Fink

Soapy Sam

Blood-money Banks

Monsieur Bon-Bon

Madame Bon-Bon

Jacques

Jacqueline

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*MURKIN*

May 7, 1968

Mr. Bishop:

RE: BOOKS BY IAN FLEMING, AUTHOR  
 OF THE JAMES BOND SERIES

By informal memoranda dated May 3 and 6, 1968, I furnished you lists of the names appearing in 17 of the 18 books by Ian Fleming. My informal memorandum of May 6 noted that the 18th book, "More Gilt-Edged Bonds," was being obtained by the New York Office and that a list of the names appearing in that book would be prepared as soon as possible.

Fleming's book entitled "Gilt-Edged Bonds" has been received from the New York Office today. A quick perusal of this book reflects that it is a trilogy consisting of three books by Fleming ("Casino Royale," "From Russia, with Love," and "Doctor No") which we have previously reviewed. Furthermore, the dust jacket of "Gilt-Edged Bonds" indicates that "More Gilt-Edged Bonds" is another trilogy which consists of three other Fleming books ("Live and Let Die," "Moonraker" and "Diamonds Are Forever") which we have previously reviewed.

Ian Fleming is, of course, dead. British author Kingsley Amis, writing under the pen name of Robert Markham, has just completed a new James Bond book entitled "Colonel Sun."

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M. A. Jones

57 MAY 10 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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*5/8/68*  
*[Signature]*

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*6-6pm*

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. Gale	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 1P

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

LEAD  
FOR  
BUREAU

*McClintock*  
*6-5-68*

REBUTEL MAY SEVEN LAST.

RCMP HAMILTON, ONTARIO ADVISE ON BASIS OF INFO TO DATE  
UNABLE TO IDENTIFY AUTHOR OF LETTERS TO MEMPHIS PD SIGNED "V."  
REQUEST LETTERS OR PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES THEREOF BE FORWARDED  
THIS OFFICE FOR CHECK RCMP HANDWRITING FILE AND FURTHER  
INVESTIGATION, HAMILTON.

CANVASS OF RESIDENTS CHARLES GILL STREET, MONTREAL, WHERE  
SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC STOLEN AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN NEGATIVE; HOWEVER,  
EISENBERGER ABSENT ON TRIP AND NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL SOMETIME  
TODAY. RCMP REVIEWING RECORDS MONTREAL PD FOR OTHER VEHICLES  
STOLEN DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND RECOVERED LATER IN U. S.  
AND WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS REVIEW COMPLETED.

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FBI WASH DC

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16 MAY 9 1968

*5/8*  
*SAC Jensen*  
*advised will*  
*send copies in*  
*4/8*

C-CONRAD  
RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

LAG 24 10 1968  
CALLED: 10 10 1968

By *SNW* Time 5:00

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Date: 5/7/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: *WJ* SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re telephone calls along Interstate Highway 10  
Houston Division for period 12/15-17/67.

ReHOairtels, 5/6/68.

Reairtels set forth numerous phone calls for the  
Dallas, San Antonio and New Orleans Divisions to check out  
for the purpose of identifying subscriber and recipient of  
calls. Approximately 400 phone calls have been identified  
as being made within the Houston Division during the period  
12/15-17/67.

Leads have been set forth and subscribers are  
being identified and the Bureau will be advised of all  
positive information developed.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis  
1 - Houston  
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C. C. Bishop

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70 MAY 8 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-  
MURKIN

Re: RICHARD WERNITZ

Re Newark teletype to Bureau and Richmond, 5/2/68.

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

The following investigation was conducted on  
5/6/68 by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Richmond, Va., was interviewed  
and furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] was employed as a helper at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] from approximately November, 1967, to March 31,  
1968, at which time, due to dissatisfaction with his  
performance, [REDACTED] fired [REDACTED] remained at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] from March 31, 1968 through April 13, 1968, and  
worked with [REDACTED] who resides  
on a semi-permanent basis at [REDACTED] stated  
that he saw [REDACTED] at the motel every day from March 31, 1968  
to April 13, 1968. On 4/13/68, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
departed the motel in [REDACTED] automobile, a white  
Dodge station wagon, stating that they were returning to  
[REDACTED] home in New Jersey.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Newark (44-854)  
2 - Richmond  
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On April 16, 1968, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] returned to [REDACTED] in a black Buick automobile approximately 1952 model which [REDACTED] had had during the latter part of 1967 and early part of 1968. [REDACTED] asked for [REDACTED] but [REDACTED] refused. Upon [REDACTED] refusal, [REDACTED] left [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has had no contact with him since.

[REDACTED] observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he had never seen this individual.

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Date: 5/7/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReWFOairtel 5/2/68.

On 5/6/68, IRMA MOTE, J. Ray McDermott and Co., Inc., Houston Club Building, advised as follows:

The McDermott Co., office and operation, Houston, is part of the oil division and is a domestic operation.

The International Division of McDermott is at New Orleans.

New Orleans handle lead, re airtel.

3 - Bureau C. C. Bishop  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - New Orleans (157-10673)  
1 - Albuquerque (Info)  
1 - WFO (Info)  
1 - Houston

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3861)  
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 5/3/68.

RE: Call From Pay Phone 835-9495,  
Beaumont, Texas, to [REDACTED]  
Colorado Springs, Colorado, on  
12/16/67.

Colorado Springs number listed to LA VERN BAKER, formerly in Woman's Army Corps, now employed [REDACTED] and resides [REDACTED] with DIANNE PATTERSON and LOUISE CARROLL, all unmarried and employed at Colorado Springs.

BAKER interviewed and advised she has no knowledge of pay phone call from Beaumont. Her mother, Mrs. HATTIE ROMERO, resides in Beaumont and calls her frequently. Her mother has telephone [REDACTED]. She does not recall whether her mother might have called her on 12/16/67.

BAKER advised CARROLL has boyfriend, one ROBERT BROUSSARD, a resident of Beaumont. CARROLL not located as yet.

PATTERSON interviewed and advised has no acquaintances at Beaumont and has received no phone calls from there.

PATTERSON and BAKER not familiar with subject.

3 - Bureau C. C. - Bishop  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Houston (Info)  
1 - Denver  
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Special Agent in Charge

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DENVER

AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Will interview LOUISE CARROLL, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Date: 5/7/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE  
 FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/68.

[REDACTED] (Protect Identity) [REDACTED]  
 Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, advised as follows on  
 5/3/68:

Telephone number [REDACTED] is subscribed to by LOTA  
 K. FLETCHER, who resides at [REDACTED]  
 Del Mar, California.

Telephone number [REDACTED] is subscribed to by GENE  
 JOHNSON, [REDACTED] Holtville, California.

On 5/6/68, Mrs. LOTA K. FLETCHER, [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], advised SA [REDACTED] that her daughter, Mrs. MELTON,  
 during the middle of December, 1967 was on a trip back East and  
 traveled through the State of Texas. She recalls having  
 received a telephone call from her daughter while enroute back  
 East from Texas.

She knows of no other telephone calls received by her  
 from the State of Texas.

Photographs of subject RAY were displayed to Mrs.  
 FLETCHER and she advised subject is unknown to her.

- ③ - Bureau  
 1 - El Paso (157-186) (Info)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - San Diego

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Mr. EUGENE JOHNSON, [REDACTED] Holtville, California, advised SA [REDACTED] on 5/3/68 that he is a cattle buyer and feeder in the Holtville, California, area and because of this business receives many telephone calls from the State of Texas from cattle buyers and brokers.

He advised that it was impossible to state any particular date that he received a call from the State of Texas as calls from this area are of a frequent nature.

Photograph of RAY was displayed to Mr. JOHNSON and he advised subject is unknown to him.

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Date: 5/7/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 (OO - Memphis)

Re San Francisco teletype to Sacramento and Seattle dated 5/6/68.

Re: Look-Alike Greyhound Bus Passenger  
From San Francisco North on 4/29/68

For information of Memphis, this pertains to a reported look-alike passenger on a Greyhound Bus from San Francisco north bound to Seattle on 4/29/68, in which a woman stated that on 4/29/68, she traveled from San Francisco to Seattle by Greyhound Bus and she left San Francisco at Gate 22 of San Francisco Bus Depot at 10:20 pm. While there she saw a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY enter her bus after waiting at Gate 23. She stated she believed him to have transferred to her bus from another bus rather than originating at San Francisco because of the appearance of the ticket he presented.

She also advised she did not recall seeing him after she left Portland, Oregon, on the same bus.

3 - Bureau  
 2 - Kansas City  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - Portland  
 1 - San Francisco (Info)(173-65)  
 1 - Seattle (Info)  
 2 - Sacramento  
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Per

Special Agent in Charge

SC 100-427

On 5/6/68, investigation at Redding, California, determined that driver of bus from San Francisco to Redding was a Mr. HARRY WATKINS, who, upon interview, advised that he does not have any recollection of any such person.

Investigation also determined that HARRY WATKINS was relieved at Redding, California, as driver of this bus by one TIMOTHY NAUTA, who is a relief driver out of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and who can be contacted through the Greyhound Bus Company at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

The woman reporting this information described the individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	35-40 years
Height	5'8" to 5'10"
Build	Thin
Hair	Dark brown, badly in need of haircut, with definite widow's peak.
Remarks	Unshaven and wore mustache which covered most of upper lip.
Eyes	Blue
Clothing	Wore buckskin-colored shirt and pants, also sweater or jacket.

LEAD

PORTLAND OFFICE

AT KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

Will contact TIMOTHY NAUTA to determine if he has any recollection of such an individual.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 7 1968

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1114 AM URGENT 5-7-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE KNEW JAMES  
EARL RAY WHILE CONFINED TO MISSOURI STATE PRISON. [REDACTED]  
STATED RAY WAS "WALK BOY", THAT IS BROUGHT HOT WATER FOR SHAVING,  
CANDY, ETC. TO PRISONERS IN J BLOCK [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH RAY, WHEN RAY

[REDACTED] MENTIONED  
TO HIM THAT HE USED TO LIVE IN BIRMINGHAM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT "COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION" WAS A PROTECTION  
AND ENFORCER ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATED IN THE PRISON. MEMBERSHIP  
WAS GAINED BY PAYING TEN DOLLARS MEMBERSHIP FEE. MEMBERS  
RECEIVED HELP AGAINST OTHER PRISONERS WHEN NEEDED, AND FOR AN  
ADDITIONAL FEE COULD OBTAIN "SPECIAL FAVORS" IF A PRISONER BECAME  
END PAGE ONE

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INVOLVED IN TROUBLE WITH PRISON AUTHORITIES. FEES WERE PAID TO THE ORGANIZATION TO OBTAIN ANYTHING FROM SIMPLE CONTRABAND, TO HAVING A PRISONER MURDERED. [REDACTED] STATED HE NEVER HEARD THAT "COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION" EVER OFFERED A REWARD FOR KING'S ASSASSINATION. [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW WHO HEADED THE ORGANIZATION OR IF THERE ACTUALLY WAS A MAN NAMED COOLEY WHO RAN IT. HE BELIEVED IT MIGHT HAVE CONSISTED OF FIVE, SIX OR SEVEN MEN.

[REDACTED] ADVISED RAY TOLD HIM ONCE ABOUT AN ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE THE PRISON CALLED THE "BUSINESS MENS ASSOCIATION" WHICH OFFERED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS "FOR PEOPLE LIKE KING TO BE KILLED." [REDACTED] STATED THAT RAY ADDED, REFERRING TO KING, "HE'S FIVE YEARS PAST DUE."

[REDACTED] STATED RAY WAS "MONEY CRAZY" AND ON ONE OCCASION TOLD HIM "ONE OF THESE DAYS IF I EVER GET OUT OF HERE I'M GOING TO MAKE MYSELF A BUNCH OF MONEY." WHEN [REDACTED] ASKED HIM HOW HE INTENDED TO DO THIS, HE REPLIED, "THERE ARE MORE WAYS OF MAKING MONEY THAN ROBBING BANKS."

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED RAY AS A CALM PERSON, A "DAYDREAMER," AND A LONER. HE SAID RAY DID NOT TAKE DOPE BUT WAS A HEAVY DRINKER. HE BELIEVED RAY HAD A NORMAL SEX LIFE. [REDACTED] STATED  
END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

RAY WAS DEFINITELY "SLOUGH-FOOTED" AND HIS TOES POINTED OUT NOTICEABLY WHEN HE WALKED CAUSING HIS HEELS TO WEAR DOWN ON OUTSIDE EDGES. [REDACTED] STATED RAY DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH ANY NEGRO PRISONERS AND WOULD GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO AVOID THEM. HE NEVER HEARD HIM MAKE ANY VIOLENT REMARKS REGARDING THEM.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE ONLY OTHER PERSON RAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH IN PRISON WAS A FULL BLOODED INDIAN BARBER IN J BLOCK, WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT RECALL.

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, HE DENIES HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY RAY SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON [REDACTED]

BIRMINGHAM INDICES SHOW [REDACTED] SUBJECT OF PH [REDACTED]

KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE INDIAN BARBER WHO WAS IN J BLOCK WHEN RAY INCARCERATED THERE AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING INFORMATION SET OUT ABOVE, HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY, AND ANY INFORMATION HE MIGHT HAVE REGARDING

END PAGE THREE

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HIM. ALSO OBTAIN INFORMATION RE EXISTENCE AND OPERATION OF  
"COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION" OPERATING IN THE PRISON AS ALLEGED BY  
[REDACTED] PROTECT IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] IN THESE INTERVIEWS AND  
IN ANY LEADS SET FORTH.

BIRMINGHAM WILL [REDACTED]  
REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] TODAY FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS AS HE APPEARED TO BE  
RELUCTANT TO FULLY COOPERATE AT TIME OF ORIGINAL INTERVIEW.

BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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CORRECTIONS: PG 2 WD 7 OF LN 1 ON PARA 2 IS 2ABOUT"

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[REDACTED] PROTECT IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] IN THESE INTERVIEWS AND

END

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Date: 5/8/68

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AIR MAIL

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
RE: (MURKIN)  
C R  
(OO: ME)

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 4/30/68.

Referenced airtel requested Little Rock Office to interview [REDACTED] West Memphis, Arkansas, concerning the complaint he had sent to the President of the United States about a hitch-hiker he had dropped off at Memphis, Tennessee, on the day of instant murder and alleged possible FBI indifference to instant matter.

Several attempts were made to locate [REDACTED] and, on May 7, 1968, [REDACTED] at the above address, advised SA [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] resides [REDACTED] by himself. She described [REDACTED] as an elderly person whose actions she considers very peculiar. She indicated that his general appearance and actions indicate that he might possibly be mentally disturbed. She stated that [REDACTED] was definitely not what she would consider normal. She advised that he is employed at [REDACTED] Memphis, Tennessee, the exact capacity not known.

[REDACTED]

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Little Rock  
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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

LR 157-1215

A review of the letter [REDACTED] sent to the President reflected it was obviously written prior to the identification of JAMES EARL RAY as the subject of instant matter and, therefore, any information he might be able to add to that set forth in the letter would be of no value as to instant matter.

It is also felt that any adverse attitude he might have had towards the FBI has now been eradicated by the identification of RAY as the subject of this case.

The interview of [REDACTED] is not being done as requested in view of the fact he is employed by [REDACTED] in Memphis, Tennessee, and there being some question as to his mental condition, UACB.

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Date: 5/8/68

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A I R T E L

Via \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReButelcal Pittsburgh, 5/1/68, and Pittsburgh telcal Bureau, 5/1/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On 5/1/68, it was determined that [REDACTED] Hooversville, Pa., was presently confined in the Windber, Pa., Jail on Drunk and Aggravation charges. The individual that [REDACTED] advised resembled JAMES EARL RAY was determined to be one [REDACTED], who is a life-long resident of Windber, Pa., area, and is well known to the Windber PD.

In view of [REDACTED] intoxication and the fact that [REDACTED] is a long-time resident, no further investigation being conducted with regard to [REDACTED].

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1 - Memphis  
2 - Pittsburgh

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Approved: [Signature]

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
 (Mr. Long 2260)  
 1 - Mr. Conrad  
 1 - Mr. Mortimer  
 1 - Lab File



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

**FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

**May 8, 1968**

To:

Date:

**MURKIN**  
 Re: **CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
 John Edgar Hoover, Director

**44-38861**  
 FBI File No. **D-562197 JK**  
 Lab. No.

**Cleveland**

Examination requested by:

**Airtel 5/1/68**

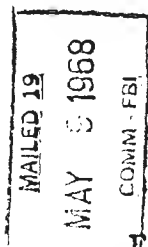
Reference:

**Document - Fingerprint**

Examination requested:

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of the submitted evidence.**



**ENCLOSURE ATTACHED**

**ENCLOSURE**

**REC-20 44-38861-3163**

**19 MAY 9 1968**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**2 - Cleveland (44-565) Enclosures (3) (Photograph of Q310, 2 Lab report)**

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
 Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**JHM:AW (10)**

**79 MAY 14 1968**

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐ ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562197 JK

Specimens received 5/2/68

Q308 Envelope with embossed 6 cent stamp postmarked  
"SANDUSKY OH APR 22 PM 1968" bearing hand printed  
address "POST MASTER PELEE - ISLAND ONTARIO CANADA"

Q309 Unstamped envelope bearing hand printed address  
"CHIEF OF POLICE MEMPHIS, TENN."

Q310 Sheet of paper bearing hand printed message beginning  
"DEAR - SIR - I UNDERSTAND..."

ALSO SUBMITTED: Envelope postmarked in Canada, addressed to  
"Federal Bureau of Investigation, Sandusky,  
Ohio, three coins, (one quarter and two nickels)

Result of examination:

Specimens Q308, Q309 and Q310 were searched in the  
appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could  
not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

The hand printing on the specimens received is too  
distorted for a satisfactory comparison with pertinent material  
in the "MURKIN" case and other letters of a similar type as  
Q310 which have been received; however, differences were noted.

A few isolated words were discerned on Q310 as  
indented impressions. An impression of the name or word  
[REDACTED] or [REDACTED] was also noted. A photograph depicting these  
impressions is enclosed for Cleveland. No other identifying  
features were noted on the items received.

Q308, Q309 and Q310 are temporarily retained.

JHM:AW (10)

Felson \_\_\_\_\_  
Loach \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
W. J. \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861  
Lab. # D-562197 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Cleveland (44-565)

Airtel 5/1/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 5/2/68

Result of Examination:

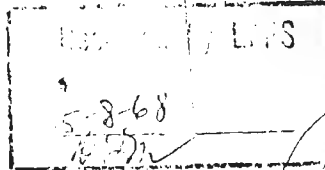
Examination by: Mortimer

RETURN TO RV

5/2/68

Photo & Neg. only.

Q'st also sub returned  
to Cleveland with  
LFPS dated 5-10-68

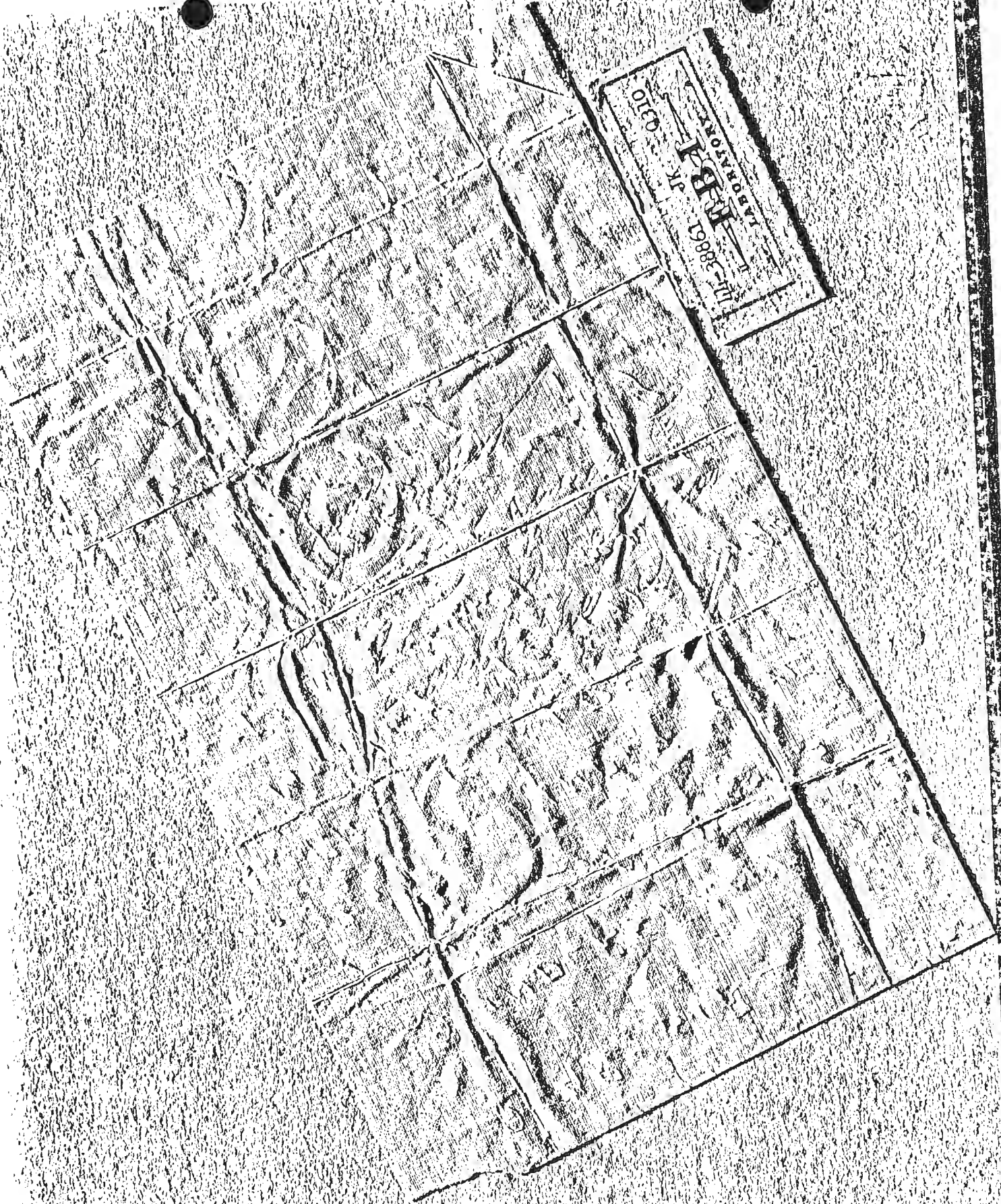


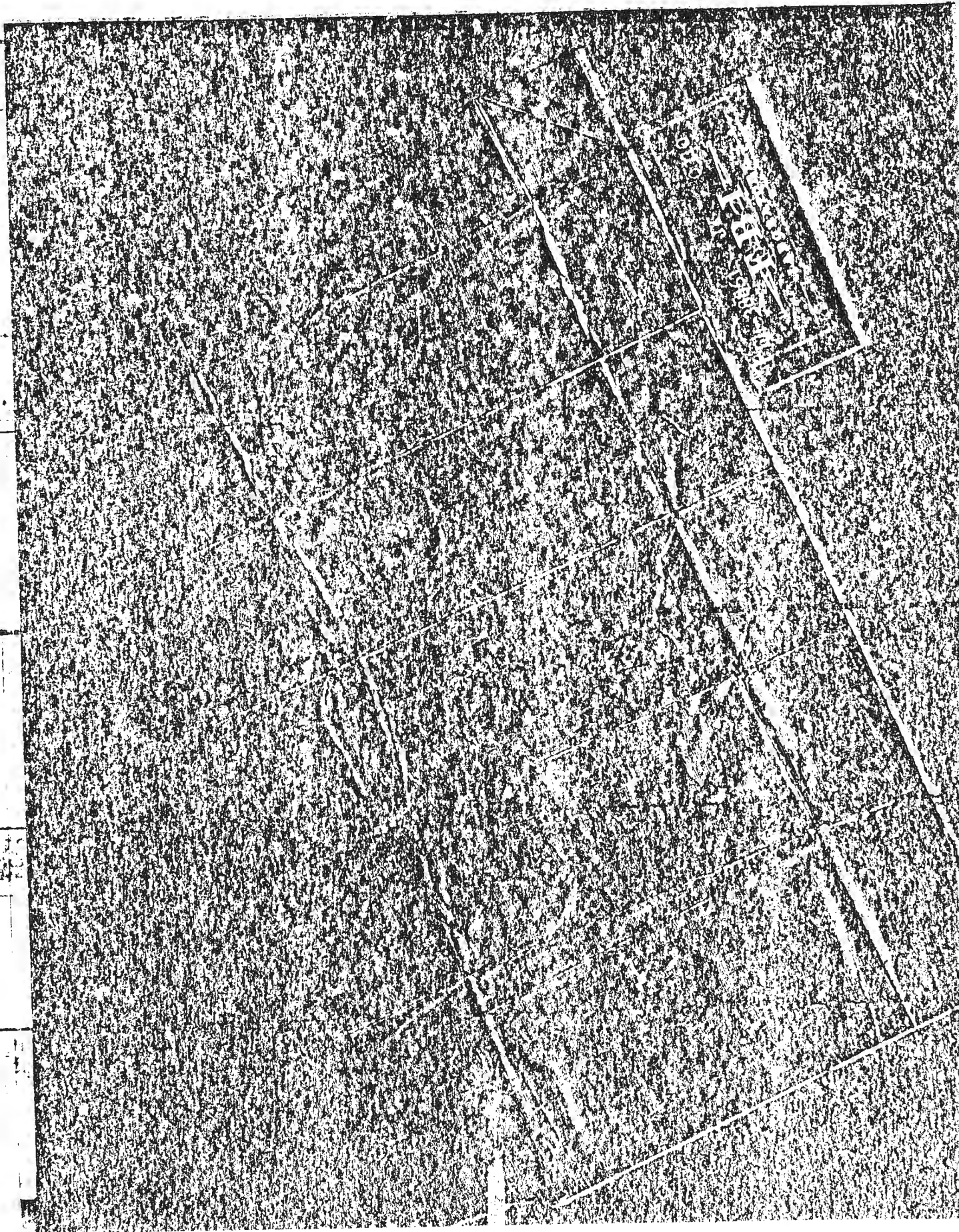
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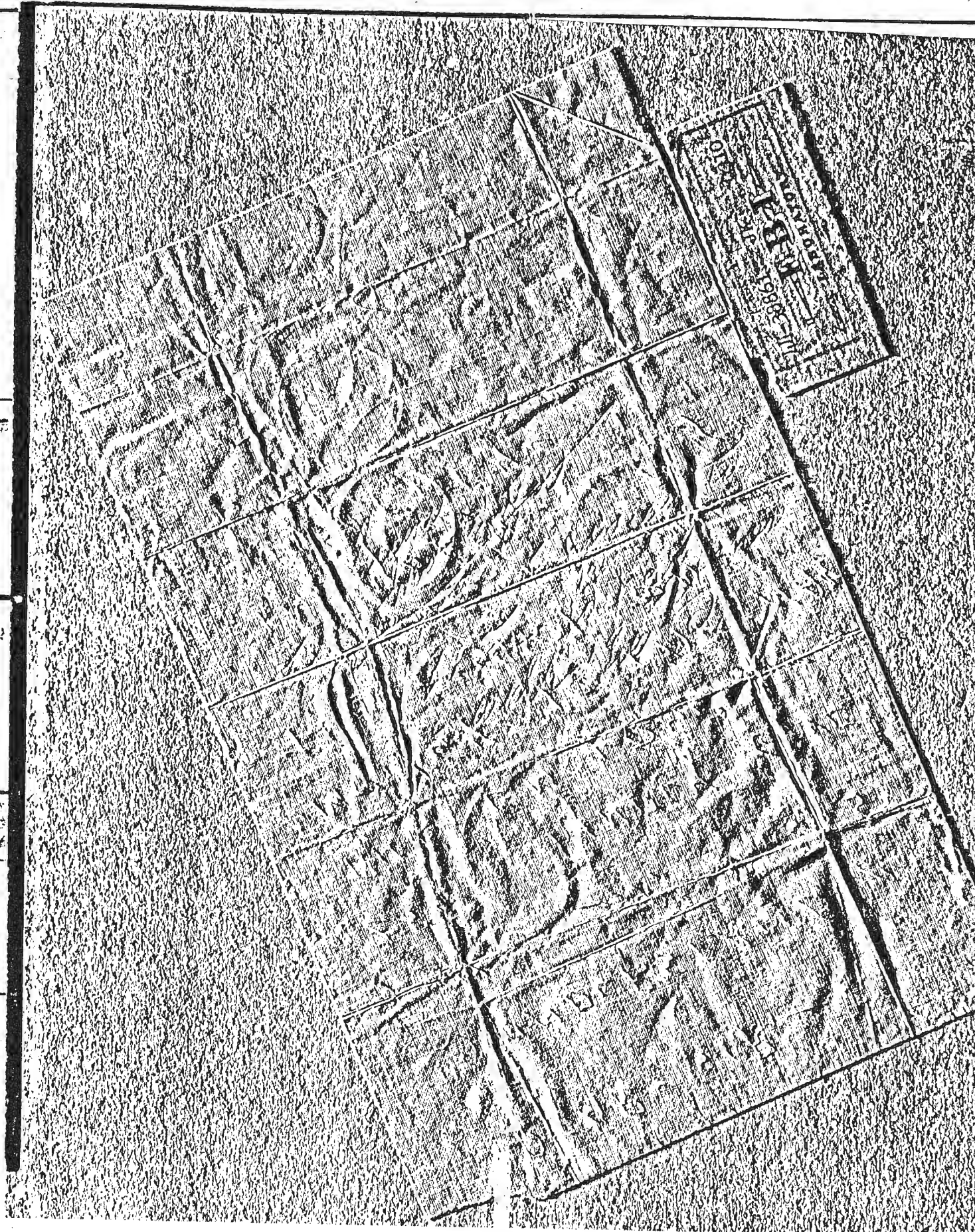
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FBI  
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Q10











F B I

Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

A

Re Bureau airtel to Philadelphia 4/30/68 re [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] - Complainant.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

At Pottsville, Pa.

On May 1, 1968, Chief of Police MELVIN STUTZMAN,  
Hegins Township, Valley View, Pa., telephonically advised  
that complainant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hegins Township, Pa., is 53 years of age and has  
been treated several times in the past for nervousness and  
mental upsets.

At Hegins, Pa.

On 5/3/68, [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is his cousin. He stated she has been in  
the hospital on several occasions for treatment for mental  
upsets and that she often writes to various public officials  
about whatever may be currently in the news. He stated one  
should not pay much attention to what she says as she has a very  
vivid imagination.

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3 - Bureau (44-38861) (RM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM) (Info)  
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)  
HCN/gmm  
(5)

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Approved: E.C. Bishop

Special Agent in Charge

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PH 44-1368

On 5/6/68, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was contacted and her letter to the  
Director dated 4/26/68 was acknowledged.

[REDACTED] stated she had no information concern-  
ing instant matter other than what was included in her letter to  
the Director, above-mentioned. She stated she has not again  
seen the automobile mentioned in her letter or the two occupants  
of the automobile.

In view of the above, no further action is being  
taken by the Philadelphia Office in connection with the infor-  
mation furnished by [REDACTED] in her letter.

One copy of this airtel is designated for the infor-  
mation of the Memphis Office, which received a copy of referenced  
Bureau airtel.

F B I

Date: 5/8/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: (MURKIN)

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Director, 4/29/68 concerning Toll calls from the phone booths at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

Telephone number [REDACTED] is listed to the Karian Company, [REDACTED] Lafayette Hill, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE KARIAN were interviewed on 4/30 and 5/1/68 by SA [REDACTED]. The phone is also their home phone. KARIAN is a manufacturer's representative for the Powder Metalurgy Parts Company. His business takes him no further than Harrisburg, Pa. and he has no connection with any West Coast concern. He receives many long distance calls but does not log them.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. KARIAN recall getting a long distance call from the West Coast this year or any reason for possibly getting one, either business or personal.

Neither of the KARIANS could identify the photo of RAY on I. O. 4/82 as anyone known to them.

The KARIANS have a reputable standing in the community.

3-Bureau (RM)  
2-Los Angeles (44-1574) (AM)  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
1-Philadelphia (44-1368)  
KKS:ccc  
(7)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

M

Per \_\_\_\_\_



PH 44-1368

Lead

LOS ANGELES:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Will recheck toll records on the call to phone  
number [REDACTED] on 1/3/68 in the Philadelphia area.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI LOUISVLE

10:49 AM URGENT 5:8:68 DS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MEMPHIS TEL MAY SIX LAST AND LOUISVILLE TEL MAY SIX LAST RE  
TELEPHONE BOOTH ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS, TELEPHONE CALL MADE FROM PHONE  
BOOTH ST. FRANCIS HOTEL JAN. TWELVE LAST TO TELEPHONE NUMBER OF  
MRS. VERA COOK, STURGIS, KY. MRS. COOK ADVISED SHE HAS SON, A. F.  
COOK, JR., RESIDING UNKNOWN ADDRESS LOS ANGELES AREA. ADVISED LAST  
TALKED TO SON BY TELEPHONE THANKSGIVING LAST. ALSO ADVISED SHE RE-  
FUSED COLLECT LONG-DISTANCE CALL FROM SOMEWHERE IN CALIFORNIA, DATE  
UNKNOWN. MRS. COOK APPROXIMATELY EIGHTYYEARS OLD.

MEMPHIS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO LOCATE A.F. COOK,  
JR. BY LOS ANGELES FOR INTERVIEW TO DETERMINE IF HE KNOWS JAMES EARL  
RAY. MRS. COOK AND SON, JAMES P. COOK, RECONTACTED MAY SEVEN LAST  
AND ADVISED NO INFORMATION THEIR POSSESSION RE COOK'S ADDRESS, EM-  
PLOYMENT OR ANY OTHER THAT WOULD ASSIST IN LOCATING HIM. ADVISED  
IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE COOK RESIDED [REDACTED]

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GRANADA HILLS, CALIFORNIA AND COOK WAS SALES MGR. FOR A CHEVROLET DEALER, LOCATION UNKNOWN, BUT NOW ALLEGEDLY OWNED BY BEN ALEXANDER, FORMERLY OF DRAGNET TV SHOW. COOK WAS IN USAF, SERIAL NUMBER UNKNOWN, NOT DRAWING DISABILITY OR PENSION TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE. COOK, W/M, BORN [REDACTED] AT STURGIS, KY. COOK USES NAME A.F. COOK, JR. ALTHOUGH FATHER'S NAME WAS ALONZO FRANKLIN COOK, AND HAS NICKNAME BUDDY. COOK'S EX-WIFE BETTY, MAIDEN NAME UNKNOWN, NOW MARRIED TO QUENTIN SNYDER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, BUT POSSIBLY RESIDING GRANADA HILLS, CALIFORNIA. COOK MARRIED TO CATHY LOMBARDO, -SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, NINETEEN SIXTYONE BUT NOW DIVORCED. COOK'S BROTHER ADVISED THAT LAST HE KNEW COOK WORKED FOR UNKNOWN PLATING CO. IN LOS ANGELES AREA. BROTHER ADVISED COOK DRINKS HEAVILY AND ALSO THAT MOTHER'S MEMORY VERY BAD AND SHE COULD HAVE RECEIVED OTHER TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COOK WHICH SHE DOES NOT RECALL. COOK HAS SISTER HE SOMETIMES CONTACTS, MRS. LONELLE HENAGER, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ST. LOUIS, MO.

CORR LINE THREE, WORD TEN SHD BE SERIAL  
END PAGE TWO

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PAGE THREE

LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES, CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW COOK THROUGH CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS AND DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS.

ST. LOUIS, INTERVIEW COOK'S SISTER TO DETERMINE IF SHE HAS INFORMATION THAT WOULD ASSIST IN LOCATING COOK FOR INTERVIEW. P.

END

OTHER OFFICES TO BE ADVISED

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VIA TELETYPE  
MAY 8 1968  
ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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OTT 0 1 437PM JL  
URGENT 5-8-68  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 1P

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL MAY EIGHT LAST.

PHOTOS OF RAY REFERRED THEREIN PICKED UP BY CANADIAN NEWS SERVICES AND CARRIED IN NUMBER CANADIAN PAPERS THIS DATE.

ON BASIS AVAILABLE INFO, RCMP TORONTO UNABLE TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW ALWIS ASEHEWER RE BUS TRIP MEXICO APRIL FOUR LAST TO EXHIBIT PHOTO RAY IN EFFORT CONFIRM INFO RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. IF ANY ADDITIONAL INFO AVAILABLE, ADVISE.

END.

HWL

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RD CC MR. BRENNAN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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COMMUNICATION SECTION

FBI WASH DC

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FBI ATLANTA

443AM DEFERRED 5/8/68 LWG  
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DETROIT  
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 3P

MURKIN

BADLY DECOMPOSED BODY OF UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE FOUND  
AT ATLANTA AIRPORT BY ATLANTA PD NIGHT MAY SEVEN LAST IN TRUNK  
OF NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR CHEVROLET BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT  
MICHIGAN LICENSE D C EIGHT ONE ONE FOUR. LICENSE AND AUTO  
REGISTERED TO MARY JANE SALVADORI AND JOAN MASTERS, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DETROIT, MICH. NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN MICHIGAN  
LICENSE B W EIGHT TWO THREE TWO FOUND IN TRUNK. ONE RADIO NEWS-  
CASTER SPECULATED BODY COULD BE JAMES EARL RAY.

FINGERPRINTS OF THIS UNKNOWN DEAD NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY,  
ACCORDING TO ATLANTA POLICE DEPT. FINGERPRINT MAN. SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OF ATLANTA OFFICE, FORMER IDENT EMPLOYEE AND CURRENT  
FINGERPRINT INSTRUCTOR, ALSO COMPARED PRINTS AND STATED DECEASED  
NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

MAY 9 1968  
FINGERPRINTS ABOARD EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR TWO  
FOUR, ARRIVING DULLES AIRPORT FROM ATLANTA FIVE NINETEEN AM,  
MAY EIGHT INSTANT. PER ATLANTA PHONE CALL, IDENT DIVISION

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CC TROTTER  
TFX BISHOP  
TFX LARRY

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REQUESTED TO (ONE) COMPARE PRINTS WITH RAY'S PRINTS FOR POSITIVE ELIMINATION AND (TWO) ENDEAVOR IDENTIFY UNKNOWN DECEASED. FOR ASSISTANCE, DETROIT PHONE BOOK LISTS AN ALBERT A SALVADORI AT

[REDACTED]. A JOINT ACCOUNT BOOK FOR PARDA CREDIT UNION (PARKE DAVIS AND CO., GENERAL PO BOX ONE ONE EIGHT, DETROIT MICH.) ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], IN NAMES OF DOROTHY SALVADORI, DOB [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED], AND THOMAS A.

SALVADORI, DOB [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FOUND IN TRUNK OF CAR.

NO STOLEN REPORT LISTED ON AUTO OR LICENSE.

DETROIT TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO CONTACT OWNER RE CAR, IDENTITY OF UNKNOWN DECEASED AND TO CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE ANY CONNECTION WITH MURKIN CASE OR TO PROVE ANY VIOLATION WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION. SIMILAR INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY ATLANTA OFFICE.

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

IN ANSWERING PRESS INQUIRIES, ATLANTA POLICE DEPT. IS  
ANNOUNCING DECEASED NOT IDENT WITH RAY BASED ON FINGERPRINT  
EXAMINATION..

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

BJP

FBI WASH DC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 5/2/68  
ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM : *JH* SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: *Line* MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau teletype to Atlanta, 4/29/68.

Enclosed for the Latent Fingerprint Section are 19 3 x 5 cards with unidentified latent fingerprints. These cards are from the Gwinnett County Police Department, Lawrenceville, Georgia, which started such a file just a few months ago.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to compare the enclosed prints with those of subject, JAMES EARL RAY (I.O. #4182) and then return the prints to Atlanta so they can be returned to the Gwinnett County Police Department.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 19) (RM)  
2 - Atlanta  
RHD:lcc  
(4)

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SPECIMENS DETACHED IN LFPS.

5/8/68

Airtel

To: SAC's Atlanta (44-2336) - Enclosures (10)  
Memphis (44-1987)

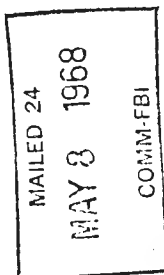
From: Director (44-38861) - 3169

MURKIN

Re Atlanta letter 5/2/68, submitting nineteen cards bearing forty-one transparent lifts of latent impressions from the files of the Owinett County Police Department, Lawrenceville, Georgia, for examination.

The latent impressions appearing on these lifts are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #1059420.

The cards bearing the lifts are enclosed to Atlanta. These latent prints have not been photographed.



1 - Mr. Rosen

Alton \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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TELETYPE

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FBI WASH DC

FBI SACTO

3:33 PM URGENT 5/7/68 CLV

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: SAC SACRAMENTO (100-427)

ADVISE  
LEGAT

McLure  
W7

MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS

RE LOOK:ALIKE

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO SACRAMENTO, MAY SEVEN INSTANT.

[REDACTED] REDDING, CALIF.,  
INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE IS HOLDER OF P.O. BOX [REDACTED]  
REDDING, CALIF., AND THAT HE WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, AT LOS  
GLORIAS MOTEL ON APRIL NINETEEN LAST. [REDACTED] WELL KNOWN IN REDDING,  
CALIF. ]

44-38861-3170

FOR THE INFORMATION OF KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS, INFORMATION  
RECEIVED THROUGH LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, REPORTING [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], AT ABOVE MOTEL, WAS IDENTIFIED AS LOOK-ALIKE OF JAMES EARL  
RAY.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

END.

LCC

FBI WASH DC

cc - Long

Called Legat Mexico City  
5-8-68  
P.E.H. [unclear]  
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1 - Foreign Liaison  
1 - Mr. Long.

MAY 8, 1968

CODE

CABLEGRAM

URGENT

REC 109

44-2861-3170

TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

RE LOOK-ALIKE [REDACTED]

SACRAMENTO ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], REDDING, CALIF., INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE IS HOLDER  
OF P.O. BOX [REDACTED] REDDING, CALIF., AND THAT HE WAS IN  
PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, AT LOS GLORIAS MOTEL ON APRIL  
NINETEEN LAST. [REDACTED] WELL KNOWN IN REDDING, CALIF.

ABOVE FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

VIA TELETYPE  
1031P mce  
MAY 8 1968  
ENCIPHERED

HEH:hwj (4)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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TELETYPE

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FBI SANDIEGO

9:11PM URGENT 5-7-68 JLN

TO BUREAU (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387) 3P

MURKIN.

RE LOCAL SWINGER CORRESPONDENCE CLUB.

RELATEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, SACRAMENTO, SAN DIEGO AND SAN  
FRANCISCO, MAY THREE LAST.

[REDACTED] SAN DIEGO,  
CALIFORNIA, ON MAY SEVEN INSTANT ADVISED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO  
SHE JOINED THE CUPID CLUB IN NEW YORK CITY DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AS A CORRESPONDENCE CLUB.

SINCE JOINING, SHE HAS CORRESPONDED WITH FOUR OR FIVE  
MALE INDIVIDUALS, NONE NAMED ERIC S. GALT, NOR HAS SHE RECEIVED  
ANY CORRESPONDENCE FROM GALT.

FURTHER ADVISED ABOUT A MONTH AGO SHE RECEIVED A LETTER  
FROM A PERSON IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING HER TO  
CORRESPOND WITH HIM, STATING HE OBTAINED HER NAME FROM THE  
SWINGER CORRESPONDENCE CLUB.

END PAGE ONE

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*2087*

EX-105 REC-21

44-38861-

3171

*Salt*

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[REDACTED] DENIED EVER JOINING THE SWINGER CORRESPONDENCE CLUB AND BELIEVED HER NAME MIGHT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED BY THEM THROUGH HER JOINING THE CUPID CLUB, NEW YORK CITY.

PHOTO OF SUBJECT DISPLAYED TO [REDACTED] WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

RECORDS USPO, POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, INDICATE P. O. BOX [REDACTED], SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ASSIGNED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SAN DIEGO. NO LISTING FOR [REDACTED]

RECORDS P. O. BOX [REDACTED] SAN YSIDRO, CALIFORNIA, ASSIGNED [REDACTED] [REDACTED], BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO. NO LISTING QUOTE [REDACTED] END QUOTE.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED ADVISED HE HAS HAD CORRESPONDENCE FROM SWINGER CORRESPONDENCE CLUB FOR PAST TWO YEARS APPROXIMATELY EVERY SIX MONTHS. HE ADVISED RECENTLY MAIL CAME ADDRESSED TO HIS P. O. BOX UNDER NAME [REDACTED] FROM SWINGER CORRESPONDENCE CLUB. THIS MAIL CONSISTED OF APPLICATION FORMS.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS RECEIVED NO CORRESPONDENCE FROM ERIC S. GALT AND, UPON BEING SHOWN PHOTOS OF GALT, DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HIM.

INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO, CONCERNING P. O. BOX [REDACTED] SAN YSIDRO, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

A & D PENDING.

OTHER OFFICE ADVISED SEPRATELY.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
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FBI LOS ANG.

10:51PM URGENT 5-7-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND EL PASO (157-186)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

RE EL PASO TEL TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES MAY SIX LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUB EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO  
NEW ORLEANS.

PRESTON HOPKINS, MANAGER, TEL-COMMUNICATIONS, CONTINENTAL  
AIRLINES, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED THIS DATE EL PASO TELEPHONE  
NUMBER FIVE THREE THREE FIVE FOUR ONE ONE IS CONTINENTAL AIRLINES  
RESERVATION NUMBER IN LOS ANGELES. ANY TELEPHONE CALL FROM EL  
PASO, TUCSON, PHOENIX, SAN FRANCISCO, OR SAN DIEGO CONCERNING  
RESERVATIONS ON CONTINENTAL AIRLINES IS ANSWERED BY CONTINENTAL  
RESERVATION CLERKS IN LOS ANGELES. TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT INDICATES TO  
CONTINENTAL AIRLINES EMPLOYEES THE CITY FROM WHICH RESERVATIONS ARE  
BEING REQUESTED AND THE EMPLOYEE ANSWERS AS IF THEY WERE IN THAT  
PARTICULAR CITY.

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IF ALL CLERKS ARE BUSY, THE TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT, SET UP ON A ROTARY BASIS, WOULD BE PLUGGED INTO THE FIRST AVAILABLE RESERVATION CLERK ON DUTY. THE CALL COULD NOT HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER NUMBER.

HOPKINS ADVISED CAB REQUIRES MAINTAINING RESERVATION RECORDS FOR NINETY DAYS, THEREAFTER THEY ARE DESTROYED, WHICH WOULD BE THE CASE OF A RESERVATION MADE ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST. IF RESERVATION NOT MADE, NO RECORD OF CALL MAINTAINED.

HOPKINS ADVISED THAT ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST APPROXIMATELY FIFTY TO SIXTY CONTINENTAL RESERVATION EMPLOYEES WOULD HAVE BEEN ON DUTY AT TIME OF CALL. ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST SIX THOUSAND CALLS CONCERNING RESERVATIONS WERE RECEIVED. APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HUNDRED CALLS PER DAY ARE RECEIVED FROM EL PASO AREA.

NO FURTHER ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF CALLER AT ALPINE, TEXAS, ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST BY LOS ANGELES, IN VIEW OF RECORD DESTRUCTION.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

END

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FBI-BUFFALO

TELETYPE

11:26 URGENT 5/8/68 DJL

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, ATLANTA 44-2386 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987  
FROM BUFFALO (44-374) 2P

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

MURKIN

[REDACTED] N.Y. STATE POLICE, WATERLOO, N.Y.,

FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION THIS DATE:

[REDACTED], GENEVA, N.Y., FURNISHED

INFO [REDACTED], IN TELEPHONE

CALL ON MAY SIX LAST AND MAY SEVEN LAST, WHEREIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INDICATED HE HAD INFO CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THAT PRESENT IDENTIFICATION OF  
KING MURDERER WAS WRONG AND THAT MURDERER IS NAMED EITHER

[REDACTED] OR NAME SIMILARLY SOUNDING.

[REDACTED] INDICATED HE HAS WORKED IN ATLANTA, GA.

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, IS BELIEVED PRESENTLY UNEMPLOYED  
AND LIVING IN SO-CALLED HIPPIE CIRCUMSTANCES. [REDACTED]

EMPLOYER AT [REDACTED] ARRESTED [REDACTED] NARCOTICS CHARGE

SUBSEQUENT TO KING MURDER AND PRESENTLY CONFINED IN MENTAL

HOSPITAL OR SOME PENAL INSTITUTION IN ATLANTA, GA. NAME OF [REDACTED] MAY 9 1968

[REDACTED] OR OWNER NOT KNOWN, BUT OWNER SUPPOSEDLY HAS  
KNOWLEDGE OF KING MURDER.

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[REDACTED] INDICATED [REDACTED] SEEMED TO BE SCARED IN  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AND FEELS THAT [REDACTED] MAY POSSIBLY  
HAVE SOME INFO CONCERNING THIS MATTER. HE ADVISED [REDACTED]  
CALLED FROM ATLANTA TELEPHONE AREA CODE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHICH IS A  
ROOMING HOUSE AT [REDACTED], ATLANTA, GA.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]; SIX FEET; TWO HUNDRED LBS.; BROWN  
EYES AND BROWN HAIR, AND WEARS THICK GLASSES. DUNHAM  
FORMERLY A MEMBER OS U.S. NAVY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REQUESTED HIS NAME NOT BE MENTIONED AS  
FURNISHING ABOVE INFO.

ATLANTA ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
CONCERNING THIS MATTER RE ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE.

RAY IS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ONE AM CC. TO KANSAS CITY.

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FBI LOS ANG.

903PM URGENT 5/7/68 BCD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, AND PHOENIX  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 4P

MURKIN

RE MARIE MARTIN:

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE MARIE MARTIN, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,  
[REDACTED] FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD.,  
LOS ANGELES NOT SUCCESSFUL AS SHE IS OUT OF TOWN. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

NORMAN COX ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH HE RENTS ROOM [REDACTED]  
ST. FRANCIS HOTEL [REDACTED], HE HAS  
NOT OCCUPIED THAT ROOM HIMSELF IN EXCESS OF A MONTH. HE SAID HE  
IS NOT A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MARIE MARTIN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NOR ENGAGED IN ANY BUSINESS ACTIVITY WITH  
HER [REDACTED] COX SAID IT IS POSSIBLE FOR  
ONE OF PERSONS [REDACTED] IN ROOM [REDACTED] TO BE AN ASSOCIATE  
OF MARTIN'S. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
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*[Handwritten initials and marks]*

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[REDACTED] RECALLS SEEING RAY IN HOTEL BUT  
KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT HIM.

JOE PETERS, FORMER BARTENDER, SULTAN ROOM , ST. FRANCIS  
HOTEL SHOWN PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY TAKEN AT PUERTO VALLARTA,  
MEXICO AND ONE NINE SIX EIGHT PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT LOS ANGELES  
AMONG OTHERS. PETERS SAID PUEARTA PHOTOGRAPH REMINDED  
HIM OF INSTANCE DURING WHICH HE BELIEVED RAY SAID QUOTE HAVE YOU  
EVER EATEN QUAIL AT THE CAVE IN NOGALES, MEXICO? END QUOTE.  
PETERS SAID THAT HE HAD. PETERS ADVISED QUOTE THE CAVE END QUOTE  
IS A RESTAURANT IN NOGALES WHICH IS LOCATED IN A CAVE. PETERS  
STATED THIS WAS EXTENT OF CONVERSATION.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

RE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY

GLENN PARKER, MANAGER BELL GARDENS OFFICE FOR WALLACE  
CAMPAIGN WAS EXHIBITED VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE OF JAMES  
EARL RAY. PARKER STATED HAS NEVER SEEN SUBJECT NOR WAS HE  
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ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT'S NAME OR ANY KNOWN ALIASES. PARKER STATED HE WAS IN PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS DURING PERIOD MARCH THIRTYONE TO MAY TWO LAST.

RE PUERTA VALLARTA VISITORS

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO LOCATE FOR INTERVIEW RESIDENTS LOS ANGELES AREA WHO WERE IN PUERTA VALLARTA, DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER SIXTY SEVEN AT TROPICANA AND RIO HOTELS. INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TO DATE FOR ANY INFOR ABOUT SUBJECT HAVE NOT BEEN PRODUCTIVE.

RE QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES TO INTERVIEW RECIPIENTS OF MAIL THROUGH THE LOCAL SWINGER. INVESTIGATION AND THOSE INTERVIEWED TO DATE HAVE NOT BEEN PRODUCTIVE OF INFORMATION ABOUT SUBJECT.

INFORMANTS CONTINUE TO BE CONTACTED FOR INFO RE SUBJECT. NEGATIVE RESULTS TO DATE.

PHOENIX AT THE CAVE RESTAURANT, NOGALES, MEXICO, CONDUCT INVESTIGAION TO DETERMINE ALL INFORMATION RE SUBJECT. HE MAY HAVE BEEN THERE IN EARLY OCTOBER WHILE PROCEEDING FROM BIRMINGHAM TO PUERTO VALLARTA.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

- 1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

**FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 8, 1968**

To:

**MURKIN**  
Re: **CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

**44-38861**  
FBI File No. **D-562322 JK**  
Lab. No.

**Los Angeles**

Examination requested by:

**Airtel 5/3/68**

Reference:

**Document - Fingerprint**

Examination requested:

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results  
of the latent fingerprint examination.**

**This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype  
to Los Angeles and Memphis dated 5/4/68.**

**44-38861-3175**

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**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**2 - Los Angeles Enclosures (5) (Q312, Q313, K252, 2 Lab report)  
(44-1574)**

**1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)**

**1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)**

Leon \_\_\_\_\_  
Coach \_\_\_\_\_  
Hr \_\_\_\_\_  
Shop \_\_\_\_\_  
Super \_\_\_\_\_  
Tahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Trad \_\_\_\_\_  
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le. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
mes \_\_\_\_\_  
ndy \_\_\_\_\_

**JHM:AWON (12)**

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562332 JK

Specimens received 5/4/68

Q312 White envelope postmarked "Los Angeles May 1 1968 PM"  
addressed to "Editor in chief The Los Angeles Times  
Newspaper Los Angeles, California"

Q313 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning  
"Dear Editor, By the time..." ending "...never kill  
again." signed "James Ray"

K252 Los Angeles, California, Police Department Booking Card  
bearing known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on Q312 and Q313 are  
not identical with the typewritten impressions appearing on  
items previously received in this matter in the name Eric S.  
Galt.

Although significant handwriting differences were  
noted between the "James Ray" signature on Q313 when compared  
with the available known signatures of James Earl Ray, because  
a portion of the questioned signature is overwritten and  
because of the limited nature of the questioned writing  
involved, a definite opinion could not be reached as to whether  
the questioned signature on Q313 was prepared by Ray.

No watermarks, indented writing or other identifying  
features were noted on Q312 and Q313 which might indicate  
their immediate source.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Specimens Q312 and Q313 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Photographs will be added to this file for future reference.

The spelling, punctuation and typing habits of the individual who prepared Q312 and Q313 were found at variance with similar aspects of typewritten material previously received in the name Eric S. Galt and also in the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

The submitted evidence has been photographed and is returned herewith.

May 8, 1968

Airtel

1 - Mr. Long

To: SACs, Memphis  
Philadelphia

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

RePHtel to the Bureau dated May 1, 1968.

Fourteen thousand copies of the circular letter are being mailed to the Philadelphia Office under separate cover to be transmitted to the W. S. Ponton Company, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, for their utilization in mailing the letter to every dry cleaning and laundry establishment throughout the United States.

One hundred copies of the circular letter are being mailed to the Memphis Division under separate cover for action deemed appropriate by the Memphis Division.

Armed and Dangerous

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NOTE:

See Rosen to DeLoach Memo dated 5/8/68 captioned, "MURKIN," REL:jdb.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Richmond

From: Director, FBI

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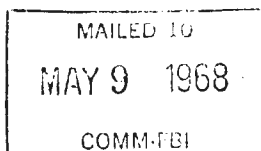
Re [REDACTED] - complainant, Clarendon Hotel Court,  
Arlington, Virginia.

Re Bureau phone call to Alexandria RA, 4-19-68,  
concerning information furnished by [REDACTED] regarding a guest  
at the hotel who resembled the subject.

By return airtel submit results or identify  
communication in which results were furnished Bureau.

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Elson \_\_\_\_\_  
Loach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
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5-9-68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Oklahoma City

From: Director, FBI

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**MURKIN**

ReTPairtel 4-16-68.

Re ~~REDACTED~~ FBI number, ~~REDACTED~~

Reairtel set out lead for Oklahoma City to review files in an attempt to identify "Agents" who may have interviewed ~~REDACTED~~ and to furnish the Bureau, Memphis and Birmingham any pertinent information regarding ~~REDACTED~~

By return airtel submit results or identify communication in which results were furnished Bureau.

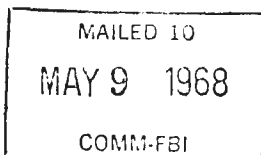
1 - Memphis (info)

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



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5/9/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enclosures (3)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 5/3/68, submitting  
Frontier Airlines temporary credit card, Q322, a Frontier  
Airlines passenger ticket, Q323, and a Frontier Airlines  
passenger ticket, Q324, for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on  
these three items, which are enclosed to Los Angeles.

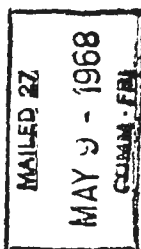
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1 - Denver  
1 - El Paso

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1 - Mr. Rosen

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MAY 9 1968

TELETYPE

FBI CHARLT

1030AM URGENT 5-9-68 DRA

TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: CHARLOTTE 44-1365 2P

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
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Miss Gandy	

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TELETYPE MAY EIGHT, LAST, RE EASTERN AIRLINES  
(EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL FIVE THROUGH TWELVE, LAST.

FOR INFO OF KNOXVILLE, REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED,  
"RESERVATION MADE AT EAL ATLANTA VIA EAL CHARLOTTE ON APRIL  
FIVE, LAST, FOR TRAVEL OF J. C. (OR T. C.) GALT FROM ATLANTA TO  
RICHMOND ON EITHER EAL FLIGHT SIX ONE SIX T OR UNITED FLIGHT  
SIX FOUR ZERO A ON APRIL TEN, LAST. NO TICKET LOCATED. CHARLOTTE  
CONTACT TELEPHONE GIVEN AS [REDACTED]  
RESERVATION ORIGINALLY MADE THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY SIX ONE FIVE  
BY EMPLOYEE [REDACTED] CHARLOTTE CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION,  
AT ABOVE TELEPHONE TO ELIMINATE." REC-97 44-38861-3180

TODAY, LONG DISTANCE OPERATOR, CHARLOTTE, ADVISED TELEPHONE

[REDACTED] IS NOT A N.C. NUMBER. MAY 9 1968

[REDACTED] EAL, CHARLOTTE, ADVISED RECORDS SHOW THE TRAVEL AGENCY  
REFERRED TO IS LOCATED AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN., AT TELEPHONE

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KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION  
REQUESTED OF CHARLOTTE.

MEMPHIS AND MIAMI ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

JMS

FBI WASH DC



5/8/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Buffalo (44-374) - Enclosures (2)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

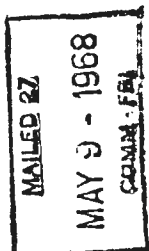
MURKIN

Re Buffalo airtel 4/29/68, submitting an envelope, Q304, addressed to [REDACTED], and accompanying sheet of paper, Q305, for examination.

One latent fingerprint of value was developed on the envelope. No latent prints of value developed on Q305. The latent fingerprint on the envelope is not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942C, or with the latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

Q304 and Q305 enclosed to Buffalo.

Laboratory reporting separately.



- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 1 - Kansas City
- 1 - Detroit
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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44-38861-3181

19 MAY 9 1968

Alton \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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20 MAY 1968

MAIL ROOM ☒

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FBI

Date: 4/26/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: THOMAS E. BISHOP  
CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed are three copies of an editorial entitled, "FBI Loses Some of Its Shine" which was in the Houston Chronicle evening of 4/25/68.

I immediately contacted Mr. EVERETT D. COLLIER, Vice President and Editor of the Houston Chronicle and discussed this editorial. I told Mr. COLLIER that I was at a loss to understand his reason for the editorial and wanted to set the record straight on just what had been done. Mr. COLLIER immediately stated that as the SAC well knew, he was an outstanding admirer of the Director and of the FBI, and his main reason for writing this editorial was because he was just upset about the entire case. He stated that everyone knows that the Attorney General talks too much, and he could not understand why the Attorney General kept saying on a day-to-day basis right after it happened, that "We are very close." Mr. COLLIER stated he believed it would have been much better if Mr. HOOVER would have made daily statements concerning the progress of the case because of the respect with which the Director is held by all Americans. In addition, he stated he was still concerned about the recent policy adopted by the American Bar Association against pre-trial publicity and

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2 - Houston (1-44-1509)  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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felt this might have unduly influenced the FBI's releases. I told Mr. COLLIER in no uncertain terms that this matter had been handled promptly and releases given when the facts warranted same. I told him Mr. HOOVER had never approved releasing of information concerning possible suspects, but always insisted that the full facts be furnished when a subject was identified and warrant obtained. COLLIER stated he realized this and appreciated the reason for same. He said it was hard for the public to understand why it took so long to identify the fingerprints of GALT and RAY. I explained the manner in which the latents were obtained, the great investigative time taken to identify the latents, and here again I felt that our Identification Division had done an outstanding job in doing this so promptly. After these facts were presented to Mr. COLLIER he stated he understood.

He also believed that we had identified GALT and RAY the same day, but had released the information on GALT and two days later released it on RAY. Here again I pointed out the facts that were released, and had been set forth in his newspaper, that a warrant was obtained on the person using the name of GALT on 4/17/68, and after an exhaustive search of over 53,000 fugitive prints, RAY was identified on 4/19/68, just two days later. Of course, at the Director's instructions he was promptly placed on our "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List."

It was obvious at the conclusion of the conversation that Mr. COLLIER was impressed with our results and appreciated being straightened out on the matter. In conclusion I told Mr. COLLIER that if he had any further questions in the future about our operations, all he had to do was to let me know and I would give him the full facts. He stated he certainly appreciated this and could reassure us that he would call the SAC in the future. He restated many times during the conversation that he had the greatest respect for Mr. HOOVER and realized that no other investigative agency could have done such a thorough job of investigating.

*Collier should have taken  
his ire out on A.G. & not  
the FBI*

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## FBI loses some of its shine

The hunt for the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has taken some odd turns, and one of the more unusual ones is the way the Justice Department and its agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have been behaving.

Immediately after the killing Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark exuded optimism about an arrest. "We are very close," he said. A few days later he said he hoped to provide a picture of the suspect. But it was not until a week after the murder that the FBI inadvertently disclosed the name of Eric Starvo Galt.

And so it has gone since April 4. Clark's optimism has faded, and the FBI has seemed almost intent on keeping the public confused.

The FBI's image as the smoothest man-hunting agency was tarnished by the length of time taken to identify the fingerprints of Galt as those of ex-convict James Earl Ray. It was 15 days after the assassination. In question is

whether it really took that long or whether the FBI was withholding the information.

It was not until Sunday that the FBI put Galt or Ray on its most wanted list. The success of the list in apprehending wanted persons over the years has been good. It is hard to understand why the description and photo of Galt were not released as soon as they were uncovered.

The FBI could never be accused of being loose-lipped, but the most wanted list was a creation of its director, J. Edgar Hoover. He has always been proud of the role it has played in apprehending those unfortunate enough to be listed.

We wonder if the recent policy adopted by the American Bar Assn. against pre-trial publicity has unduly influenced the FBI. If this is the case, the results are plain enough. The public linking of Galt and Ray was made about two weeks after the killing, and no one has yet been apprehended.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

"THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE"  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Date: 4-25-68

Edition:

Author:

Editor: EVERETT D. COLLIER

Title:

Character:

or

Classification: 44-1500

Submitting Office: HOUSTON

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44-1500-3182

END

DO-6

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 29, 1968

The attached news release was sent to  
the Director from Sy Presten  
Associates, 41 East 57th Street,  
New York, New York 10022.

MR. TOLSON ✓  
MR. DELOACH ✓  
MR. MOHR ✓  
MR. BISHOP ✓  
MR. CASPER ✓  
MR. CALLAHAN ✓  
MR. CONRAD ✓  
MR. FELT ✓  
MR. GALE ✓  
MR. ROSEN ✓  
MR. SULLIVAN ✓  
MR. TAVEL ✓  
MR. TROTTER ✓  
MR. JONES ✓  
TELE. ROOM ✓  
MISS HOLMES ✓  
MRS. METCALF ✓  
MISS GANDY ✓

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ENCLOSURE

# NEWS

from SY PRESTEN ASSOCIATES

MEREDITH ANDERS

41 East 57th Street - New York, N. Y. 10022 - Plaza 3-7

April 27, 1968

CAVE INSURING DR. KING SUSPECT  
DOESN'T FOLLOW JESSE JAMES EXAMPLE

Pictures of James Earl Ray, suspect in the killing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has gone up all over Meramec Caverns, on U.S. 66, Stanton, Missouri.

The cave wants to prevent Ray, who once escaped from the Missouri State Prison, from getting an idea to emulate another much wanted Missouri criminal, Jesse James, who used the cave as a hide-out during the 1870's.

Life-size posters of the much sought after Ray is on display throughout the five-story cave.

For many years, through the cooperation of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the cave has been posting pictures of the FBI's "10 Most Wanted Men," in case any of them got any ideas from Jesse James. However, this is the first time that a wanted man's picture has been posted all around the underground emporium, according to Lester B. Dill, cave director.

SY PRESTEN ASSOCIATES

41 EAST 57th STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10022

# # #

25 MAY 6 1968

May 1, 1968

Mr. Meredith Anderson  
Sy Presten Associates  
41 East 57th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I received your news release of April 27th  
pertaining to the posting of the photographs of James Earl  
Ray in Meramec Caverns and want to thank you for making  
this information available to me. Your thoughtfulness is  
indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - St. Louis - Enclosure

NOTE: We have had limited cordial correspondence with  
Mr. Anderson and other members of this organization regarding  
information on the Top Ten program.

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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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With regard to the attached, SAC Grapp of Los Angeles called at 2:45 this afternoon to report that Chief Reddin had just returned to the city and was very upset about this editorial. Chief Reddin called SAC Grapp and apologized very profusely, stating that he had checked at Police Headquarters and could not find anyone who had talked to the Los Angeles Times. Chief Reddin stated that he personally was going to the Times and protest this unfounded editorial.



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FBI, Los Angeles

Date: 4/30/68

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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATT'N: CRIME RECORDS  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 RE: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles call to Bureau this date.

Enclosed is a self-explanatory editorial appearing in the Los Angeles Times newspaper this date pertaining to the above-captioned case and the FBI's investigation. It mentions among other things that at least eight major metropolitan areas are important in the slaying, plus many smaller towns. It states the police were virtually ignored in the four cities where the search has been most intense--Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta and Los Angeles. It states as of Monday, (4/29/68) the FBI still had not contacted Police Chief Thomas Reddin to ask for the help of the Los Angeles Police Department.

It appears this editorial is a rehash of old newspaper articles with datelines of Memphis, Atlanta, and Birmingham. These articles previously set forth in substance the same statements concerning the FBI's alleged "lone role."

The article is inaccurate in many respects. The Bureau's national press release and statements attributed to the Bureau called upon all citizens to give any and all information and assistance they could in identifying and apprehending the slayer. This, of course, includes law enforcement. In addition to that, the Wanted Flyers and the I.O.'s were provided to local law enforcement and gave them the basic facts. In addition, the Ten Most Wanted program plus the exposure on the FBI Series again appealed for public assistance which, of course, included law enforcement. In addition, the FBI has gone to the Los Angeles Police Department and asked for help in the form of obtaining records, photographs, results of their previous investigations concerning people involved in this matter, etc. The case has previously been discussed very briefly with COP REDDIN as well as the head of the Detective Bureau, Deputy Chief ROBERT HOUGHTON.

C. C. Bishop

2 - Bureau (Enc. 1)  
 3 - Los Angeles  
 Approved: WGG:gmw Special Agent in Charge  
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The next time I am in personal contact with the ranking officials of the Los Angeles Times newspaper I intend to point out to them in the appropriate manner their blatant disregard for the truth in this matter as well as their exceedingly poor taste in publishing such an editorial. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
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*copy of the book  
"Right"*

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# The FBI and Local Police

The still-unsuccessful manhunt for the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King provides disturbing new evidence of the lack of adequate cooperation between the FBI and local police.

Nearly five weeks after the murder, a curious attitude of aloofness and secrecy persists in the bureau's investigation. FBI officials apparently want to do the job themselves despite the great significance of the case and the enormous difficulties involved.

At least eight major metropolitan areas, including Los Angeles, are important in the King slaying, plus many smaller towns. James Earl Ray, the chief suspect, left a tangled and confusing trail.

It was obvious, therefore, that there should have been the closest cooperation between federal and local authorities. Yet police were virtually ignored in the four cities where the search has been the most intense—Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta and Los Angeles.

As of Monday, 25 days after Dr. King's murder, the FBI still hadn't contacted Police Chief Thomas Reddin to ask for the help of the Los Angeles Police Department. Such assistance would have been of great value, particularly in the early stages of the manhunt.

No single law enforcement agency, even one as large and generally efficient as the FBI, could hope to follow every lead in every city involved in the King case. Local

police personnel must be used to supplement FBI agents in investigations of such scope.

The mobilizing of all available law enforcement manpower by the bureau becomes the more urgent in view of the increasing number of federal cases and the great inter-state mobility now available to criminals. Congress, for instance, recently made new federal crimes of riot incitement and endangering civil rights workers.

Such cooperation among federal, state and local authorities has occurred in the past, but not often enough. It must be the rule in the future.

Although the FBI may once have hesitated in working with many city police departments, the quality of local law enforcement has improved markedly. Much of the credit for this better training is due the FBI.

Why then does the bureau continue to resist?

Both precedent and procedure exist for the joining of forces. What is needed to mobilize all of the nation's resources against crime is a new attitude of cooperation on the part of the FBI and its director, J. Edgar Hoover.

The protection of the public and the preservation of law and order are challenges so important that maximum use of available police manpower must always be made. And such cooperation offers the surest means of avoiding a national police force alien to the American tradition.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

II-4 Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles, Calif.

Date: 4/30/68

Edition: Preview

Author:

Editor: Nick B. Williams

Title:

Character:

or

Classification: LA 94-

Submitting Office: Los Angeles

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ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 5-7-68

FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT: MURKIN

## LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

A picture post card, Q306, addressed to the FBI, Washington, D. C., has been examined, but no latent impressions of value for identification purposes were found or developed. The post card, which is attached, is being retained in Bufiles.

The Laboratory is setting forth the results of its examination in a separate memorandum.

### RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enc.

44-38861

1 - Mr. Rosen

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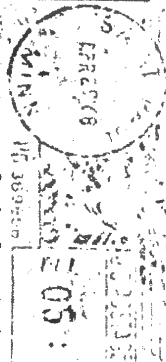
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

FBI ATLANTA

700 PM URGENT 5-4-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR (ATTN: ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR DELCASH)  
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO ATLANTA FIVE FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

[REDACTED], ATLANTA, GA., INTERVIEWED THIS DATE ADVISED MONDAY FOUR TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT, UNKNOWN MASONIC MEMBER FROM JACKSON, GA. WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY SELF TO [REDACTED] CONTACTED [REDACTED] IN ATLANTA AND CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED HAD GONE TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JACKSON, GA., AFTER REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS KILLED AND [REDACTED] VERY UPSET. THIS MAN SAID [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD IN PAST SHOT INTO HOME OF CIVIL RIGHTS WORKER. HE STATED [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY SENT [REDACTED] TO CALIFORNIA AFTER MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS KILLED

[REDACTED] SAID MAN TOLD HIM HE HAD NO INFORMATION

[REDACTED] HAD A WHITE MUSTANG OR THAT [REDACTED] HAD ABANDONED A WHITE MUSTANG IN ATLANTA BUT WAS PERSONAL BELIEF  
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NOT BASED ON ANY FACT THAT [REDACTED] MIGHT HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH LEAVING THE WHITE MUSTANG IN ATLANTA AS [REDACTED] LIVED IN GEORGIA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED WOULD MAKE EFFORT TO LEARN IDENTITY OF MAN FROM JACKSON AND IF SUCCESSFUL WOULD FURNISH IDENTITY TO FBI. WHEN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

[REDACTED] JACKSON PD, JACKSON, GA., ADVISED [REDACTED] OPERATES [REDACTED] JACKSON, GEORGIA. [REDACTED] ENTERED THE U.S. AIR FORCE [REDACTED] SIXTYEIGHT AND HAS BEEN STATIONED AT AMARILLO, TEXAS SINCE THAT TIME. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] HAS HAD NO LEAVE SINCE BEING IN AIR FORCE AND PARENTS VISITED HIM IN AMARILLO, TEXAS COUPLE WEEKS AGO. [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] OWNS GTX PLYMOUTH AUTO. HE HAS NEVER HEARD [REDACTED] NAME CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH SHOOTING INTO ANYONES HOME.

ATLANTA INDICES NEGATIVE CONCERNING [REDACTED]  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

LCC

FBI WASH DC

5/6/68

The Attorney General called Mr. DeLoach late Saturday night, 5/4/68, to indicate that a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had contacted him, from Atlanta, Georgia, to report that one [REDACTED] of Jackson, Georgia, might be involved in the King case. The AG requested an interview with the SCLC member.

Interview reflects no information of any substance; in fact, [REDACTED] has been in U.S. Air Force since [REDACTED] 68, stationed at Amarillo, Texas, and has not had any annual leave since that date.

Memorandum being prepared to Attorney General.

CDD:CSH

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1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. McDonough

The Attorney General

May 9, 1968

Director, FBI

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Reference is made to your call to Mr. DeLoach on May 4, 1968, wherein you indicated that a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference from Atlanta, Georgia, had reported that one [REDACTED] of Jackson, Georgia, might be involved in captioned case.

Pursuant to your request, [REDACTED] Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed on May 4, 1968, and advised that on April 29, 1968, an individual from Jackson, Georgia, who refused to identify himself to [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] in Atlanta and confidentially advised he had gone to [REDACTED] in Jackson, Georgia, after Martin Luther King, Jr., was killed and [REDACTED] was very upset. [REDACTED] source stated that [REDACTED] had in the past shot into the home of a civil rights worker. The source stated that [REDACTED] reportedly sent [REDACTED] to California after Martin Luther King, Jr., was killed.

[REDACTED] stated that his source told him he had no information that [REDACTED] had a white Mustang or had abandoned a white Mustang in Atlanta, but it was his personal belief, not based on any fact, that [REDACTED] might have had something to do with leaving the white Mustang in Atlanta as [REDACTED] lived in Georgia. [REDACTED] advised that he would make every effort to learn the identity of his source from Jackson, Georgia, and if successful, he would furnish this individual's identity to the FBI. If this individual is identified by [REDACTED], he will be interviewed.

[REDACTED] Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Georgia, advised that [REDACTED] operates [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] entered the United States Air Force on [REDACTED] 1968, and has been stationed at Amarillo, Texas, since that time. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] has had no leave since being in the Air Force and his parents visited him in Amarillo, Texas, a couple of weeks ago.

EJM:hw

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NOTE: Above information per teletype from Atlanta dated 5-4-68.

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The Attorney General

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] owns a GTX Plymouth automobile, and he has never heard of [REDACTED] name being connected in any way with a shooting into anyone's home.

The files of our Atlanta Office contain no pertinent information identifiable with [REDACTED]

This is for your information.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General

F B I

Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI Laboratory  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 562843  
 RE: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau is handwritten letter received at "The Local Swinger" on 4/3/68, from J. RAY, [REDACTED] Sausalito, California, 94965.

The Laboratory is requested to examine enclosure for any latent fingerprints which may be identifiable with subject and handwriting examination with other material previously submitted in this matter.

The enclosed was furnished SA [REDACTED] on 5/8/68, by [REDACTED] "The Local Swinger." [REDACTED] advised that enclosed has been handled by himself and an employee, [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] also handled enclosure.

It is requested that enclosure be returned to the Los Angeles Office for return to [REDACTED] per his request for completion of his files.

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- 4 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (RM)
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C. C. Bishop

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SEVEN  
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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/9/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel to Bureau 4/29/68 concerning  
 toll calls from phone booths in the St. Francis Hotel, Los  
 Angeles, Calif.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. BENJAMIN SPATZ, [REDACTED]  
 Sharon Hill, Pa., advised SA [REDACTED] that the  
 telephone # [REDACTED] was listed to her husband at that  
 address.

She advised that the 12/12/67 phone call to their  
 phone had been from her son, RICHARD GUSTAV SPATZ, who  
 resides in Allegheny, Calif., and he is reportedly employed  
 as a building manager in that area. His contact with the  
 family has been limited in recent years.

However, he holds [REDACTED] and calls  
 every several months to ensure that the [REDACTED] are  
 forwarded to him from Sharon Hill. Mrs. SPATZ is not certain,  
 but she believes that that was the reason for the call of  
 12/12/67.

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 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Info)(RM)  
 1 - Memphis (44-1978)(RM)  
 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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C. C. - Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to the Director, 5/3/68, concerning toll calls made from Public Telephone Booths on Interstate Highway #10, 12/15 - 17/67. [REDACTED] PARLIN, N.J.

On 5/7/68, Miss LINDA PETERS, a freshman student at Cedar Crest College, (a girls' school), Allentown, Pa., advised SA [REDACTED] that she resides in Room #336, on the third floor, Curtis Hall, at the college.

(It is noted that phone number 433-9403 is listed to Cedar Crest College, Curtis Hall, third floor, Allentown, Pa.)

PETERS advised that her boy friend, GEORGE VOLLMANN, a freshman at LAMAR Technical Institute, Beaumont, Texas, had called her on 12/12/67, from Texas. She received the call on the dormitory phone on her floor. PETERS advised that she had no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY. PETERS stated that her home address was [REDACTED] Parlin, N.J.

On 5/7/68, Mrs. DEAN STAIR, [REDACTED] Hanover, Pa., advised SA [REDACTED] that telephone [REDACTED] was listed to her husband at that address. She stated that about a week before Christmas, 1967, she had received a phone call from her foster brother, RALPH KUHN, in Beaumont, Texas. She stated that KUHN presently [REDACTED] in Beaumont.

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 1-Memphis (44-1987)  
 1-Houston (44-1509) (Info)  
 1-Philadelphia (44-1368)  
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Approved: [Signature]

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : *JH* SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: *in* MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

*10-10  
NVAF only*

PC-A 6191

*Copy & specs retained in Lab  
for Lab action & report*

On the evening of 5/7/68, a 1964 Chevrolet with Michigan license DC3114 was found at the Atlanta Municipal Airport with a body inside the trunk. This body has been identified by the Identification Division through fingerprints as ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY, FBI Number 841 310 C.

Enclosed herewith is a bullet removed from the body by the medical examiner on the morning of 5/8/68.

The Bureau is requested to examine this bullet and retain it for possible comparison with suspect guns.

*1/9. Exam submitted. NVAF  
Serial -  
② Report on serial F.O. upon exam.  
③ Return bullet to I.O. & return  
that murder case - matter  
At P.D. will submit report -  
conduct gun examination &  
comparisons.*

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(2) - Atlanta  
CEC:jlh  
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TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Rerep SA [REDACTED] dated 4/29/68 at  
New Orleans.

The Bureau's attention is referred to pages 19 through 24 of rerep, which sets forth the identities of persons registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., from 12/17-19/67. Investigation has determined that JAMES EARL RAY stayed at this motel from 12/17-19/67 in room 126 under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

For the information of the Bureau, a previous communication has been sent to all Offices covering areas in which the persons listed on pages 19 through 24 reside, to locate these persons and exhibit photograph of JAMES EARL RAY for any information.

It is noted that on page 21 of rerep and on page 22 of rerep there are individuals who list their address as Colombia.

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Inasmuch as the Bureau does not have a Legat covering the country of Colombia, there are enclosed eight copies of a letterhead memorandum to which are attached photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. The Bureau is requested to transmit sufficient

**ENCLOSURE**

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 8)  
2 - Memphis (Enc. 2)  
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C. C. Bishop

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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copies of the letterhead memorandum to the State Department with the request that they locate the individuals mentioned in the letterhead memorandum and exhibit photographs of RAY to determine if these individuals recall RAY at the motel or had any contact with RAY or can provide any information about RAY and his activities.

Two copies of the letterhead memorandum are furnished to Memphis.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.





In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana  
May 8, 1968

James Earl Ray;  
Dr. Martin Luther King - Victim

Investigation in this matter has determined that James Earl Ray registered under the name Eric S. Galt in room 126 at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 17, 1967, and checked out of the motel on December 19, 1967. At this time Ray was driving a white Mustang automobile bearing Alabama license 1-38993 and, according to the motel registration card, listed his home address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

According to the motel registration cards, an individual by the name of Marcia Josefa Nova DeGirao registered in room 103 at the Provincial Motel on December 19, 1967, and indicated there were two in her party. The registration card lists this person's address as [REDACTED], Medellin, Colombia.

Another motel registration card indicated that an individual by the name of Maria Mercedes Botero registered in room 101 at the motel on December 19, 1967, and indicated there were three in her party. The motel registration card lists this person's address as [REDACTED], Medellin, Colombia.

There are attached to this memorandum photographs of James Earl Ray.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

The Department of State is requested to locate the individuals in Colombia, South America, and exhibit photographs of Ray to determine if these individuals recall Ray at the motel and if they can furnish any information as to his contacts or other activities of pertinence.



JAMES EARL RAY



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JAMES EARL RAY  
Photographs on left taken 1960;  
other taken 1968  
Age 40  
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617PM URGENT 4-19-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS

ERM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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CONFIRMING INFO FURNISHED BY SL TELEPHONICALLY TO ASAC CLARK,  
CHICAGO, APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT FOR POSSIBLE USE BY CG IN INTERVIEWING  
JERRY RAY.

REGISTRATION RECORDS MACARTHUR HOTEL, SL, REFLECT FOLLOWING.

JERRY W. RAY, [REDACTED], NORTHBROOK, ILL.  
REGISTERED THERE TEN P.M. FEB. TWO SIXTYEIGHT  
FOR ONE NIGHT.

JOHN RAY, [REDACTED] LOUIS REGISTERED THERE  
FEB. SIX SIXTYEIGHT, TWO A.M. ONE NIGHT ONLY.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN RAY, [REDACTED] ST. LOUIS,  
REGISTERED THERE FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, TWO TEN A.M., ONE NIGHT  
ONLY.

ST. LOUIS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE ST. LOUIS ADDRESSES.

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The Attorney General

April 22, 1968

Director, FBI

ADDITION OF JAMES EARL RAY  
TO THE FBI'S LIST OF 'TEN  
MOST WANTED FUGITIVES'

Enclosed is a copy of a press release concerning  
the special addition on Saturday, April 20, 1968, of James Earl  
Ray to the FBI's list of 'Ten Most Wanted Fugitives.'

Enclosure

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Cliff Sessions  
Office of Public Information - Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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OO: ME

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of the April, 1968, issue of the publication captioned "A-SSA NEWS" published by the Alabama Service Station Association, Inc., (A-SSA) 1102 South 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35205.

On page five of this publication is an article captioned "WANTED BY THE FBI" regarding JAMES EARL RAY. This article, prepared by the Birmingham Division was given to Mrs. HELEN SPIVEY, Office Secretary of the A-SSA, and through her cooperation, was published in their publication. This enclosure, received by this office from Mrs. SPIVEY, is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

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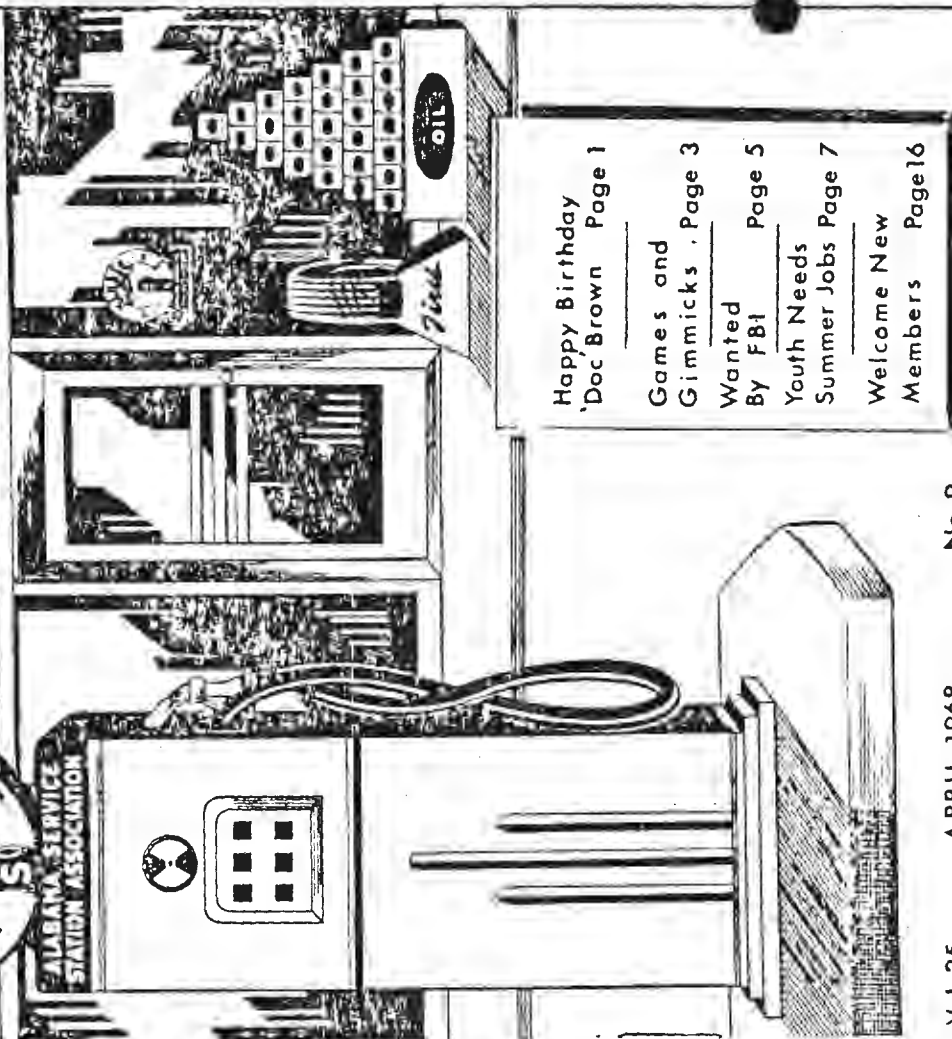
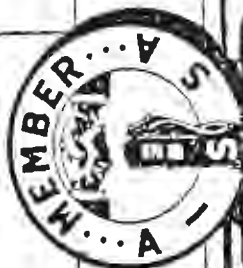
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# A-SSA NEWS



No. 9

APRIL, 1968

Vol. 25

**Most Dealers Now Recommend At Least 7 & 7½¢  
Margin on Gasoline Before Rent, and Say They  
Need Even More To Meet Increased Costs**



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## DEALERS LEARN TO RIDE SPIRAL

We often wish prices would remain the same from day to day, but that is day-dreaming. Everything is on the move, either up or down, including prices.

Dealers are becoming more and more aware of their responsibility to keep up with the trends so they will know what to expect. Then, by exchanging ideas with others they know better how to cope with the upward spiral by adjusting their prices to produce the additional revenue needed.

Often time the need is to raise the price on something that we think "just can't be done" because we think the customer will not accept the increase. This might call for some "educating" of either the customer to justify the increase, or the Dealer himself to the necessity of more profit.

Dealers are becoming more willing to meet with one another and discuss these things, and it is being reflected in better decisions and healthier operations. You feel good to believe you know more than your competitor, but you will feel better to have the knowledge of both.

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Birmingham, Ala.

## WANTED BY THE FBI

James Earl Ray, with known aliases of Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmeyer, James McBride, James O'Connor, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim", is being sought by the FBI and charged with a civil rights conspiracy in which the victim was shot and killed and interstate flight - robbery.

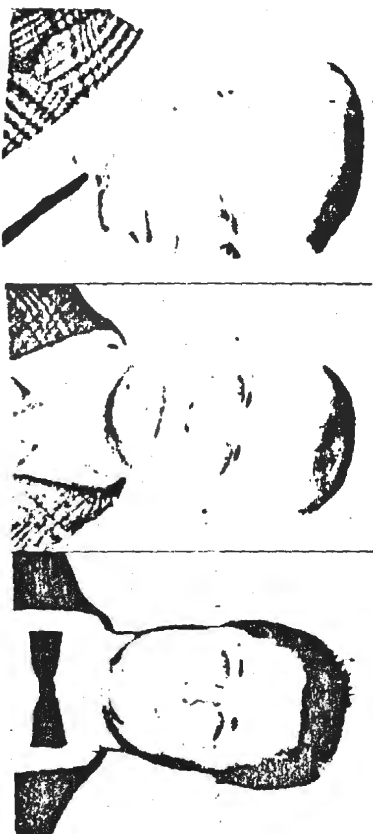
According to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, Ray, who is 40 years of age, was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, since April 23, 1967, where he had been received on March 17, 1960, to serve a 20-year sentence following his conviction for armed robbery.

Ray has a known arrest record dating back to 1949 which includes a conviction for burglary in Los Angeles, California, in 1949; armed robbery in Chicago, Illinois, in 1952; and forging United States Postal Money Orders in Missouri in 1955.

Ray had served in the U. S. Army from February, 1946, to December, 1948, at which time he was given a general discharge. He is a white male, born March 10, 1928 in Illinois (not confirmed), is approximately 5'10", weight 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes, brown hair, has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand.

Ray is a drifter and has been employed as a baker, labourer and a color matcher.

Ray should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone having information concerning him should immediately report it to the FBI. Call Birmingham telephone 322-7711 - collect.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 1, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[REDACTED] requested his identity be concealed and advised as follows. In [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] at Missouri State Penitentiary. Ray had aspirations of making a big haul and retiring to Mexico where he intended to live frugally on beans and beer.

Ray told [REDACTED] he wanted to stay off the beaten path in Mexico and avoid American Colonies. He implied he had gone to Mexico twice to cool off after robberies and had once lived with peasants on the outskirts of Campeche, near the Yucatan Peninsula, where he rented a three-room shack. Ray continually emphasized his desire to make one big score and then live frugally in Mexico. He said Mexico City and Acapulco were too expensive; however, he made reference to Torreon in North Central Mexico where he said there were low priced prostitutes in the red-light district.

Ray also told [REDACTED] he had earned money smuggling appliances such as television sets and washing machines which he sold to peasants in Mexico. The smuggling was done from Brownsville, Texas, by a fishing boat owned by [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] who formerly lived in the United States and spoke English. Ray could speak very little Spanish.

[REDACTED] believes Ray went to Mexico in the late nineteen fifties by car and on another occasion went by boat from Brownsville. The Legat, Mexico City, and the San Antonio Office are conducting appropriate investigation concerning the information provided by [REDACTED]

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Mem. Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED] states he knew Ray in Missouri State Penitentiary from 1962 until August, 1966, but only saw him about once a week. He described Ray as a loner with no close friends, having a bad nervous condition and definitely having a mental problem.

[REDACTED] suspected Ray of using large quantities of amphetamine when it was available and bases this opinion on the rapidity with which Ray's weight would fluctuate with losses or gains of ten to fifteen pounds in very short periods of time. [REDACTED] says such a weight loss is characteristic of the use of a large amount of amphetamine and the subsequent rapid gain would occur when amphetamine was not available.

It is noted Ray gave a Montreal, Canada, address when he enrolled in a correspondence locksmithing course, 7/31/67. The address is in an apartment project which does not maintain accurate records and no record of Ray's tenancy can be found. Employees of the apartment project recall Ray resided there about six weeks paying \$150 when he arrived. He left about Labor Day and a week or two before he left he had been gone for two or three days, supposedly on a trip to the United States.

[REDACTED]  
Investigation is being conducted to determine if Ray was more closely associated with Stein than Stein has admitted.

Louis Lomax was at the penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, on larceny charges from 2/19/50 until 5/9/56. Ray was at Joliet from 6/13/52 until 7/19/52. It is not known whether they were acquainted.

Louis Lomax has released another story for publication in which he claims he and Charles Stein found the telephone booth in Texas from which Ray made a call to the "cashman" in New Orleans at 8 p. m., 12/16/67. Lomax states that with this clue Ray's New Orleans contact will be identified as soon as telephone company officials can locate the record of the call. We have previously determined that no call to New Orleans was made from this telephone during the entire month of December.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] knew Ray at Missouri State Penitentiary from 1963 to 1966. [REDACTED] says there were two gangs in the prison and Ray associated with the leaders of the St. Louis gang. He also says Ray was close to an inmate who was the main supplier of drugs within the prison. He does not remember this prisoner's name but believes he was serving a long sentence for killing a St. Louis policeman. [REDACTED] alleges this prisoner had six or eight other prisoners selling drugs for him. [REDACTED] believes the drugs were obtained from a guard and says on one occasion one-half pound of amphetamine was found in this prisoner's cell.

In December, 1966, Ray was examined by a psychiatric consultant for the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole. The examiner described Ray as an interesting and rather complicated individual who stated that within the past year he had various physical complaints including "pain in the 'solar plexes,' tachycardia and 'intracranial tension'." The examiner commented to Ray that he was using rather large words and Ray replied that he had been reading medical literature.

The psychiatrist found that Ray's basic problem appeared to be an increasingly severe obsessive compulsive trend. Ray had stated that at the age of ten he awoke one night believing he had lost his eyesight and became quite fearful. It was stated that various fears confront Ray from time to time "in a typical obsessive compulsive way" and he feels he must do certain things to avoid what he feels will occur and harm him. For instance, Ray described a feeling of fear which could be alleviated if he took a glass of water from which he was drinking, placed it on the table and moved it back and forth several times.

The psychiatrist found evidence of a rather deep underlying obsessive compulsive personality trend. The psychiatrist stated that Ray's problem was not psychotic but was severely neurotic and Ray was fearful that his anxiety and tension might lead him into more serious difficulties. The psychiatric report expressed the opinion that Ray was in need of psychiatric help.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

All aspects of this investigation are being vigorously pursued on a top priority basis.

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on Sonap.*

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 17, 1968

The attached letters were sent to the  
Director from Walter Winchell,  
33 West 56th Street, New York,  
New York.

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WINCHELL  
33 w. 56 st.  
new york, ny

MR. TOLSON ✓  
MR. DELOACH ✓  
MR. MOHR ✓  
MR. BISHOP ✓  
MR. CASPER ✓  
MR. CALLAHAN ✓  
MR. CONRAD ✓  
MR. FELT ✓  
MR. GALE ✓  
MR. ROSEN ✓  
MR. SULLIVAN ✓  
MR. TAVEL ✓  
MR. TROTTER ✓  
MR. JONES ✓  
TELE. ROOM ✓  
MISS HOLMES ✓  
MRS. METCALF ✓  
MISS GANDY ✓

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23 MAY 14 1968

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[REDACTED]  
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11203

New York Daily Column Inc.  
21 Hempstead Avenue  
Lynbrook, N. Y. 11563

Att: Walter Winchell

Dear Mr. Winchell:

I am a New York City cab driver, Hack License # [REDACTED]

About two months ago I picked up Dr. Martin Luther King, his aide and a very attractive white woman at the International Hotel at Kennedy Airport.

I drove King and his aide to LaGuardia Airport. When we arrived, Dr. King and his aide left the cab with two bags and departed, leaving the white woman in the cab for me to drive her to a midtown townhouse, (the address which I can't recall now, but can be verified on my trip sheet.) When Dr. King left my cab both he and the woman fondly embraced, and kissed. ( not fatherly)

Mr. Winchell, if she had a jealous husband and he is the guy, do you think it would be right to name Newark Airport after him?


If I can be of any other assistance, please contact me.

Very truly yours,  
[REDACTED]

44-38861-111  
ENCLOSURE

33 West 56 Street  
New York, New York

April 16, 1968

  
Brooklyn, New York 11203

Dear 

Many thanks for your recent letter which I found  
very interesting and have sent to the proper authorities.

Good wishes.

Sincerely,

Walter Winchell

114-2200

ENCLOSURE



[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
New York, N.Y. 10028

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Walter Winchel

New York Daily Column

New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Winchel

Martin Luther King is not needed. We have our ways without Young Wilkens and people who think like King" said Roy Innes, a national director of CORE, at a meeting last week of the Cornell Medical Student Forum. He said also, " We can't wait for how long they want us to wait. We cant wait for them to satisfy our needs. It's no longer our problem. It's your problem. It's the white man's problem. We don't wonder any more how this white man's problem is going to be solved. We know, yes we know how to make you come across. Not even since Washington was anything accomplished without violence. Even looting is part of your early history. Th tea wasn't dumped in the Boston harbor looters took it home and used it. Black people arent doing anything different from history. Looting took place before we even got here. If we make it costly enough we'll get what we want. It will be cheaper to give us our own schools, our own books, our own institutions, even our own nation. We know the way. I ain't saying we're going to burn your cities, loot your stores or rape your women, but I ain't saying either it won't happen"

When Innes was asked by a third year medical student who confessed sympathy for the black man's cause, why the blacks now reject the support of liberals. the CORE leader answered" We want no white help

We want no one but blacks to help us structure our methods. We don't want no support from liberals or Jews except maybe their money. The only way you can help is to make your mothers and fathers realize they better help us get what we want. They got to help get us the institutions and the money controlled by the whites. And until we satisfy these needs it will just become more and more costly.

A member of the audience: not a student, a negro CORE member further reinforced James' position that one may have to die to live in Harlem with this declaration witnessed the hundreds of students and said also that if his very good white friend and roommate opposed his black views he would just have to kill him.

It is my view that those people who had the very least use for Martin Luther King were this or other militant members of CORE and other black national gangs. Negroes killed Malcom X. Is it improbable the same power hungry set had King assassinated. With so many of their sympathies reflecting the worst Stalinist and Maoist philosophies, could not his death be not only justified, but necessary. Is it improbable a white boy needing money or dope would draw the line at King. Does a thug or a hoodlum sense morality, justice or human decency. A target like King would just make the price of his chore higher or the achievement more satisfying.


Other than the militant groups, who would have more to gain by having Martin Luther King removed from negro leadership. Was not the impending black man's national strike designed by King the most probable force yet conceived to underscore the negroe's participation, contribution and value to our economy..... Was not the success of this ingenious plan the greatest threat to the violent black power advocates of a separate nation?

Roy Innes spoke as the associate national director of CORE. His complete approval of "burn baby burn" and other violence was unmistakable. His group's desire to have the opportunity to rewrite American History is in only a small way clouded in their thrust to control the schools. The smell of federal funds that can be hidden or diverted for their secret use is an aphrodisiac and hallucinogen to them. They want to make their own nation starting in the "model" Harlem and spreading who knows where. As a separate nation, with separate treaty powers, should we fail to invite Castro or Mao they would have their black armies with weapons paid for by federal grants, invade New York.

In my view Innes appears as a 5th Columnist. As he is assured an executive position in the new nation he may stop at nothing to gain his goal. Killing Martin Luther King would for his ambition be no more undesirable than it may have been to kill Christ.

Would you help by keeping your eye, ear and pen on black nationalism

Sincerely,



33 West 56 Street  
New York, New York

April 16, 1968

[REDACTED]  
New York, New York 10028

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your recent letter which I found  
very interesting.

Good wishes.

Sincerely,

Walter Winchell

11/1/68

March 28, 1968

Dear Mr. Winchell

I have just finished reading an article in Readers Digest (by Mr. William Schulz) about Martin Luther Kings March on Washington in April.

Why is this defiant rabble rouser allowed to carry out his plan?

What is wrong with the people who can stop this sort of thing from happening. I get so mad when some one say's -- it would be un-constitutional to stop free assembly and free speech well believe me they have gone beyond that.

This man isn't a Minister of God, he is evil to do such a terrible thing, it will only end in disaster, a lot of innocent people will get hurt if these herds of these so called Americans (they are scum in my way of thinking) invade DC by the thousands.

Believe me Mr. Winchell a lot of Americans are getting sick to death of these Marchs & Protesters.

I was poor, didn't get much of an education and many night went to bed hungry -- my father died when I was very young (there was five children) so being next to the oldest, I started working when I was fifteen years old, I started as a bundle wrapper in a dep't store (in D. C.) went to a candy store for a job after that because they paid me 50¢ more a week and so of course kept going from one kind of employment to another until I married.

I studied as much as I could to improve myself and our income.

I am still a housewife with a steady working husband, with a nice nest egg.

I paint in oil and keep busy with many interest's -- so I think everybody can improve their lot if they use their brain's that God gave them and keep trying, one rung up the ladder at a time its just these lazy stupid jerks who think everything should be handed to them.

They don't believe in working and struggling like most  
of the American people have done to get where they are

Please say something in your column about this Skunk's  
thank's

Sincerely

  
Arcadia Cal 91006

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4/23/68

April 28, 1968

Tr J. E. Heller

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ing one rung up the ladder at a time  
to just these very stupid folks who  
think everything should be handed to them  
and struggling like most of the American  
people I have done to get where they are.

Please pay something in  
your column about this I think I should's

Sincerely,

Charles Cal  
91006



Airtel

To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI 5(44-38861) —

MURKIN

EX-105

New York should immediately locate and interview [REDACTED] in an effort to identify the individual who was riding in his cab with the victim approximately two months ago. Unless information in your files would preclude doing so, interview that person in an effort to obtain any information she may have relating to this case.

1 - Memphis (Enclosure)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

In a United Press International (UPI) story dated 5/3/68, which does not quote the FBI, the following sentences are included: "Officials said there were no indications that (James Earl) Ray had left the country despite a rash of reports from Mexico, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong and West Germany. The officials pointed out international travel requires identification papers that can easily be checked." On this UPI story the Director has noted: "Please stop talking & speculating to the press. H."

In a UPI story dated 5/4/68, which does not quote the FBI, the following sentence is included: "Officials said there were no indications Ray had left the country despite a rash of reports to the contrary from Mexico, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong and West Germany." On this story the Director noted: "I must insist that we stop giving off the cuff comments re Ray case."

For the information of the Director, the unnamed officials quoted as the sources in the above two stories are not Bureau representatives. In accordance with the Director's instructions, the men in my office have maintained a strict "no comment" policy with regard to inquiries being received concerning the above-captioned case or the hunt for James Earl Ray. We will continue this policy. It appears that our policy of not commenting on this case is frustrating some newsmen and they are resorting to the technique of writing stories with unnamed "officials" or "government sources," etc., as the source for their speculative stories.

## RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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UPI-27

(MANHUNT)

WASHINGTON--ONE MONTH AFTER A SNIPER KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., THE FBI IS "STILL LOOKING HARD" FOR THE MAN IT SUSPECTS DID IT--AN EX-CONVICT WHO APPARENTLY SPENT NEARLY A YEAR ESTABLISHING A FALSE IDENTITY.

THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS FRIDAY OF ANY IMMINENT BREAK IN THE SEARCH FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALTHOUGH THE MANHUNT HAS REACHED AT TIMES, AROUND THE WORLD.

OFFICIALS SAID THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS RAY HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY DESPITE A RASH OF REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY FROM MEXICO, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, HONG KONG AND WEST GERMANY.

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*I must insist that we  
stop giving off the cuff  
commentary in the press*

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*Please stop talking & speculating to the press -*

UPI-175

(MANHUNT)

WASHINGTON--A MONTH AFTER A SNIPER KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING, THE FBI WAS "STILL LOOKING HARD" TODAY FOR THE MAN IT SAYS DID IT--AN EX-CONVICT WHO SPENT NEARLY A YEAR ESTABLISHING A FALSE IDENTITY.

THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS OF ANY IMMINENT BREAK IN THE SEARCH FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALTHOUGH THE MANHUNT FOR HIM HAD FOCUSED AT TIMES AROUND THE WORLD.

OFFICIALS SAID THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS THAT RAY HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY DESPITE A RASH OF REPORTS FROM MEXICO, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, HONG KONG AND WEST GERMANY. THE OFFICIALS POINTED OUT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUIRES IDENTIFICATION PAPERS THAT CAN EASILY BE CHECKED.

THE FBI HAS A FULL DOSSIER ON RAY, INCLUDING A FULL SET OF FINGERPRINTS, A DETAILED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION FROM HIS TERMS IN VARIOUS PRISONS AND AN AMAZING ASSORTMENT OF PERSONAL HABITS.

BUT GALT, THE MAN THE FBI SAYS RAY WORKED ON ESTABLISHING FOR A YEAR BEFORE THE APRIL 4 ASSASSINATION OF KING, LEFT BEHIND LITTLE STATISTICAL DATA, PROBABLY BY DESIGN.

THERE IS GROWING BELIEF IN SOME OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON THAT RAY ACTED ALONE IN ASSASSINATING KING IN MEMPHIS, ALTHOUGH THE ORIGINAL FBI WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST WAS BASED ON A CIVIL RIGHTS CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

RAY ALREADY IS WANTED ON A FEDERAL FUGITIVE WARRANT FOR ESCAPING THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY APRIL 23, 1967. DESPITE HIS RECORD OF ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE, RECORDS FROM THE VARIOUS PRISONS WHERE HE SERVED SHOW HE WAS A MODEL PRISONER.

BUT THE RECORDS SHOW THAT TWICE, AT LEVENWORTH PRISON IN 1957 AND DURING HIS TERM IN MISSOURI PRISON, RAY TURNED DOWN OFFERS OF TRANSFERS TO MINIMUM CUSTODY SECTIONS BECAUSE THE HONOR CAMP DORMITORIES WERE INTEGRATED.

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1 - Mr. McGowan, 271.  
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1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Devine

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RELA AIRTEL MAY EIGHT SUBMITTING HANDWRITTEN LETTER  
SIGNED J. RAY [REDACTED] SAUSALITO,  
CALIFORNIA.

DETERMINED THAT HANDWRITING ON SUBMITTED LETTER WAS  
NOT PREPARED BY JAMES EARL RAY, THE SUBJECT IN THIS CASE.  
LATENT RESULTS AND REPORT BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY.

COPY BEING SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

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Date: 5/8/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI Laboratory  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
RE: MURKIN

CARBON COPY

Enclosed for the Bureau is handwritten letter received at "The Local Swinger" on 4/3/68, from J. RAY, [REDACTED] Sausalito, California, 94965.

The Laboratory is requested to examine enclosure for any latent fingerprints which may be identifiable with subject and handwriting examination with other material previously submitted in this matter.

The enclosed was furnished SA [REDACTED] on 5/8/68, by [REDACTED] "The Local Swinger." [REDACTED] advised that enclosed has been handled by himself and an employee, [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] also handled enclosure.

It is requested that enclosure be returned to the Los Angeles Office for return to [REDACTED] per his request for completion of his files.

- (4) - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)  
1 - Birmingham (RM)  
1 - Memphis (RM)  
1 - San Francisco (RM)  
2 - Los Angeles
- (44-1987)

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(9)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge


Dear Sirs,

Please send in Plain  
Envelope The List of Women  
& Couples in Calif. as  
Advertised in The  
Berkeley Barb.

Enclosed \$1.00 as Requested  
in Ad.

Thank you,

J. Ray

  
San Jose, Calif. 94965

P. S.

Am especially interested  
in any list covering  
S.F. Bay Area.

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Date: 4/30/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
 RE : MURKIN

ReBHTel to Bureau, 4/25/68 and Bureau airtel to  
 Atlanta, 4/26/68.

Referenced Birmingham teletype suggested that  
 Bureau consider having an article on JAMES EARL RAY prepared  
 for publication in the publications captioned "Journeyman  
 Barber," which is published monthly by the Journeyman Barbers,  
 Hairdressers, Cosmetologists and Proprietors International  
 Union of America (JBHCP), 1141 North Delaware St., Indi-  
 anapolis, Ind., and "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine,"  
 published monthly by the Associated Master Barbers and  
 Beauticians of America (AMBB), 219 Greenwich Road, Charlotte,  
 N. C.]

It is felt that such an article would receive nation-  
 wide publicity with barbers and barbershop owners since the  
 JBHCP publication is sent to each member of the International  
 within the U. S. and AMBB publication is sent to each barber-  
 shop owner within the U. S.

The results of such publication may be of great  
 value in determining whereabouts of subject since, in all  
 probability, subject will use the services of a barber.

Since the above publications are printed by the  
 JBHCP and the AMBB, the cost to the Bureau of having such

3 - Bureau  
 1 - Charlotte (Info)  
 1 - Indianapolis (Info)  
 2 - Birmingham  
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Approved: [Signature]  
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent 4 M Per [Signature]

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an article published would be nil. If the Bureau considers authorizing such an article to be published, arrangements for such publication can be made through JOSEPH N. DePAOLA, Managing Editor of the "Journeyman Barber," 1141 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Ind., and arrangements for publication in the "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine" could be made by contacting the editor, THOMAS H. BROUGHTON, AMBB, 2199 Greenwich Road, Charlotte.

Information copies are being furnished to Charlotte and Indianapolis.

May 8, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

TO: SACs, Birmingham (44-1740)  
Charlotte  
Indianapolis  
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FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861) 3202

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ReDHairtel to the Bureau dated 4-30-68.

Bureau has taken the matter of having an article published in the "Journeyman Barber," which is published monthly by the Journeyman Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists and Proprietors International Union of America (JBHCP), 1141 North Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind., and "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine," published monthly by the Associated Master Barbers and Beauticians of America (AMBB), 219 Greenwich Road, Charlotte, N. C., re subject James Earl Ray under advisement. The publication of such an article should be held in abeyance at this time.

The Charlotte and Indianapolis Divisions should contact the publishers of the respective magazines to determine if the mats supplied by the Bureau would be suitable for an article to be included in the publication. You should also determine if any cost to the Bureau will be involved.

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NOTE:

Birmingham suggests that an article be published in two magazines as they feel that such an article would receive nationwide publicity with barbers and barber shop owners. Birmingham also states the results of such publication may be of great value in determining the whereabouts of subject since in all probability subject uses the services of a barber.

The Charlotte and Indianapolis Divisions are requested to determine if the mats, as prepared by the Bureau regarding subject Ray, can be utilized in the two publications and any cost to the Bureau is involved.

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URGENT 5-2-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 211 3P

VIA TELETYPE

MAY 2 1968

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

REMYCAB AND BUCA<sup>S</sup> APRIL THREE ZERO LAST.

RE SUSPECT AT CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

TICKET AGENT AND TAXI DRIVER AT BUS STATION, THIS CITY, DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT WHO WAS AT STATION BETWEEN ONE P.M. AND TWO P.M., APRIL TWO FIVE LAST, AND MADE INQUIRIES OF TICKET AGENT REGARDING NEXT BUS GOING SOUTH. HE WAS TOLD EXPRESS BUS NUMBER ONE FOUR OF TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO LINE WOULD LEAVE AT ONE FIFTY FIVE P.M., SAME DATE, WITH DESTINATION GUADALAJARA. HE DID NOT PURCHASE TICKET FROM TICKET AGENT BUT NO ONE YET INTERVIEWED CAN SAY WHETHER HE BOARDED BUS. HE WORE WHITE COWBOY SHIRT, LIGHT BLUE PANTS, COWBOY BELT WITH LARGE BUCKLE, WHITE FELT COWBOY HAT, AND CARRIED SMALL BLACK SUITCASE. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE BUS MANIFEST AND IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW DRIVER AT GUADALAJARA. RESULTS OF PHOENIX INVESTIGATION AT BORDER REGARDING THIS SUSPECT AND ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS RECEIVED FROM SAN DIEGO CONCERNING ORIGINAL COMPLAINT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

cc - Mexico RLS.  
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RE ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO:

[REDACTED] IS CHECKING IN VERY SMALL COMMUNITY OF SAN PEDRO, SOUTH OF MEXICO CITY, AND WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY DISTRICT KNOWN AS CAPILEO WHICH MAY BE NEARBY BUT IS NOT SHOWN ON AVAILABLE MAPS.

RE ALLEGATION THAT SUBJECT IN GUATEMALA:

NO DEPARTMENT OF TECTAN IN GUATEMALA. COMPLAINANT MAY HAVE REFERENCE TO TOWN OF TECPAN, NEAR LAKE ATITLAN ON CENTRAL AMERICAN HIGHWAY ONE SEVEN TWO KILOMETERS FROM GUATEMALA CITY. GUATEMALAN IMMIGRATION REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED] THERE TO DEVELOP BASIS FOR HIS REPORTED STATEMENT THAT SUBJECT SEEN IN GUATEMALA. REQUEST DETROIT REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, FOR LOCATION OF [REDACTED] OPERATED BY [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION AT TORREON, COAHUILA:

INFORMANT HAS JUST COMPLETED THOROUGH CHECK OF THIS CITY AND SURROUNDING AREA DURING WHICH ALL POLICE AGENCIES AND OTHER SOURCES ALERTED. IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S REPORTED STATEMENT INDICATING HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH TORREON, A SECOND COMPLETE CANVASS OF ENTIRE TORREON AREA IS BEING INSTITUTED.

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INVESTIGATION AT CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE:

**[REDACTED]** FAMILIAR WITH AREA AND WITH EXCELLENT  
CONTACTS THERE DISPATCHED BY FIRST PLANE TO HANDLE LEADS  
CONNECTED WITH SUBJECT'S REPORTED EARLIER VISITS AND CONDUCT  
| INTENSIFIED INVESTIGATION TO COVER ALL POSSIBILITIES THAT HE MAY  
HAVE RETURNED TO AREA. INFORMANT WILL BE JOINED ON MAY TWO  
NEXT BY AGENT WHO WILL SUPERVISE AND COORDINATE ALL INVESTI-  
GATIVE ACTIVITY AND HANDLE LIAISON WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.  
INVESTIGATION IN THIS AREA WILL BE PRESSED AND BUREAU WILL BE  
IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

OUTSTANDING LEADS, IN TEN SEPARATE AREAS COVERED BY THIS  
OFFICE, BEING HANDLED ON EXPEDITE BASIS AND RECEIVING VIGOROUS  
INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RECEIVED: 12:42 AM MSE

3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed for the Bureau is a match book from the Reid Motel, Greenville, Ala. This was found in the parking lot behind 107, 113 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Ga., on 5/1/68. Although there is no indication that this could have come from the car of subject RAY, the Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine the enclosed match book for any latent prints identifiable with subject in this case.

cc - Bishop  
 2 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
 1 - Memphis (Info)  
 2 - Atlanta  
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Approved: Jr W Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2336) - Enc. (2)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 3204

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Re Atlanta airtels 5-2-68, submitting a matchbook  
and a Hertz rental agreement, Q311, for examination.

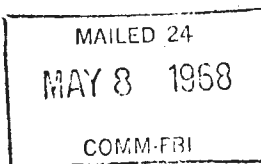
No latent impressions of value found or developed  
on the matchbook or rental agreement, which are enclosed to  
Atlanta.

Results of laboratory examination of the rental  
agreement furnished separately.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CLEVELAND, MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND.  
AND NORFOLK.

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696) PAGES 6

MURKIN. CR. 00:MEMPHIS.

RE BOSTON TEL TO BUREAU, KNOXVILLE AND MEMPHIS,  
MAY ONE LAST, WHICH REFERENCED RICHMOND TEL TO BOSTON  
APRIL THIRTY LAST, RE SUSPECT [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN. DETERMINED

[REDACTED] AKA. [REDACTED] WM, BORN

[REDACTED] IS FATHER

[REDACTED] CHATTANOOGA. [REDACTED] HIGHLY

RESPECTED [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] IS CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC, PSYCHOPATHIC

SCHIZOPHRENIA WHO HAS RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR MENTAL

DISORDER PAST TWENTY YEARS OR MORE. [REDACTED] DIVORCED HIS

WIFE TWENTY YEARS AGO AND NOT REPORTED TO HAVE HAD ANY

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cc - Perry

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CONTACT WITH DIVORCED WIFE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]; DAUGHTER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], OR SON, [REDACTED], ADDRESS  
UNKNOWN. HE HAS MADE VERY LIMITED IRREGULAR VISITS  
WITH DAUGHTER, [REDACTED], OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS.  
THESE VISITS LAST FROM A FEW HOURS TO NO MORE THAN TWO  
OR THREE DAYS.

[REDACTED] BECAME MEMBER OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY (ANP)  
[REDACTED] ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH GEORGE  
LINCOLN ROCKWELL FROM THAT DATE UNTIL ABOUT TIME OF  
ROCKWELL'S DEATH. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LEFT ANP,  
ARLINGTON, VA., WHERE HE HAD BEEN LIVING IN SPRING OF  
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. [REDACTED] WAS CONFINED [REDACTED] NURSING  
HOME [REDACTED] FOR PSYCHIATRIC  
TREATMENT ENTIRE SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN. CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST  
DURING THIS PERIOD WAS [REDACTED]  
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ON RELEASE FROM [REDACTED] NURSING HOME, LATE AUGUST, SIXTY SEVEN, [REDACTED] VISITED [REDACTED] IN CHATTANOOGA FOR TWO OR THREE DAY PERIOD. [REDACTED] DID NOT HEAR FROM [REDACTED] FROM AUG. SIXTY SEVEN, UNTIL HE APPEARED UNANNOUNCED CHATTANOOGA ON JAN. TEN LAST. [REDACTED] REPORTED HE HAD BEEN LIVING AT ANP HEADQUARTERS, DALLAS, TEXAS. [REDACTED] REMAINED IN DRUNKEN STUPOR AT [REDACTED] CHATTANOOGA, TENN., [REDACTED] WHEN [REDACTED] PAID HIS HOTEL BILL, PURCHASED BUS TICKET AND PLACED [REDACTED] ON BUS ENROUTE ARLINGTON, VA. WITHIN FEW DAYS FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE, [REDACTED] RECEIVED INFORMATION [REDACTED] CONFINED TO PSYCHIATRIC WARD, [REDACTED] HOSPITAL, [REDACTED] WILLIAMSBURG, VA., WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WAS STILL CONFINED AS OF MAY TWO INSTANT. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE AND WIFE RESIDED GRAND BAY, ALA., [REDACTED] WHERE [REDACTED] EMPLOYED [REDACTED] ON FEW OCCASIONS DURING THIS

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PERIOD, ROCKWELL, [REDACTED] AND CURRENT LEADER OF ANP, KAYLE (PHONETIC), WOULD STOP BY [REDACTED] RESIDENCE FOR [REDACTED] TO HAVE BRIEF VISIT WITH HIS DAUGHTER. [REDACTED] STATES DOES NOT BELIEVE [REDACTED] CAPABLE OF RESORTING TO TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BUT HAS INDICATED REPEATEDLY HE WANTS TO BE MARTYR. [REDACTED] FIRMLY BELIEVES [REDACTED] WANTS TO BE KILLED AS MARTYR FOR SOME CAUSE. [REDACTED] HAS THREATENED SUICIDE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

[REDACTED] AND WIFE HAVE CONTINUALLY BEEN EMBARRASSED BY [REDACTED] FOR NUMBER OF YEARS AND ON LAST VISIT, JAN., SIXTY-EIGHT, WOULD NOT PERMIT HIM IN THEIR RESIDENCE. [REDACTED] COULD ONLY FURNISH GENERAL INFORMATION RE [REDACTED] ACTIVITIES. ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] MARRIED [REDACTED] IN NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, HE DID NOT MEET [REDACTED] UNTIL ABOUT SIXTY-TWO OR SIXTY-THREE. [REDACTED] STATES ANY DISCUSSION WITH HIS WIFE, [REDACTED] DAUGHTER, PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISTRESSES HER. [REDACTED] REQUESTED THAT HIS WIFE NOT BE

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INTERVIEWED RE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] VERY COOPERATIVE BUT DOES NOT WANT TO CAUSE HIS WIFE ANY MORE GRIEF OVER ACTIVITIES OF HER FATHER AND DEFINITELY DOES NOT WANT INQUIRY AT CHATTANOOGA THAT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THEIR GOOD REPUTATION AND HIS EMPLOYMENT.

[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] HAD PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOP IN UNKNOWN CITY DURING WORLD WAR II, THEN SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN ALASKA FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II, ALSO REPORTED TO BE LEADING SALESMAN IN U.S. FOR [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IN VICINITY OF CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI, OHIO, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE OR SIXTY-TWO. HE THEN SUFFERED ONE OF HIS MORE SEVERE MENTAL DISORDERS, FOLLOWING WHICH HE JOINED ANP ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO OR SIXTY-THREE.

REGISTRATION CAR, [REDACTED] CHATTANOOGA, TENN., REFLECTS [REDACTED] REGISTERED AS [REDACTED], [REDACTED], DALLAS, TEXAS, ARRIVING NINE TWENTY-EIGHT P.M. [REDACTED] AND DEPARTING [REDACTED] [REDACTED] LAST.

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CLEVELAND [REDACTED] REVIEW RECORDS AT [REDACTED]  
NURSING HOME AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] RE [REDACTED]  
NOT 10-1-54  
RICHMOND AT WILLIAMSBURG, VA., WILL VERIFY FACT  
[REDACTED] HAS BEEN PATIENT AT EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL,  
WILLIAMSBURG, FROM [REDACTED] TO PRESENT. DETERMINE FROM  
ATTENDING PHYSICIANS AND REVIEW OF RECORDS ALL AVAILABLE  
INFORMATION RE BACKGROUND AND MENTAL CONDITION. NOTE:  
REFERENCED BOSTON TELETYPE ADVISED BUREAU INSTRUCTS CURRENT  
WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES OF [REDACTED] FOR PAST FEW MONTHS  
BE DETERMINED AND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN RE POSSIBILITY  
[REDACTED] COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR THIS CASE.

NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED OF DALLAS.

BASED ON FACT [REDACTED] HAS BEEN CONFINED MENTAL  
HOSPITAL [REDACTED] TO PRESENT, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION  
BEING CONDUCTED KNOXVILLE DIVISION RE THIS MATTER.  
UACB, [REDACTED] WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED RE HER  
FATHER AS REQUESTED BY [REDACTED].

AIR MAIL COPIES TO DALLAS.

[REDACTED] HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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FOR INFORMATION NORFOLK AND DALLAS, IN MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY-  
FOUR, [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MADE INQUIRY CONCERNING PURCHASE OF SNIPER'S RIFLE  
AND ALSO COMMENTED HE WOULD KILL KING IF IT WOULD PREVENT  
INTERGRATION. [REDACTED] BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH  
[REDACTED] FORMER ANP MEMBER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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PAGE SIX LINE THREE WORD ONE (NORFOLK) -

GFH

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FBI

Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

APPROX: 1/9/68 Remyairtel, 4/29/68 and Bucall, 5/2/68.

[REDACTED], attending Rice University on a scholarship grant was photographed today by Buagents. [REDACTED] 22 years old, was shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Galt. He stated that they are not familiar or similar to anyone on the bus which he rode from Nuevo Laredo into Mexico on 4/6/68 nor could he associate them with anyone he had seen while mountain climbing in Mexico. [REDACTED] does not smoke and to best of his recollection he has not read Readers Digest in more than a year. He did sit mid-way back on the left side of the bus.

On 5/3/68 photos of [REDACTED] will be forwarded to San Antonio for display to [REDACTED]

- 4 - Bureau  
 (1 - Legat, Mexico)  
 2 - San Antonio  
 2 - Memphis  
 1 - Houston  
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 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE



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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: *WJB* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: PAUL COBB

Information was received that PAUL COBB taught a course in Negro history at St. John's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California. It was reported that at one of these sessions, he stated that he knew MARTIN LUTHER KING was going to be killed and that he would probably be killed near Memphis, Tennessee.

Efforts were made to contact Dr. ROBERT MC KENZIE at St. John's Episcopal Church and it was determined that he was associated with St. John's Presbyterian Church. However, inquiry at St. John's Presbyterian Church revealed that he would not be available until April 29, 1968. On April 29, 1968, it was determined that he would not be available until April 30, 1968.

On April 30, 1968, Dr. ROBERT MC KENZIE, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2640 College Avenue, Berkeley, California, advised PAUL COBB gave a series of lectures on Negro history at St. John's Presbyterian Church ending on March 31, 1968. He stated COBB could be located at 2717 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, California.

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On April 30, 1968, inquiry was made at 2717 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, California, the headquarters of the Oakland Economic Opportunity Center. Upon entering the large room at 2717 San Pablo Avenue, it was observed there were ten female Negroes and seven male Negroes in the room and one female advised PAUL COBB was "right there" and pointed to a young man about five

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)(RM)  
 2 - San Francisco  
     (1 - 173-65)  
     (1 - 157-New)(PAUL COBB)

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
 Special Agent in Charge

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feet from her desk. COBB overheard the conversation but he continued a conversation with five females in a circle around the desk and completely ignored SA [REDACTED]

After more than five minutes COBB asked who the Agent wanted to see. It is noted there were numerous large posters, 12 x 18, pasted on the walls and desks in the office of BOBBY HUTTON and notices or lettering on the posters "Killed by racist Oakland pigs." A number of the persons in the room were attired in the customary dress of the Black Panthers and numerous material for the Black Panthers was observed. The Agent identified himself to COBB and stated he wanted to talk to COBB briefly. He offered a chair in the room with all the others and when SA [REDACTED] suggested some privacy he said, "Let's go on the street." In front of 2717 San Pablo Avenue, COBB again demanded the Agent's identification and he studiously observed the credentials, obviously aware of his audience within the building. SA [REDACTED] told COBB of his purpose in talking to COBB regarding the MARTIN LUTHER KING assassination in which he may be able to be of some help. COBB immediately said, "Let's go your car and sit down." At this point an individual stopped COBB and SA [REDACTED] on the street. This individual was dressed in a black leather jacket, a green beret, with Black Panther buttons on both beret and jacket. He stated to COBB, "Let me talk to you a minute brother." COBB told him he would be back in about five minutes.

In the Bureau automobile COBB stated he did not want to talk to the FBI and felt harassed by the FBI, stating he believed the FBI had been "following him for several weeks." SA [REDACTED] related to COBB that the FBI had received a complaint that he, COBB, had made a statement during a series of lectures at St. John's Presbyterian Church that MARTIN LUTHER KING would be killed soon and would be killed in Memphis, Tennessee. COBB replied, "I made that statement on Sunday night before KING was killed on Thursday. I did say KING would be killed in Memphis and I have good evidence to support my prediction." At this point COBB stated, "I want to take the Fifth Amendment and I won't give any further information to the FBI." When asked for the reason for this COBB stated, "The FBI already knows the white killer of KING and has him in custody." SA [REDACTED] then displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, aka ERIC STARVO GALT, to COBB and he viewed the photograph without comment.


At this point COBB stated, "The FBI knows my record and I am certain you are not here about KING but here to harass me." It was again explained to COBB that the FBI was pursuing every possible lead to locate the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING and had an interest in his statement that KING would be killed in Memphis, which according to COBB was made before the fact. COBB then stated the FBI knew he was a roommate of STOKELY CARMICHAEL at Howard University and he

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stated, "I have been in Memphis and I have been in jail with MARTIN LUTHER KING." COBB would not say when he had been in Memphis or when or where he had been in jail with Dr. KING. COBB then stated, "You cats have my phone bugged so you know what I'm doing." He then made a comment that "since you know what I'm doing, I'm sure you'll see me on Thursday." When asked what this statement meant, he said, "Wait and see. I'm sure you'll be back to see me on Thursday."

COBB made other comments during the conversation which are worthy of note. COBB stated all whites should go to Alaska and turn the other 49 states over to the Negroes who have "sweat and died" for the United States. He stated he is not a citizen of the United States and when asked where he was born said in the United States but that "I am not a citizen of the United States." He said he planned to go home to Africa and should have gone long ago. He stated he "should have known better than to enroll in a PhD. program at the University of California, Berkeley."

Upon leaving the area, COBB was observed entering the door to an apartment area immediately next door to the Economic Opportunity Center and since he was using a key to admit himself, it is presumed this is his residence.



UACB, San Francisco will not reinterview PAUL COBB regarding the remarks he was alleged to have made in view of the fact that he stated, "I want to take the Fifth Amendment and I won't give any further information to the FBI." In view of the present situation involving Black Panther members who are presently awaiting criminal trials in Oakland, California, it is believed that COBB could and might use the Bureau's effort to recontact him as a source of embarrassment to the Bureau and unfair publicity.

Washington, D. C. 20009

May 2, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Washington, D. C. 20000

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I regret to report that my letter of April 22, 1968 has not been acknowledged either by you or your agency.

Due to the fact I did not receive your proper authorization to investigate on behalf to the suspected assassin of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. it is now without doubt whatsoever entirely too late to retrace the true evidence before me sometime ago.

If I may, I wish to reiterate my statement in more complete detail sent to you, but obviously ignored: On Thursday April 18th 1968 at approximately 6:40 P.M. I personally met and passed a man bearing almost identical description to the one released by your office on Galt-Ray. I was quite shocked at this encounter. I continued to walk down this street for almost a block. I decided to turn around and see if I could further prove to myself that this was really the "wanted man". Lo and behold, I again met him coming in the opposite direction than seven minutes previously. He was dressed very neatly and was carrying a black brief case under his arm. He even looked worried at this instance. I kept him under surveillance until he disappeared into a new apartment building. I wanted to follow the man, and also make an inquiry at the apartment house, but I have no police or other authority to investigate, especially criminals of Rays' standing. I came very close to calling your office immediately and making a complete report, but something seemed to tell me that you would only drop the inquest and place me on the list as only; "Another 'nut' trying to get publicity and at the same time misleading the F. B. I. in their investigation".

I have only one more thing to say Mr. Hoover. I absolutely do not have any intention in disgrading your Department in any way whatsoever. I am only offering my sincere services to do all within my limited powers to help in the fight against crime and disorder in our country today.

I honestly believe that all murderers should be brought to justice and properly prosicuted, and there should be no rules or regulations forbiding certain law abiding officers to apprehend them.

I would appreciate your prompt acknowledgement to this important matter regardless of whether you believe in me or not. Someday I hope to proove my report correct.

Thank you Mr. Hoover.

Very Respectfully yours, in

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Washington Field (44-703)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) <sup>REC-69</sup> 3208

MURKIN

Re [REDACTED] - complainant.

Reurairtel 5-2-68 and Buairtel 4-26-68.

Enclosed for your assistance are two copies of a second letter received from [REDACTED], dated 5-2-68.

One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

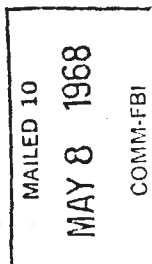
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1 - Memphis (info) (44-1987) Enc.

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(5) JLN.

NOTE: [REDACTED] previously directed a letter to the Bureau which was referred to WFO so that [REDACTED] could be interviewed regarding what information he may have in connection with captioned case. WFO advised by airtel 5-2-68, that numerous attempts to contact [REDACTED] at his residence and telephonically each day from 4-29-68 to 5-2-68 were met with negative results. WFO is continuing to attempt to contact [REDACTED].

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



6 MAY 15 1968

MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐



The man claims to be in Panama by rather unusual circumstances. He said he was dropped off a Swedish ship at Porte Limon, Costa Rica, and he made his way overland to the American Embassy in Panama and they referred him to the Air Force. He is without funds. He has been on the base for several days and is currently in the transient barracks. The name of the ship he was supposedly dropped from nor the circumstances causing him to be dropped is known.

AF Doctor who checked him said looks older  
than his claimed DOB - looks like 30-35,

44-108  
FBI WASH DC

5:32 PM  
FBI SAN ANTONIO

701 PM URGENT 5/3/68 EGL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN.

RE: LOOK-ALIKE, [REDACTED] INFORMANT.

PEMYTEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST WHICH SET FORTH ALLEGATIONS OF [REDACTED] ADVISED SUBSEQUENTLY HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON TRIP TO MEXICO CITY ON APRIL SIX LAST BY HIS WIFE AND MOTHER. THEY LEFT NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO; CHANGED BUSES IN MONTERREY. ON THE BUS TO MONTERREY HIS WIFE AND MOTHER SAT IN FIRST TWO SEATS ON RIGHT HAND SIDE OF BUS, FACING FORWARD. HE SAT IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THEM ALONE. UNSUB LOOKALIKE SAT ON LEFT HAND SIDE OF BUS FACING FORWARD APPROXIMATELY TWO SEATS BEHIND [REDACTED] AND NEXT TO WINDOW. NO ONE SAT WITH HIM.

IN MONTERREY THEY CHANGED BUSES. [REDACTED] SAT IN NEXT TO LAST SEAT ON RIGHT FACING FORWARD AND HIS WIFE AND MOTHER SAT DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF HIM. THE LOOKALIKE SAT APPROXIMATELY TWO SEATS IN FRONT OF WIFE AND MOTHER AND ON LEFT SIDE OF BUS FACING FORWARD AND AGAIN NEAR WINDOW AND ALONE. THE BUS STOPPED IN SAN LUIS POTOSI AND THE PASSENGERS

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DEBARKED FOR FOOD. WHEN THE BUS RELOADED, THE LOOKALIKE DID NOT GET ON.

LEGAT, MEXICO DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] AS WELL AS [REDACTED] LISTED AS PASSENGERS ON BUS NO. THREE SIX TWO WHICH DEPARTED NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, ON APRIL SIX LAST.

MEXICAN IMMIGRATION, NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, ADVISED RECORDS CONTAINED FOLLOWING:

[REDACTED] BRITISH CITIZEN AND HOLDER OF BRITISH PASSPORT, HAD ENTERED MEXICO AT NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, APRIL SIX LAST BY AUTOBUS. HE WAS ISSUED TOURIST DOCUMENT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE WAS TWENTYTWO YEARS OLD, SINGLE, A STUDENT IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND WAS DESTINED FOR MEXICO, D.F.

[REDACTED] CANADIAN CITIZEN AND HOLDER OF CANADIAN PASSPORT ENTERED MEXICO AT NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, BY AUTOBUS ON APRIL SIX LAST. HE WAS ISSUED TOURIST DOCUMENT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE WAS THIRTYFOUR YEARS

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

[REDACTED], TORONTO, CANADA, INTERVIEWED IN THIS MATTER.

BUREAU CONSIDER REQUESTING LEGAT, OTTAWA TO HAVE

NOT RESEMBLE ANYONE HE RECALLED AS BEING ON BUS IN QUESTION.

DESCRIPTION DATA OF PERSON FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] DID.

OF MAY NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM.

HOUSTON (APPARENTLY [REDACTED]). PHOTO AND DESCRIPTION

ENGLISHMAN, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO WAS STUDENT AT RICE UNIVERSITY.

SLEPT DURING PART OF TRIP AND VISITED WITH FELLOW TRAVELER, AN

HIM AS SUSPECT. SAN ANTONIO LOCATED ALAN HALL WHO STATED HE

HOUSTON DIVISION LOCATED [REDACTED] AND TERMINATED

PROFESSOR FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS, AND DESTINED FOR MEXICO, D.F.

HE WAS FORTYSEVEN YEARS OLD; MARRIED, UNIVERSITY

MEXICAN TOURIST CARD [REDACTED]

NEW LAREDO, MEXICO, APRIL SIX LAST, BY AUTOBUS. HE WAS ISSUED

AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN, ENTERED MEXICO AT [REDACTED]

D.F.

OLD, MARRIED, EMPLOYED IN TORONTO, CANADA, AND GOING TO MEXICO.

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F B I

Date: 5/4/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN  
CR

Re: SUSPECT [REDACTED]

ReMiami airtel 4/29/68.

Enclosed for San Antonio are four photographs of  
suspect [REDACTED] for display to Sheriff [REDACTED] for elimination  
purposes.

- ④ - Bureau  
    (1 - Legat, Mexico)  
2 - San Antonio (ENC 4)  
1 - Memphis (INfo)  
1 - Houston

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C.C. Bishop

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Approved: W. T. N. [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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F B I

Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)

RE: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 4/18/68, and Los Angeles letter to Sacramento dated 4/26/68 (IO).

Re Possible Mental Condition of Subject RAY

On 5/2/68, [REDACTED] Bureau of Viostatistics, California State Department of Mental Health, Sacramento, California, advised they had no record of subject RAY or his aliases ever having been a patient in any of the mental institutions back to 1922. This would also include committed alcoholics.

[REDACTED] advised that this would not be a complete record for the State of California inasmuch as about 2/3 of the counties in California have their own Inpatient, Outpatient and Rehabilitation Centers where one could go on his own volition. The names of all these individuals are not submitted to the state. He said it was possible that counties could have central indices but did not know whether the indices would be by name or file number.

C. C. Bishop

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 2 - Kansas City
- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc.2)
- 2 - San Diego (Enc.2)
- 2 - San Francisco (Enc.2)
- 2 - MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Whether counties in all states have their own facilities as they do in California is not known, but those that do, a check would have to be made at county as well as state level to be all inclusive.

Above is being submitted as a suggestion and checks on county level will be held in abeyance so that the Bureau and Office of Origin may offer additional observations if deemed advisable.

[REDACTED] furnished a Statistical Bulletin No. 39 dated 3/14/68, wherein each county having inpatient, outpatient or rehabilitation types of service is listed as well as the number of each. It may be noted that Los Angeles County has 243 such centers.

Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco are being furnished two copies of this bulletin in the event counties listed thereon are to be contacted.

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Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: MECHANICAL SECTION

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

RE: MURKIN

Re Butel to Atlanta, 5/2/68, and Memphis tel to Bureau, 5/3/68.

In order to comply with Bureau instructions in referenced teletypes for circularization of all dry cleaning and laundry establishments in the St. Louis area, six hundred and fifty (650) copies of Identification Order No. 4182, dated 4/20/68, re JAMES EARL RAY, are needed.

Mechanical Section is requested to provide St. Louis Division with required material.

3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
1 - St. Louis  
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Approved: *[Signature]*

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1 - Mr. McGowan, 2712  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Mortimer

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACS MIAMI (44-1854)  
JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

REJKAIRTEL MAY TWO LAST SUBMITTING COPY OF  
AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AND MMAIRTEL MAY TWO LAST  
SUBMITTING ITEMS RELATING TO BOAT RENTALS ALL BEARING  
SIGNATURE MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

CONCLUDED MICHEL ST. PIERRE SIGNATURES ON DOCUMENTS  
SUBMITTED NOT PREPARED BY JAMES EARL RAY. LATENT REPORT  
AND DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY

MAILED TO MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, KANSAS CITY AND ALBANY.

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) - Airmail
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) - Airmail
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) - Airmail
- 1 - Albany (44-493) - Airmail

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Note to Memphis: No Laboratory report will be submitted regarding  
the results of the examination set out above.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TELETYPE UNIT

5/2/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Atlanta teletype to the Bureau dated 4/30/68,  
and Kansas City teletype to the Bureau dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are two boat rental agreements between Crafts Limited, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and MICHEL ST. PIERRE dated 9/2-3/67, bearing renter signature, MICHEL ST. PIERRE. Also enclosed are three Shell credit card invoices in payment of above contract plus gas and oil, also bearing signature of MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to determine if these items contain any latent fingerprints identifiable with those of JAMES EARL RAY. Thereafter it is requested the handwriting comparisons be performed to determine if the signatures of MICHEL ST. PIERRE on enclosed items were written by JAMES EARL RAY.

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- ① - Bureau (Enc. 5) (AMRM)  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info) (RM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM)  
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info) (RM)  
2 - Miami  
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Albany, Jacksonville, Miami, and Memphis dated 4/30/68, regarding 1967 Cadillac DeVille, Florida License 1W179130.

Referenced teletype requested Jacksonville to obtain original registration for above vehicle and forward to Laboratory for handwriting comparison with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/1/68, [REDACTED], Department of Motor Vehicle, Tallahassee, Fla., advised that he would be unable to release Florida Title Number 6626969, which covers 1967 Cadillac convertible, VIN F7112795, in the name of MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, inasmuch as this document is a permanent record in his files. He stated that in order to release this document, a subpoena duces tecum would be necessary.

[REDACTED] made available photostatic copy of instant Florida Title.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
1 - Albany (44-493)  
1 - Miami (44-1854)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)  
2 - Jacksonville  
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JK 44-769

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is photostatic copy of this document.

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Date: 5-6-68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Re: Milwaukee airtel to Miami, 4-20-68.  
Miami airtel to Memphis, 4-29-68.

Referenced Milwaukee airtel furnished information received from an individual in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who advised that on 3-28-68, while at the Sun Castle Motel, Pompano Beach, Florida, an establishment operated by a former FBI agent, he and his wife chanced to deal with a bellboy in the motel who apparently left the motel shortly after 3-28-68, and traveled to Tennessee to accept work as an electrician in an unknown city in Tennessee at a salary of \$500.00 a week. The individual providing the information believed the salary sounded absurd and after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, both he and his wife felt the bellboy resembles RAY's description and photograph.

3-Bureau  
2-Boston  
2-Memphis  
1-Birmingham (info)  
1-Kansas City (info)  
1-Milwaukee (info)  
2-Miami  
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Referenced Miami airtel set forth results of initial contacts at the Sun Castle Motel wherein it was noted that [REDACTED] was employed there through 4-1-68. [REDACTED] furnished Social Security No. [REDACTED], and a permanent address of [REDACTED] Randolph, Mass. Boston was requested to conduct investigation at this address to eliminate [REDACTED] as the subject in this matter.

On 4-30-68, HERB BLONSTROM, Assistant Manager, Sun Castle Motel, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, advised he had located an application for [REDACTED] of Randolph, Mass., Social Security-No. [REDACTED]. The application showed [REDACTED] previous employment as [REDACTED], Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and previous residence at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

On 5-1-68, [REDACTED] Fort Lauderdale, advised her records show that [REDACTED] resided in an apartment building managed by her for approximately a two-week period. She recalled [REDACTED] and his roommate, [REDACTED] rented the room 3-16-68, and rent was paid through 4-6-68. After [REDACTED] moved in, [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] who informed her that he was staying with [REDACTED] is believed to have left on 3-30-68, and [REDACTED] cannot recall specifically which dates after [REDACTED] departed that [REDACTED] remained. She believes [REDACTED] stayed another day or two but the exact length of time is unknown.

When [REDACTED] left he was driving a dark blue automobile, make unknown, and believed to have Florida license plates. [REDACTED] indicated he was from Minneapolis and was en route Indiana. While at her residence, both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] drove in [REDACTED] auto and were believed to be employed in the same motel.

[REDACTED] and her husband, [REDACTED] viewed photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and expressed the opinion that [REDACTED] and GALT are not identical. [REDACTED]

described as 5' 10" and heavy set.

On 5-2-68

Fort Lauderdale, made available her records which contained the following:

[redacted] Social Security No. [redacted] of [redacted] Fort Lauderdale, was employed at instant condominium as an outside guard from 3/5-15/68. He listed his date of birth as [redacted] height, 5' 10½"; weight, 170; brown hair, blue eyes, and marital status as divorced. [redacted] listed previous employment at [redacted] Fort Lauderdale; [redacted] Boston, Mass., as doorman; [redacted] Boston, Mass., as bartender; and [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, as bartender. He indicated in case of emergency [redacted] Randolph, Mass., should be contacted.

[redacted] Social Security [redacted] who furnished his address as [redacted] Fort Lauderdale, was employed at [redacted] at approximately the same time as [redacted] having apparently begun employment 2-13-68. [redacted] listed his DOB as [redacted], 6', 170 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. He indicated he was from Randolph, Nebraska. He listed previous employment as December, 1967, [redacted].

On 5-2-68, [redacted] advised both [redacted] and [redacted] worked under his supervision. Both individuals reportedly resided together and definitely came to and departed work in [redacted] 1966 Chevelle Super Sport, light blue in color.

Both [redacted] and [redacted] viewed photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and both stated in their opinion [redacted] is not identical with GALT. [redacted] was a trouble-maker and caused employee discontent over low wages and left after an argument with the management.

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BOSTON

AT RANDOLPH, MASSACHUSETTS

If not previously done, contact [REDACTED] and develop information to eliminate [REDACTED] as a suspect in this case. Advise Miami if [REDACTED] located or sufficient identifying data obtained to eliminate [REDACTED] so that additional inquiries Miami need not be made.

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FBI KAN CITY

433 PM URGENT 5/6/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY.

SUSPECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INDEPENDENCE, MO., HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY  
EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED], KANSAS CITY, MO., SINCE MARCH SIXTYTHREE.  
HE WORKED THE FULL WEEK DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD IN THIS CASE.  
PHYSICAL OBSERVATION OF THE SUSPECT REVEALS HE DOES NOT IN ANY  
WAY RESEMBLE SUBJECT IN THIS MATTER.

[REDACTED] HE INDICATED HE  
SERVED TIME WITH SUBJECT AND HIS "BROTHER FROM TOPEKA" IN THE  
MSP FROM [REDACTED] SIXTYFIVE UNTIL [REDACTED] SIXTYSEVEN. HE ADVISED THAT  
HE FELT SURE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE SUBJECT SHORTLY AFTER HIS  
RELEASE AND WOULD KEEP FBI ADVISED. FACTS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] NOT  
SUBSTANTIATED.

COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM MSP  
WERE FORWARDED TO ST. LOUIS OFFICE RE [REDACTED]  
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~~REDACTED~~ AND ~~REDACTED~~, ALL FORMER INMATES SAME TIME  
AS SUBJECT.

TWENTYTWO PAGES OF HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING SPECIMENS  
OF SUBJECT'S WRITINGS OBTAINED FROM USP, LEAVENWORTH, AND ONE  
PAGE BEARING SIGNATURE OF JAMES EARL RAY OBTAINED FROM US  
PROBATION OFFICER, KANSAS CITY, MO., ALL HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO  
FBI LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON.

MATS CONCERNING SUBJECT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM BUREAU AND  
ARE BEING FORWARDED TO ALL NEWS MEDIA THIS AREA.

LOCAL LEADS BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY

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cc - CONRAD



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Date: 5/7/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 RM  
 OO: TAMPA

Re Bureau airtel to Jacksonville and Tampa dated May 2, 1968. Tampa airtel to Bureau dated May 2, 1968. Jacksonville airtel to Bureau and Tampa dated May 3, 1968.

Check of auto registration and drivers license at Orlando, Florida, identified owner of Florida license [REDACTED] as [REDACTED], being a white male, born [REDACTED]. His office is located at [REDACTED] and his residence [REDACTED] Maitland, Florida. Attempts to interview him on instant vehicle negative.

On May 7, 1968 [REDACTED]

(3) Bureau (44-38861) (RM)  
 1- Birmingham (44-1740) (info) (RM)  
 1- Memphis (44-1987) (info) (RM)  
 1- Jacksonville (44-769) (info) (RM)  
 2- Tampa (157-3231)  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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TP 157-3231

Maitland, Florida, stated he is personally acquainted with [REDACTED] and advised that he looks even older than his 54 years of age. [REDACTED] viewed wanted flier 442A and stated [REDACTED] is definitely not identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY.

No further action being taken concerning [REDACTED]

SUBJECT IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 1 - Mr. McGowan, 272
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer

5/7/68

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACS DENVER (157-203)  
LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

VIA TELETYPE

MAY 7 1968

ENCIPHERED

REBUTEL TO LOS ANGELES TODAY SETTING FORTH RESULTS  
 EXAMINATION OF AIR TRAVEL CREDIT CARD IN NAME OF CARL RAY AND  
 DENVER AIRTEL MAY FOUR LAST.

FOR INFORMATION MEMPHIS AND DENVER RETEL ADVISED  
 DIFFERENCES NOTED BETWEEN HAND PRINTING AND CARL RAY  
 SIGNATURE ON CREDIT CARD WHEN COMPARED WITH KNOWN WRITTEN  
 OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY BUT LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTION  
 MATERIAL PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

REDNAIRTEL SUBMITTING FRONTIER AIRLINES  
 TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT BEARING SIGNATURE "CARL RAY"

PURCHASED BY UTILIZING TEMPORARY CREDIT CARD [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] REFERRED TO ABOVE. NO CONCLUSION WHEN  
 MAY 10 1968

CARL RAY SIGNATURES ON CREDIT CARD AND FRONTIER AIRLINES

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TELETYPE TO DENVER, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS  
RE: MURKIN  
44-38861

TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT BY SAME PERSON BUT DIFFERENCES  
NOTED SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY OF DIFFERENT WRITERS.

NO CONCLUSION WHETHER SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY  
WROTE "CARL RAY" SIGNATURE ON FRONTIER AIRLINES  
TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT, HOWEVER, SOME HANDWRITING  
CHARACTERISTICS IN COMMON NOTED BETWEEN THIS "CARL RAY"  
SIGNATURE AND KNOWN WRITING OF SUBJECT RAY. LIMITED  
NATURE OF QUESTIONED SIGNATURE AND LACK OF SIGNIFICANT  
HANDWRITING CHARACTERISTICS PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

RESULTS OF LATENT EXAMINATION OF FRONTIER  
AIRLINES TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT WILL BE FURNISHED  
SEPARATELY,

5/4/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861).  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re LA tel to Director, 5/4/68.

Re investigation concerning possible look-a-like  
of JAMES EARL RAY by name of CARL RAY.

When individual using name CARL RAY obtained the  
two round-trip tickets from Las Vegas to St. Louis, at  
Frontier Airlines Ticket Counter, Stapleton Airport, Denver,  
Colorado, on 5/1/68, he did so by using temporary Frontier  
Airlines credit card [REDACTED] and therefore, had to sign a  
Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt. The original of  
this Transportation Receipt, bearing the signature of  
CARL RAY, in the upper left-hand corner is enclosed.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare this  
handwriting with any known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.  
It is noted that according to referenced teletype, the  
temporary credit card [REDACTED] which may bear additional  
handwriting of CARL RAY is also being forwarded to the Bureau  
by Los Angeles.

The Laboratory is requested to return the  
Transportation Receipt to Denver after completion of the  
examination.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc.1)
  - 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
  - 2 - Denver
- BDA/can  
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16-44-1574-  
5-7-68

Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau for latent fingerprint examinations with those of JAMES EARL RAY and for handwriting comparison with samples previously furnished in this matter are the following items:

(1) Frontier Airlines, 30 Day Temporary Air Travel Credit Card No. [REDACTED] dated 4/26/68 and issued to Mr. CARL RAY, Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 868, Pecos, Texas.

(2) One Frontier Airlines, Incorporated passenger ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mr. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 201829753 6.

(3) Frontier Airlines, Incorporated ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mrs. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 201829754 0.

These enclosures were furnished by [REDACTED] United Airlines Ticket Agent, Los Angeles International Airport, to SA [REDACTED]. She was the only airline personnel who handled the enclosures. Enclosures are to be returned to Los Angeles for return to United Airlines, Los Angeles.

- ④ - Bureau (Encl. 3) (AM) (RM)
  - 1 - Denver (Info)
  - 1 - El Paso (Info)
  - 1 - Memphis (Info)
  - 1 - Los Angeles
- WSB/clp  
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[Signature]

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Special Agent in Charge

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This date [REDACTED] furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED]

Individual attempted to exchange enclosed tickets for a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii and used enclosed Frontier Airlines Credit Card. [REDACTED] took the tickets and the credit card and told the individual she would have to check the credit card. Individual had previously asked [REDACTED] if he could use two Frontier Airlines tickets, enclosed, as credit toward ticket to Honolulu.

Individual identified himself as Mr. RAY. [REDACTED] and two United Airlines employees who viewed Mr. RAY furnished the following description:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6 feet
Weight	185 pounds
Age	35 - 40 years
Hair	Dark or golden blond
Eyes	Greenish-blue

Other investigation, Los Angeles International Airport, this date, negative to locate person using enclosed credit card. Photos JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to United Airlines employees and they advised photos somewhat similar to RAY but could make no positive identification.

Inquiry at El Paso, Texas reflects credit card is apparently fictitious.

Denver, Las Vegas and Albuquerque Divisions all attempting to identify holder of credit card and purchaser of Frontier Airlines tickets.

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1 - J. McGo... 2712  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
5/7/68

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RELAIRTEL MAY THREE LAST SUBMITTING AIR TRAVEL  
CREDIT CARD AND TWO AIRLINE TICKETS. DIFFERENCES WERE NOTED  
BETWEEN THE HAND PRINTING AND CARL RAY SIGNATURES ON CREDIT  
CARD WHEN COMPARED WITH KNOWN HANDWRITING OF SUBJECT  
JAMES EARL RAY. LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED MATERIAL  
PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

RESULTS OF LATENT EXAMINATION OF CREDIT CARD AND  
OTHER ITEMS SUBMITTED WILL BE TURNED SEPARATELY. AIRMAIL  
COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, DENVER AND EL PASO.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) - Airmail  
1 - Denver (157-203) - Airmail  
1 - El Paso - Airmail

NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted  
regarding the results of the examination  
set out above.

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FBI

Date: 5/7/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: Memphis

Re San Diego airtel to Bureau 4/30/68 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/2/68

RE: [REDACTED]

For the information of Bureau, Office of Origin, and Atlanta, [REDACTED] uncle of [REDACTED] wife, advised on reinterview 5/3/68 that he had consulted his wife concerning the particulars of the [REDACTED] visit to the [REDACTED] residence during the Thanksgiving Season, 1967.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrived at the [REDACTED] residence, [REDACTED] Palos Verdes, California, driving a Volkswagen automobile bearing Georgia license plates the date prior to Thanksgiving, 11/28/67, as he recalled. After having Thanksgiving dinner with the [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] left in their Volkswagen at approximately 4:00 p.m. to see a friend of [REDACTED] who allegedly worked in a hospital, believed in Santa Barbara, California. [REDACTED] also expressed his consideration of seeking employment at this hospital.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Atlanta
- 1 - Memphis
- 2 - Los Angeles

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Special Agent in Charge

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LA 44-1574

The [REDACTED] returned to the [REDACTED] residence on Friday, 12/1/67, and immediately upon arrival, [REDACTED] telephoned [REDACTED] at his office telling of the [REDACTED] arrival from Northern California.

[REDACTED] advised that he had lost his wallet in Santa Barbara, California, while swimming and [REDACTED] had to borrow or give [REDACTED] sufficient funds to drive back to Atlanta. The [REDACTED] left the [REDACTED] residence on Saturday, 12/2/68, enroute to Atlanta via San Diego, California.

[REDACTED] stated that he knew [REDACTED] by first name [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he was of the opinion that [REDACTED] was prone to stretch the truth and he, [REDACTED] personally doubted his veracity for the short period of time he was acquainted with him.

The above information is furnished to Atlanta in slight variation of re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau.

[REDACTED] stated that the information furnished in this communication was more nearly correct as to exact dates inasmuch as he had contacted his wife and the two of them had more accurately pinpointed the times and dates in question.

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Date: 5/7/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, HOUSTON

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston teletype to Kansas City, 5/1/68,  
regarding [REDACTED]

Credit, criminal teamsters union locals and all other logical investigation in Kansas City Division negative. Identification record obtained and shows last entry as [REDACTED] 66 and discharge from Department of Corrections, Huntsville, Texas.

It is noted that [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]/65, was sentenced to 2 years and released after just over 1 year on [REDACTED] 66.

Houston is requested, if not already done, to check possibility [REDACTED] paroled and later whereabouts could be ascertained. If this investigation negative, suggest lead be set out to locate and interview [REDACTED] brother, regarding the present whereabouts of [REDACTED]

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③ - Bureau (44-38861)  
2 - Houston  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Kansas City  
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Approved: **66 MAY 13 1968**  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI MEMPHIS

557PM URGENT 5-7-68 DGB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

REQUEST  
OF  
BUREAU

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MURKIN; CR.

SHELBY COUNTY GRAND JURY, MEMPHIS, TENN., RETURNED  
INDICTMENT MAY SEVEN INSTANT CHARGING JAMES EARL RAY WITH  
MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE. NO REQUEST MADE FOR TESTIMONY  
BY FBI PERSONNEL.

INVESTIGATION AND ELIMINATION OF MISCELLANEOUS SUSPECTS  
CONTINUES. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BUREAU CONSIDER ADVISABILITY  
OF PUBLISHING THE PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT OBTAINED FROM  
PATRICIA ANDERSON IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE "LAW ENFORCEMENT  
BULLETIN."

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M.A. Jones to Bishop memo  
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SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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Director, FBI (44-38861) — 3 2 21

MURKIN; CR.

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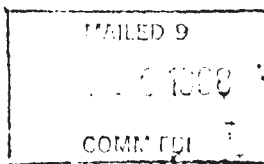
In response to your suggestion, the photograph of James Earl Ray furnished by Patricia Anderson, together with a suitable write-up, will be published in the June, 1968, issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Bishop (detached)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Bishop memorandum dated 5-9-68, re: "Murkin; CR."

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JUN 15 1968

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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Date: 5/7/68

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TELETYPE

URGENT

(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, LOS ANGELES  
 FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY THREE, LAST, AND  
 NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY FOUR, LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS  
 ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

ON MAY THREE, LAST, RECORDS MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE CO.,  
 PHOENIX, ARIZONA, REFLECT ONLY NEW ORLEANS CALL FROM PHONE BOOTH'S  
 IN RE EL PASO TELETYPE FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND  
 SEVENTEEN, WAS CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, MADE FROM  
 SEVEN SEVEN TWO ZERO SIX FOUR SIX IN EL PASO TO [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] NEW ORLEANS.

ON MAY FOUR AND MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, ARNOLD AND ISABELLE  
 THOMAS, NEGROES, [REDACTED], NEW ORLEANS,  
 WHO HAVE TELEPHONE [REDACTED] LISTED  
 TO THEM, WERE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING CALL FROM EL PASO, TEXAS,

- ① - ~~New Orleans~~  
 1 - Memphis  
 1 - Phoenix

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1 - El Paso

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ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. THOMAS AND WIFE COULD NOT  
RECALL ABOVE PHONE CALL, BUT STATED PERHAPS THEIR SON, ARNOLD  
THOMAS, JR., HAD MADE PHONE CALL. THOMAS, JR., RESIDES [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

LOS ANGELES LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR.  
DETERMINE IF HE MADE PHONE CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, PHOENIX AND EL PASO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 1:11 M Per 111



1 - Mr. McGowan, 2712  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Mortimer

5/7/68

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TO SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RELAIRTEL MAY THREE LAST SUBMITTING AIR TRAVEL  
CREDIT CARD AND TWO AIRLINE TICKETS. DIFFERENCES WERE NOTED  
BETWEEN THE HAND PRINTING AND CARL RAY SIGNATURES ON CREDIT  
CARD WHEN COMPARED WITH KNOWN HANDWRITING OF SUBJECT  
JAMES EARL RAY. LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED MATERIAL  
PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

RESULTS OF LATENT EXAMINATION OF CREDIT CARD AND  
OTHER ITEMS SUBMITTED WILL BE FURNISHED SEPARATELY. AIRMAIL  
COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, DENVER AND EL PASO.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) - Airmail  
1 - Denver (157-203) - Airmail  
1 - El Paso - Airmail

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NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted  
regarding the results of the examination  
set out above.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: LAT LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau for latent fingerprint examinations with those of JAMES EARL RAY and for handwriting comparison with samples previously furnished in this matter are the following items:

(1) Frontier Airlines, 30 Day Temporary Air Travel Credit Card No. [REDACTED] dated 4/26/68 and issued to Mr. CARL RAY, Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 868, Pecos, Texas.

(2) One Frontier Airlines, Incorporated passenger ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to Mr. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 20189753 6.

(3) Frontier Airlines, Incorporated ticket dated 5/1/68 issued to MRS. C. RAY, ticket number 1 028 20189753 6.

These enclosures were furnished by [REDACTED] United Airlines Ticket Agent, Los Angeles International Airport, to SA [REDACTED]. She was the only airline personnel who handled the enclosures. Enclosures are to be returned to Los Angeles for return to United Airlines, Los Angeles.

(4) - Bureau (Encl. 3) (AM) (RM)  
1 - Denver (Info)  
1 - El Paso (Info)  
1 - Memphis (Info)  
1 - Los Angeles  
WSP/Alp  
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This date, [REDACTED] furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED]

Individual attempted to exchange enclosed tickets for a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii and used enclosed Frontier Airlines Credit Card. [REDACTED] took the tickets and the credit card and told the individual she would have to check the credit card. Individual had previously asked [REDACTED] if he could use two Frontier Airlines tickets, enclosed, as credit toward ticket to Honolulu.

Individual identified himself as Mr. RAY. [REDACTED] and two United Airlines employees who viewed Mr. RAY furnished the following description:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6 feet
Weight	185 pounds
Age	35 - 40 years
Hair	Dark or golden blond
Eyes	Greenish-blue

Other investigation, Los Angeles International Airport, this date, negative to locate person using enclosed credit card. Photos JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to United Airlines employees and they advised photos somewhat similar to RAY but could make no positive identification.

Inquiry at El Paso, Texas reflects credit card is apparently fictitious.

Denver, Las Vegas and Albuquerque divisions all attempting to identify holder of credit card and purchaser of Frontier Airlines tickets.

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Date: 5/7/68

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (AIRMAIL)  
OMAHA

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (2P)

MURKIN, CR: OO MEMPHIS.

NEWARK BY TELETYPE MAY SIX LAST ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MIDDLETON, NEW JERSEY,  
CONTACTED THE NEWARK OFFICE STATING THAT ON HIS WAY TO WORK  
ON MAY ONE LAST HE HAD SEEN A MAN WHO WAS THE "SPITTING IMAGE"  
OF JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING A LATE MODEL WHITE CHEVROLET BEARING  
ARIZONA LICENSE EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]  
AND THAT THE RIGHT FRONT FENDER OF THIS VEHICLE WAS CRUSHED  
NEAR THE HEADLIGHT.

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. THE LAST REGISTERED  
OWNER IN ARIZONA OF LICENSE [REDACTED] IS FOR FIFTYFIVE  
FORD FOUR DOOR SEDAN IN NAME [REDACTED] FORMERLY OF  
TUCSON, WHO FILED WITH POST OFFICE FORWARDING ADDRESS AUGUST  
FOURTEEN SIXTYSEVEN OF GENERAL DELIVERY, CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA,  
ZIP SIX NINE ZERO TWO TWO. EX-116

OMAHA AT CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW

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1 - Phoenix

1 - Memphis (AM)

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██████████ AND DETERMINE IF HE MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH  
SUBJECT RAY AND IF HE NO LONGER HAS THIS LICENSE PLATE,  
ASCERTAIN DISPOSITION OF SAME.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI CHICAGO

322 PM DEFERRED 5/7/68 PAK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES (44-1574), PHOENIX,  
LAS VEGAS, DENVER (157-203) ALBUQUERQUE, AND EL PASO.  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY FOUR LAST REGARDING INTERVIEW  
AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MAY THREE LAST CONCERNING  
CALL BY UNITED AIRLINES (UAL) PERSONNEL DESCRIBING INDIVIDUAL  
AS POSSIBLE LOOK A LIKE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

FOLLOWING UAL FLIGHTS CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS  
MAY SIX LAST RELATIVE TO TRAVEL OF CARL RAY, DENVER TO  
LAS VEGAS OR LOS ANGELES MAY ONE AND TWO LAST.

ONE SIX THREE BOTH DAYS, TWO FOUR ONE, MAY ONE, TWO  
FOUR THREE, MAY TWO, THREE FIVE NINE, MAY ONE, EIGHT FIVE  
SEVEN, MAY TWO.

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NO RECORD AVAILABLE FLIGHTS ONE SIX NINE AND EIGHT  
SEVEN ONE.

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THE BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES NOTE UAL MAINTAINS AND PREPARES PASSENGER MANIFEST AS SUCH. ONLY RECORD OF FLIGHT IS PORTION OF TICKET TAKEN FROM PASSENGER JMS PRIOR TO BOARDING AIRCRAFT. THESE FORWARDED LAL HEADQUARTERS DAILY WHERE THEY BECOME KEYPUNCHED IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL AND ARE SOMETIMES UNAVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION FOR SIX OR SEVEN DAYS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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Date: 5/8/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-1987) (P)  
 RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Cleveland 5/7/68.

Chief of Police DONALD COWEN, NA, Alliance, Ohio Police Department, advised on 5/8/68, that he is very familiar with [REDACTED] who has contacted his Department repeatedly in the past with solutions to Alliance police cases. COWEN indicates that [REDACTED] is a "nut" on criminal cases and is constantly supplying police agencies with erroneous information.

[REDACTED] Turner Drug Store, Alliance, Ohio, advised on 5/8/68, that he recalled a stranger coming into his drug store at approximately 8:30 P.M., on 5/7/68 and looking over the magazine rack. Since business was slow, he watched the stranger for several minutes and was of the opinion that this man was definitely not JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED] stated that he had seen RAY's picture in the local papers as well as on television and was positive that the man in his drug store was not identical to RAY.

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 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - Cleveland

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, dated 4/30/68.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. BEATRICE WALTERS, subscriber to telephone # [REDACTED], was interviewed and advised that on 12/15/67, her mother, LILLIAN LINNERT, had attempted to contact her by telephone from Marathon, Texas. Her mother and father were on vacation at the time. She and her husband were not at home at the time of the call and the babysitter related the information to them. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she had never seen him before.

On 5/7/68, Mrs. LILLIAN LINNERT was contacted and verified the above information.

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2-Dallas (AM)  
2-Memphis (AM)  
2-Pittsburgh

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AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel, 4/25/68, and Sacramento telephone call to San Francisco, 4/30/68.

The Sacramento Office advised on 4/30/68, that the California Highway Patrol had determined through their computer facilities, that the only vehicle recovered in the State of California subsequent to March 23, 1968 which was reported stolen from the State of Georgia was a 1964 Volkswagen, blue in color, bearing Georgia license 2D9042. This vehicle was reported recovered by the Oakland, California Police Department on 3/27/68, Oakland file [REDACTED], and was registered to HELEN B. WAAS, 610 Ponce de Leon Place, Decatur, Ga.

On May 2, 1968, [REDACTED], Auto Theft Detail, Oakland, California Police Department, made available his file [REDACTED] to SA [REDACTED]. A review of this file reflects that GEORGE H. WAAS, male, residing at [REDACTED], Oakland, California, reported the theft of the automobile bearing Georgia license 2D9042 which was registered to his mother, HELEN B. WAAS. This report reflects that GEORGE WAAS was a patient at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, California, and that the vehicle was parked at the main gate of the hospital while WAAS was undergoing treatment. WAAS reported that upon leaving the hospital, he discovered that the vehicle was stolen.

- ③ - Bureau (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
2 - San Francisco  
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Records of the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital reflect that GEORGE WAAS was admitted to the hospital on 2/10/68. He is presently a patient, is a seaman, serial number USN [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] in Tennessee.

In view of the fact that this vehicle was stolen in Oakland, California rather than in the State of Georgia, no additional investigation will be conducted.

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TELETYPE

FBI BIRMGHAM

250 PM URGENT 5-8-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 9 PAGES

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN

[REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED IN DEPTH  
CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS  
RECEIVED IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY [REDACTED] AND  
AFTER PERIOD OF QUARANTINE, ASSIGNED TO "J" HALL DURING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIRST MADE ACQUAINTANCE OF RAY, WHO WAS ALREADY  
ASSIGNED TO J HALL, AS THE "WALK BOY". ADVISED RAY'S DUTIES AS  
WALK BOY WERE TO TAKE ORDERS FOR CIGARETTES, CANDY, ETC., WHICH

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COULD BE PURCHASED WITHIN PRISON, AND TO BRING HOT WATER TO PRISONERS. SAID RAY ONLY WALK BOY IN J HALL AND THEREFORE WAS FREE  
TO CONTACT ANY INMATES AND COULD MOVE THROUGHOUT HALL FREELY.

STATED FIRST CONVERSATION WITH RAY TOOK PLACE WHEN RAY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INQUIRED OF HIM IF HE  
WAS FROM STATE OF ALABAMA AND SAID HE HAD VISITED OR STAYED IN  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA AREA IN PAST AND MENTIONED SEVERAL TAVERNS

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LOCATED IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, WHICH WERE KNOWN TO [REDACTED]  
STATED RAY NEVER MENTIONED ANY ASSOCIATES, ACQUAINTANCES, FRIENDS,  
RELATIVES OR EMPLOYMENTS, STATE OF ALABAMA. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

HE SAID RAY NEVER DISCUSSED HIS FAMILY, NOR DID HE  
EVER INDICATE FROM WHICH PART OF THE UNITED STATES HE CAME.  
HE BELIEVED RAY TO BE FROM THE SOUTH ONLY BECAUSE  
HE NEVER INDICATED WHERE HE WAS FROM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

HE STATED HE PERSONALLY GAVE RAY HIS PRESENT ADDRESS AND  
TELEPHONE NUMBER ON ONE OCCASION, TELLING RAY TO STOP BY SOMETIME  
IF HE EVER GOT OUT OF PRISON AND THEY WOULD HAVE A DRINK TOGETHER.  
[REDACTED] SAID RAY DID NOT ASK HIM FOR HIS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE  
NUMBER AND THAT HE MERELY FURNISHED HIM THIS, KNOWING THAT HE WAS  
DOING A TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE AND MORE THAN LIKELY HE WOULD NEVER  
AGAIN SEE RAY AFTER HE LEFT PRISON. HE STATED WHEN HE GAVE  
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RAY HIS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, RAY REPLIED, "DON'T BE SURPRISED IF I CALL YOU UP SOMETIME".

[REDACTED] SAID RAY WAS A VERY QUIET INDIVIDUAL, SOFT SPOKEN, NEVER LAUGHED OR ENJOYED A GOOD STORY, SOLEMN FACED, AND REMAINED TO HIMSELF MOST OF THE TIME. HE WOULD OFTEN SEE RAY IN THE PRISON YARD AND ON OCCASIONS ATTEMPTED TO STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION WITH RAY, BUT HE NEVER APPEARED INTERESTED, SO HE GAVE UP TRYING TO MAKE CONVERSATION.

THE ONLY TOPIC WHICH WOULD AROUSE RAY'S INTEREST WAS THE SUBJECT OF MONEY. HE STATED ON ONE OCCASION DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH RAY, HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW HE WAS GOING TO MAKE BIG MONEY WHEN HE GOT OUT OF PRISON BY ROBBING BANKS, ETC. HE SAID RAY AT THIS TIME MADE THE STATEMENT, "I HAVE A PLAN AND WHEN I GET OUT, I AM GOING TO MAKE BIG MONEY, AND IT IS NOT GOING TO BE ROBBING BANKS." HE ASKED RAY WHAT HIS PLAN WAS, TO WHICH RAY REPLIED, "THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION HAS OFFERED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND HE'S FIVE YEARS PAST DUE". [REDACTED] SAID HE THEN ASKED RAY WHAT THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION WAS, TO WHICH HE REPLIED, "I DON'T

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KNOW BUT I WILL FIND OUT." [REDACTED] SAID THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST AND LAST TIME RAY EVER MENTIONED MARTIN LUTHER KING, NOR DID HE EVER AGAIN MENTION THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION IN HIS PRESENCE.

HE SAID RAY TOLD HIM HE ALWAYS WORKED ALONE AND THEREFORE LIMITED THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING CAUGHT AND SAID, "I HAVE GOT A PLACE PICKED OUT WHERE I CAN HIDE", NEVER MENTIONING WHERE THE PLACE WAS LOCATED.

[REDACTED] STATED THERE WAS A PRISON CIGARETTE LOTTERY GOING ON ALMOST DAILY IN J HALL AND THAT RAY WAS INVOLVED IN THIS LOTTERY DELIVERING WAGERING TICKETS AS WELL AS PICKING THESE UP AND WOULD DELIVER THE WINNINGS EACH NIGHT. HE SAID THERE WERE TWO SEPARATE LOTTERIES IN J HALL, RUN BY TWO INMATES, ONE NAMED [REDACTED] AND ANOTHER FROM ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, NAME UNKNOWN, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, ITALIAN, AGE FORTYTHREE TO FORTYSIX, DARK COMPLEXION, WITH GUN SHOT WOUND IN FACE, AND NICKNAME [REDACTED].

HE SAID OTHER LOTTERY IN J HALL RUN BY INDIVIDUAL, NICKNAME [REDACTED], WHO WAS DOING TWENTY YEARS, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FORTYFIVE YEARS, VERY SHORT, AND OCCUPIED EITHER CELL TWENTY THREE, TWENTYFOUR OR TWENTYFIVE ON THE FLAG IN J HALL, MEANING FIRST FLOOR.

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HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT LIKE [REDACTED] ODDS, SO HE ALWAYS PLACED HIS WAGERS WITH [REDACTED]. STATED RAY WOULD HANDLE WAGERS, SINCE HE COULD TALK TO ANYBODY IN CELL BLOCK AND WAS REIMBURSED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FOR THIS SERVICE.

[REDACTED] ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY TWO DOZEN LOTTERIES BEING OPERATED IN MSP WHICH CONSISTS OF FIVE SEPARATE HALLS HOUSING PRISONERS.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT HE NEVER SAW RAY RUN NARCOTICS OR HANDLE CONTRABAND AT ANY TIME AND ON ONE OCCASION, RAY SHOWED HIM HIS ARMS TO PROVE THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS. HE ADDED THAT HE NEVER OBSERVED RAY WITH ANY LARGE SUMS OF MONEY.

[REDACTED] WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION<sup>2</sup>, AND STATED THIS WAS A PROTECTOR AND ENFORCER ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATED IN THE PRISON. HE STATED THAT WHILE ENROUTE TO MSP, HE WAS LODGED IN [REDACTED] FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH A PRISONER, [REDACTED], WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A "FOUR TIME LOSER." HE SAID THAT [REDACTED] HAS A BROTHER WHO IS [REDACTED] SPRINGFIELD, MO. [REDACTED] HE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME AT MSP AND WAS BEING RETURNED TO MSP. HE SAID WHEN [REDACTED] LEARNED HE ALSO WAS ENROUTE TO MSP,  
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HE ADVISED HIM TO JOIN THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION AT MSP SINCE HE WOULD NEED TO GET ALONG WITH PRISONERS AND BY BEING A MEMBER, HE COULD OBTAIN "SPECIAL FAVORS". [REDACTED] ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WOULD SETTLE ANY GRIEVANCES HE MAY HAVE AGAINST OTHER PRISONERS AND THAT THIS WAS A VERY POWERFUL ORGANIZATION AT MSP, HAVING INFLUENCE WITH GUARDS AND COULD EVEN ARRANGE "A MURDER."

[REDACTED] SAID AFTER QUARANTINE, HE SAW [REDACTED] WHO WAS WORKING IN MESS HALL AT MSP. HE APPROACHED [REDACTED] AND TOLD HIM HE DESIRED TO JOIN THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION AND GAVE HIM A TEN DOLLAR CANTEEN BOOK, POINTING OUT THAT MEMBERSHIP FEE TO JOIN WAS TEN DOLLARS, WHICH WOULD LAST AS LONG AS AN INDIVIDUAL WAS IN PRISON. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT HE WOULD GET HIM HIS MEMBERSHIP, AND THE SAME NIGHT, JAMES EARL RAY CAME TO HIS CELL AND SAID, "HERE IS YOUR CARD", AND NOTHING ELSE, AND THEREFORE HE ALWAYS FELT RAY WAS A MEMBER SINCE HE WAS SO TRUSTED. RAY NEVER SAID HE WAS A MEMBER, NOR DID HE ASK HIM.

HE SAID THIS MEMBERSHIP CARD WAS TYPE-WRITTEN WITH HIS NAME ON IT AND HAD THE HEADING THEREON "MEMBERSHIP, COOLEY'S CLUB". HE SAID THAT THIS CARD WAS LIKE A CREDIT CARD AND IT COULD GET A

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PERSON CREDIT OR PURCHASED OF CANDY, ETC., BUT COULD NOT BE USED FOR CREDIT WITH LOTTERIES.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT HE HAD TWO OR THREE DIFFERENCES WITH PRISONERS OVER WAGERS AND UPON GETTING NO SATISFACTION, HE PERSONALLY CONTACTED [REDACTED] IN THE MESS HALL, AT WHICH TIME HE DISPLAYED HIS MEMBERSHIP CARD AND FILED HIS COMPLAINT WITH [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] INFORMED HIM THAT HE WOULD HANDLE THIS GRIEVANCE; HOWEVER, THE FEE FOR HANDLING A GRIEVANCE WAS FIFTY PERCENT OF WHAT WAS DUE A PRISONER. HE SAID THAT SUBSEQUENTLY RAY APPEARED AT HIS CELL WITH HIS SHARE OF THE CIGARETTES COLLECTED FROM HIS GRIEVANCE.

HE ADDED THAT [REDACTED] WAS LATER TRANSFERRED FROM THE MESS HALL TO THE CHURCH FARM OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALL. HE SAID THAT PRIOR TO [REDACTED] DEPARTURE, [REDACTED] CONTACTED HIM AND INSTRUCTED HIM WHO TO SEE TO TAKE CARE OF FUTURE COMPLAINTS IN THE MESS HALL, BUT [REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY DESCRIPTION OR NAME OF THIS INDIVIDUAL SINCE HE NEVER FILED COMPLAINT WITH HIM AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE RENZ FARM LOCATED OUTSIDE THE PRISON.

HE ADDED THAT THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WAS OPERATING WHEN HE ARRIVED AND WAS STILL DOING BUSINESS WHEN HE DEPARTED AND HE FELT THIS OPERATION HAD BEEN STARTED BY "OLD CONS WHO ARE NOW

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TRUSTIES AND WHO RESIDE IN A HALL WHICH IS TRUSTY BARRACK".

HE SAID THAT DURING THE TIME RAY WAS ASSIGNED TO J HALL, HE ATTEMPTED AN ESCAPE, WHICH WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, AND THEREAFTER HE NEVER SAW RAY AGAIN, SINCE RAY WAS NOT RETURNED TO J HALL AND HE WENT TO RENZ FARM.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT THE INMATES LOCATED [REDACTED] IN J HALL, [REDACTED] CELL [REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] CELL [REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE AND OVERPOWERED GUARD, TAKING GUARD'S UNIFORM, THEN MADE SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE. ADVISED THAT INMATE, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO OCCUPIED CELL [REDACTED], WAS LOTTERY PLAYER AND THAT POSSIBLY INMATE, NAME UNKNOWN, NICKNAME [REDACTED], HOLDING TENDER IN CHARGE OF CONVICTS J HALL, COULD POSSIBLY FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY AND THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION.

KANSAS CITY, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY INMATES [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], ALL INMATES J HALL, AND DESCRIBED ABOVE. WILL INTERVIEW EACH INMATE CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RAY AND IF NO LONGER INCARCERATED, OBTAIN ADDRESS OF RECORD AND SET FORTH LEADS TO HAVE THEM INTERVIEWED. PROTECT IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] WHEN INTERVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED AND IN ANY LEADS SET FORTH.

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BIRMINGHAM, DURING INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] INFORMED HIM OF THE POSSIBILITY OF PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED, BUT NO SPECIFIC AMOUNT STATED. HE APPEARS TO BE SOMEWHAT INTERESTED; HOWEVER STATED NOT INTERESTED IN POSTED REWARD BECAUSE HE FEARED "COOLEY ORGANIZATION IF IT WERE CLAIMED.

BIRMINGHAM MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, COUPLED WITH FACT RAY MAY ATTEMPT CONTACT. BIRMINGHAM [REDACTED] WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] WIFE THIS DATE. TAVERNS MENTIONED BY RAY AS HAVING BEEN FREQUENTED BY RAY IN THE PAST BEING CONTACTED.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EX-CONVICT BEING REINTERVIEWED.

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Date: 5/8/68

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AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68, and long distance phone calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10.

Referenced airtel set forth various long distance telephone calls made from each public telephone on Interstate 10 between 12/15-17/67. One of these long distance calls was made from a telephone at Vidor, Texas, telephone #769-9108 to Immokalee, Fla., telephone [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED], at Immokalee, Fla., on 5/7/68:

Mr. CHARLES MARKLE, Foreman, H. L. Hunt Packing Co., telephone 657-3181, advised he has never heard of Vidor, Texas, and does not recall receiving a telephone call from there on 12/15/67, and has no way of checking such a call to determine the identity of the caller. He stated he was lining up a crew in and around McAllen and Farr, Texas during the middle of December, 1967, and it is possible that a business call was made in that regard, but he does not recall it.

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2-Houston (44-1509)  
1-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Miami  
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In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted by the Miami Division in efforts to identify the caller in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI MEMPHIS

3030 303PM DEFERRED 5-8-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND SACRAMENTO 100-427  
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2 P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST AND  
SACRAMENTO AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY SIX LAST.

RE: - POSSIBLE MENTAL CONDITION OF SUBJECT.

ALTHOUGH THE SUGGESTION MADE IN RE ATLANTA AIRTEL HAD  
MERIT, THIS SUGGESTION WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE IDENTIFICATION  
OF JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

ALTHOUGH RAY CONSULTED A PSYCHIATRIST IN LOS ANGELES,  
CALIF., SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON AND WHILE IN  
PRISON SOUGHT PSYCHIATRIC HELP ON ONE OCCASION, INVESTIGATION  
TO DATE INTO RAY'S BACKGROUND HAS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY INFOR-  
MATION TO INDICATE HE HAS EVER BEEN CONFINED TO A MENTAL INSTI-  
TUTION.

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THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF ABOVE, UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU, OFFICES RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION ARE TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE ANY INVESTIGATION RE CHECK OF RECORDS OF MENTAL INSTITUTIONS IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE A COMMITMENT RECORD RE SUBJECT RAY.

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, AND SAN FRANCISCO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Bureau airtel to Little Rock, dated 4/30/68.

Enclosed herein for San Diego are two (2) copies of a letter from [REDACTED] dated April 24, 1968, postmarked April 25, 1968. Also enclosed for San Diego is one (1) copy of referenced airtel.

On May 2, 1968, [REDACTED] Waldron Post Office, advised that Post Office Box [REDACTED] at Waldron, Arkansas, is registered in the name of [REDACTED] Waldron, Arkansas. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] has the reputation of being a "nut" and a prolific letter writer. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is the son of [REDACTED] and half-brother of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] no longer lives in the Waldron, Arkansas, area and he did not know his current whereabouts.

On the same date, Sheriff CLYDE HAWKINS, Scott County Sheriff's Office, Waldron, Arkansas, advised he was familiar with [REDACTED] and her half-sons, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Sheriff HAWKINS advised that [REDACTED] is constantly writing letters accusing different people of crimes. Sheriff HAWKINS also advised that [REDACTED] had a couple of years prior been the object of a Post Office Inspector's inquiry regarding fraud by mail. Sheriff HAWKINS further stated that he at one time tried to commit [REDACTED] to the State Hospital but was unsuccessful. It was Sheriff HAWKINS' opinion that [REDACTED] was the one who wrote the letter from [REDACTED] dated April 24, 1968.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - San Diego (Enc. 3)
- 2 - Memphis
- 2 - Little Rock

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On the same date, [REDACTED], Waldron, Arkansas, was displayed the letter from [REDACTED] dated April 24, 1968, and she advised that she never saw it before and that it could have come from her son, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that she did not know what her son's address was and that she was unable to obtain it. During the course of the interview, [REDACTED] became very emotional and began crying; the interviewing agent at that point concluded the interview.

Attempts to locate the address of [REDACTED] were negative until May 6, 1968, at which time [REDACTED] half-brother of [REDACTED] advised that his brother's current address is as follows:

[REDACTED]  
Coronado, California

c/o [REDACTED]

Zip Code: 92118

Telephone Number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], after viewing instant letter, advised that it looked like it was his brother's handwriting but did not know why the return address was marked [REDACTED] Waldron, Arkansas.

[REDACTED]

LEADS:

SAN DIEGO DIVISION

AT CORONADO, CALIFORNIA:

Will immediately interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Coronado, California, c/o [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED].

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instant letter to obtain any specific information he may have which would substantiate his belief that the subject may be in Hot Springs, Arkansas, area. At time of interview, orally acknowledge receipt of his letter.

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Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: *Sub* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

UACB, San Francisco will maintain special indices in captioned case and will make certain that main indices in the San Francisco Office are furnished copies of all index cards prepared.

③ - Bureau (RM)  
2 - San Francisco  
MTG:bj  
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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: *CC*

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Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReATteletype to Director, WFO and Memphis 4/30/68.

*Jas*  
 [REDACTED], Pan American World Airways, Washington, D. C., advised on May 8, 1968, that Pan Am had no record concerning a [REDACTED] on Flight 106 of 4/6/68. She advised that Number PA [REDACTED] is not a Pan Am number and that there is no [REDACTED] listed on the pre-flight or flight manifest for Flight 106 of 4/6/68.

No further investigation is being conducted by WFO  
 re [REDACTED].

- (3) - Bureau  
 2 - Memphis  
 1 - WFO

RSP:nlr  
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Approved: *J.D. [signature]*

Sent

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FBI WASH DC

FBI LOS ANG.

7:37PM URGENT 5-8-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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RE "THE LOCAL SWINGER", POST OFFICE BOX THREE EIGHT ZERO  
TWO, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA.

~~REDACTED~~ "THE LOCAL SWINGER", A  
CORRESPONDENCE CLUB, ADVISED IN REVIEWING THEIR MAILINGS THEY  
OBSERVED LETTER FROM ONE J. RAY, ~~REDACTED~~  
SAUSALITO, CALIFORNIA. THIS LETTER RECEIVED BY "THE LOCAL SWINGER"  
ON APRIL THREE LAST REQUESTED LIST OF WOMEN AND COUPLES IN CALIFORNIA  
AS ADVERTISED IN THE "BERKELEY BARB", ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN  
ANY LIST COVERING SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF J. RAY  
IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY. EX-1161 REC-104 44-38861-3235

LETTER RECEIVED BY ~~REDACTED~~ BEING FURNISHED BUREAU BY AIRTEL  
TODAY FOR LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND HANDWRITING EXAMINATION. ADVISE  
BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES.

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 8, 1968

DM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. McDonough

SUBJECT: MURKIN

*Handwritten initials*

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In connection with the captioned case there has been speculation that James Earl Ray concocted the alias of Eric Starvo Galt by combining the names of characters from books by Ian Fleming and from a book "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand. This speculation is based on the fact that in the James Bond books by Ian Fleming there is a character named Ernst Stavro Blofield and in "Atlas Shrugged" there is a character named John Galt, as well as one named Eric Starnes. Ernst Stavro Blofield is a formidable person, John Galt is a "social drop out" and Eric Starnes is described in the book as a "whiner" from a low-class family.

In view of the above and in order that Agents handling this investigation can be alert to the possibility of Ray's utilizing an alias based on characters in Fleming's books, there is attached an airtel with enclosure to All SACS and LEGATS setting forth a list of the various characters in Fleming's books for their assistance.

## ACTION:

Upon approval the attached airtel with enclosure will be sent to All SACS and LEGATS.

Enclosure *5-9-68*

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FBI KAN CITY

518PM URGENT 5-8-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

SIX HUNDRED PHOTOS OF SUBJECT REPRODUCED AS AUTHORIZED BY BUREAU AND KANSAS CITY IN PROCESS OF SENDING THEM TO ALL NEWS MEDIA THIS AREA. LEADS FROM PUBLICITY BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

SUSPECTS JAMES EDWARD RAY, BELLE PLAIN, KS., AS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK TELETYPE MAY TWO LAST AND EARL K. MC PHERSON, KS., AS SET FORTH IN CLEVELAND TELETYPE, APRIL TWO SIX LAST ELIMINATED AS SUBJECT.

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MSP RECORDS REFLECT [REDACTED] AND SUBJECT [REDACTED] IN PRISON FROM [REDACTED] SIXTY-SIX, THROUGH [REDACTED] SIXTY-SEVEN. THIS CONFIRMED [REDACTED] PREVIOUS STATEMENT. NAMES OF SEVEN INMATES MSP FROM LOS ANGELES AREA RELEASED SINCE APRIL ONE, SIXTY-SEVEN FURNISHED LOS ANGELES

END PAGE ONE

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cc Ray, Thompson - Person



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OFFICE INASMUCH AS SUBJECT SPENT TIME THERE AFTER HIS ESCAPE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. -P-

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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FBI MEMPHIS

615 PPE. URGENT 5/8/68 TSJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. CR.

PERSONNEL AT THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION OF THE MEMPHIS PD HAVE ADVISED THAT ALL UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS OBTAINED IN LOCAL ROBBERY CASES HAVE BEEN SEARCHED AGAINST THE PRINTS OF THE SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY, AND NO IDENTIFICATION HAS BEEN MADE. SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS HAS LIKEWISE COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND HAS DISCOVERED NOTHING OF PERTINENCE. THE TENNESSEE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, NASHVILLE TENNESSEE, IS STILL MAKING COMPARISON OF SUBJECT'S PRINTS WITH THEIR LATENT FILE.

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CHICAGO OFFICE HAS ADVISED OF A RUMOR TO THE EFFECT THAT [REDACTED] GRENADA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, [REDACTED] WAS GOING TO HAVE MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLED. MEMPHIS HAS NOTHING TO INDICATE [REDACTED] RESIDES IN MEMPHIS TERRITORY AND HAS ASKED JACKSON OFFICE TO HANDLE. OTHER LEADS REGARDING MISCELLANEOUS LOOK ALIKES BEING HANDLED. P.

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cc - Long - Sherman, Penn 6 Apr

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION  
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FBI ATLANTA

626PM URGENT 5-7-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

TELETYPE

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT.

UNIDENTIFIED BODY OF A WHITE MALE FOUND DURING EARLY EVENING  
HOURS IN AUTOMOBILE ABANDONED IN PARKING AREA AT ATLANTA-AIRPORT.

NEWS MEDIA IN ATLANTA AREA IMMEDIATELY SPECULATED THIS  
INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY AND NUMEROUS  
INQUIRIES RECEIVED. INQUIRY IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISHED AND  
BODY IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF A DETROIT HOODLUM IN NO WAY CONNECTED  
WITH MURKIN CASE.

EXPANDED AIRLINE RECORD CHECK COMPLETED AND SEVERAL NAMES  
POSSIBLY PERTINENT TO THIS CASE BEING CHECKED TO IDENTIFY THEM  
COMPLETELY.

EXPANDED CHECK OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES AS ORDERED BY BUREAU  
UNDER WAY. IT WAS ESTIMATED THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED  
SEVENTYFIVE THOUSAND SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES IN ATLANTA AREA FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS.

NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL LOOK-ALIKES ELIMINATED THROUGH  
INVESTIGATION.

\* - names similar to subjects  
or aliases per [redacted] AT.

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cc Long - Thermo. Pres

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THIRTY DRIVERS OF LIMOUSINES EMPLOYED AT TRANSPORTATION OF  
FARES TO ATLANTA AIRPORT FROM VARIOUS DOWNTOWN AREAS INTERVIEWED,  
BUT NO IDENTIFICATIONS OF RAY'S PHOTO OBTAINED.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI ST LOUIS

924PM URGENT 5-8-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

*McDermott*  
*1007*

MURKIN - SUMMARY

JERRY RAY WILL RETURN TO CHICAGO EMPLOYMENT, LEAVING ST. LOUIS TWO PM TOMORROW. EMPLOYER HAS SECURED NEW RESIDENCE FOR HIM, LOCATION UNKNOWN. SPENT MORNING WITH BROTHER JOHN, AFTERNOON AND EVENING WITH SISTER CAROL PEPPER. WILL ADVISE ST. LOUIS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

END

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Date: 5/7/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Albany airtel to Bureau dated 5/1/68.

R. J. HANAVAN, Sales Manager, AMETEK, Inc., South Portland, stated on 5/7/68 that the location of the identified Thermo-Seal Machines cannot be located through AMETEK records, South Portland, on the information set forth in referenced airtel.

He advised that the companies listed on the referenced airtel were believed by him to be located in the New York, Long Island, and New Jersey area and that contact with SAM GIAMIO, Sales Manager, and BILL EISKAMP, Service Manager, of the Pantex-Prosperity Division of AMETEK at 4 Station Square, Rutherford, New Jersey would probably identify the companies and establish their current addresses. HANAVAN stated that Budget Cleaners Company Unit 32368 shipped on 7/27/62 was probably shipped to Budget Cleaners, 45 Avenue B, New York, New York, and that New-Clear Company to which Unit 33495 was shipped was probably shipped to New-Clear Company, 172 Middle Neck Road, Great Neck, Long Island, New York, or the same company at 192-10 Lingen Boulevard, St. Albans, New York.

For information of Newark and New York, Albany in the referenced airtel advised that regarding Thermo-Seal Machines

- ③ - Bureau (44-38861)
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
  - 2 - Newark
  - 2 - New York (info)
  - 3 - Boston
- JVG:gb  
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C. P. Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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shipped to Pantex-Prosperity Textile Marking Machine Company, records disclosed nothing regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

Serial Numbers 32146, 32151, 31992, 31430, 31437, 31331, 31656.

Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company, advised that most of these machines were purchased in connection with sales of complete laundry facilities by Pantex-Prosperity and therefore their contract records should show what happened to these machines. Textile Marking Machine records which would show names other than Pantex Prosperity on these machines have been destroyed because of age. These records show the following regarding the following Thermo-Seal Machines:

SERIAL #	PANTEX-PROSPERITY ORDER NUMBER	DATE	IDENTITY OF COMPANY FOR WHOM PURCHASED
32068	406	1/8/62	JESS A. HILAND
32307	544	4/12/68	T&C Cleaners, Huntington (no state shown)
32368	688	7/27/62	Budget Cleaners
32440	753	8/15/62	Francine
32449	509	No date	RON HIL Plainview, (no state)
32695	1154	5/3/63	Country Squire Drive-In Cleaners. In addition, the name Meadowlark is also noted.
33495	1106	10/27/68	New-Clear

Mr. BROTON further advised that these machines may have been installed by Delta Cleaners and Equipment Company, 875 Prospect Avenue, Westbury, Long Island, who installed the majority of the machines for Pantex-Prosperity. He stated however that Delta Cleaners and Equipment Company is believed to be now out of business or in bankruptcy and those records particularly those prior to 1962 may not be available.

Mr. BROTON further suggested that if none of these avenues disclosed the locations of these machines, he suggested contact with ANDY DOBOS, [REDACTED] Teaneck, New Jersey, the Textile Marking Machine Company repairman who did the majority of repair work on machines installed by Pantex-Prosperity.

LEADS:

NEWARK DIVISION

AT RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY:

Will contact the identified individuals of the Pantex-Prosperity Division at 4 Station Square, and determine if the company identified any purchases made and their location established. If this information is available, will notify the offices where the companies are located to conduct investigation requested by Memphis airtel to All Continental Offices dated 4/19/68, with respect to the Thermo-Seal Textile Marking Machine Company Units which are listed on page 25 of that serial as being shipped to the Pantex-Prosperity Company, South Portland.

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK:

Will contact Budget Cleaners, 45 Avenue B, to determine if a Thermo-Seal Textile Marking Machine Unit is located there; and if so, conduct investigation requested in Memphis airtel to All Continental Offices dated 4/19/68.

AT GREAT NECK AND ST. ALBANS, NEW YORK:

Will contact New Clear Companies to determine if a Thermo-Seal Textile Marking Machine Unit is located there; and if so, conduct investigation requested in Memphis airtel to All Continental Offices dated 4/19/68.

BOSTON DIVISION

AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND:

Will contact Miss GALLAGHER or MANNIE OLIVER at the office of MAX WINOGRAD, Referee in Bankruptcy, and Trustee for the AMETEK Corporation Hospital Trust Building, Providence, Rhode Island, and determine if they are able to furnish any information from a review of the records through which the whereabouts of Thermo-Seal Textile Marking Machine Company Units



bear Serial Numbers 32146, 32151, 31992, 31430, 31437, 31331, and 31656. If so, will locate the whereabouts of these machines and conduct the investigation requested in Memphis airtel to All Continental Offices dated 4/19/68.

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Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Springfield teletype dated 5/3/68.

Enclosed for the receiving offices is one copy  
each of investigative insert reflecting investigation of  
Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard Branch, records on —  
[REDACTED]

This information will be contained in the Springfield  
report at a later date.

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C. C. Bishop

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861) (Enc. 1)  
2 - Memphis (Enc. 1)  
2 - St. Louis (Enc. 1)  
2 - Springfield (44-561)

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Approved: 50 MAY 10 1968

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Bureau, dated 5/3/68.

On 5/8/68, a check of the Shelby, Michigan telephone directory indicated that telephone number [REDACTED] is listed to GUADALUPE HERRERA, [REDACTED] Shelby, Michigan.

On 5/8/68, Mrs. GUADALUPE HERRERA advised that she has had the above telephone number for several years and that on 12/17/67, she received a phone call at that number from her son by prior marriage, AMADO DEGA. AMADO DEGA called her from Texas and spoke to her about family matters. She indicated she has limited contact with AMADO DEGA and does not know his current address although he normally lives in the vicinity of Brownsville, Texas.

Mrs. GUADALUPE HERRERA examined the Wanted Flyer and Identification Order pertaining to JAMES EARL RAY and indicated that she does not know this individual and that she has no information whatsoever re the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She emphasized that the above telephone call had no connection whatsoever with this murder and was merely a family conversation.

**A & D**  
 3 - Bureau (RM)  
 2 - Houston (44-1509) (RM)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
 2 - Detroit  
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**C. C. Bishop**

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Approved: **70 MAY 10 1968**  
 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 5/3/68.

Re Denver airtel to Bureau 5/7/68.

LOUISE CARROLL

[REDACTED] Fort Carson, Colorado, advised on 5/8/68, she lives at [REDACTED] Colorado Springs, Colorado, with LAVERNE BAKER and DIANE PATTERSON. The telephone number is [REDACTED], and is in the name of LAVERNE BAKER.

Miss CARROLL advised she has a boyfriend, one ROBERT BROUSSARD, who works in [REDACTED] Beaumont, Texas. He resides at [REDACTED] Beaumont. Miss CARROLL stated during the months of December, 1968, and January, 1968, ROBERT BROUSSARD telephoned her two or three times a week. She recalled on one occasion he made a phone call from a pay station. She remembered this because the operator cut in and she remembered the fact that he had to put additional money in the phone. She stated that ROBERT BROUSSARD stated he was away from home and away from the store at the time. She believed this was about 12/16/67.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Rosen *RH*

DATE: May 8, 1968

FROM : C.L. McGowan *CLM*

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

*WCF*

At 6:20 p.m., 5-8-68, an individual telephonically contacted Extra-Duty Supervisor [REDACTED]. He identified himself as James Lewis, [REDACTED] Boston, Massachusetts. He stated that he is employed [REDACTED] at the War Memorial Building on West Newton Street, Boston. He advised that about 4:15 p.m., 5-8-68, he observed an individual walking in front of the War Memorial Building who appeared to be similar in description to James Earl Ray. He described this individual as a white male, age 36, 5'11", 165 pounds, "sway backed," black hair, and dimples in his cheeks. He furnished no further information.

## ACTION:

Above furnished to Night Supervisor [REDACTED] Boston Office, who was advised that [REDACTED] should be contacted and shown current photographs of Ray and whatever investigation possibly should be conducted to identify the unknown individual referred to by [REDACTED].

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FBI WASH DC

FBI TAMPA

834 PM 5-8-68 URGENT ROB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 PITTSBURGH

FROM TAMPA 157-3231

MURKIN

ONE [REDACTED] TAMPA FLA TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED TAMPA  
OFFICE TODAY TO STATE A BAR ACQUAINTANCE OF PAST COUPLE DAYS  
GREATLY RESEMBLES PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY. THIS UNKNOWN WHITE  
MALE TOLD [REDACTED] HE WAS STAYING AT INTERNATIONAL INN, TAMPA AND  
[REDACTED] FURNISHED TAMPA OFFICE LICENSE NUMBER OF RENTAL CAR DRIVEN  
BY UNKNOWN MALE, SAID TO BE TRAVELING WITH TWO OTHER MALES.

INVESTIGATION REVEALS RENTAL CAR TURNED IN FIVE:ZERO THREE  
PM TODAY AT AVIS RENT-A-CAR AGENCY TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
BY MAN UNDER NAME [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PITTSBURGH, PA., WHO EXHIBITED PA. DRIVERS LIC  
# [REDACTED] TEXACO CREDIT CARD

# [REDACTED] AND ESSO CREDIT  
CARD # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AVIS EMPLOYEE AT AIRPORT, HANDLED CAR CHECK IN  
STATES [REDACTED] W/M FIVE FT. TEN INCHES, IN MID THIRTIES, WITH  
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VERY THICK DARK HAIR, MEDIUM LENGTH, GOOD SUN TAN, PAID CASH FOR CAR RENTAL, WAS WITH TWO OTHER MEN AT TIME OF CHECKOUT, ASSUMED TO BE PREPARING TO TAKE FLIGHT OUT OF TAMPA. CAR RENTED AT ELEVEN THIRTYFOUR AM FIVE-FIVE-SIXTYEIGHT AT AIRPORT ACCORDING TO RECORDS.

INVIEWING PHOTOGRPHS OF RAY, [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED] RESEMBLES PHOTOGRAPH ON EXTREME RIGHT OF THE THREE SHOWN ON IO NUMBER FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO, BUT DOES NOT RESEMBLE PHOTOGRAPH RAY TAKEN TWO-SIXTYEIGHT IN CALIFORNIA, STATES [REDACTED] LOOKED YOUNGER THAN THIS PHOTOGRAPH TO BEST OF HER RECOLLECTION.

INVESTIGATION INTERNATIONAL INN REVEALS NO CHECKOUT OF ANYONE BY NAME [REDACTED] ON FIVE-EIGHT-SIXTYEIGHT.

PITTSBURGH DETERMINE IF ONE [REDACTED] RESIDES [REDACTED] PITTSBURGH AND WHETHER OR NOT IDENTICAL RAY.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO BH- 44-1740 AND ME 44-1987

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FBI WASH DC

FBI MOBILE

11:30 ~~PM~~ AM URGENT 5/8/68 WGL

TO: BUREAU (44-38861) AND CLEVELAND

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. CR. OO: ME.

RE ALA. LICENSE [REDACTED]

SEEN ALLIANCE, OHIO, MAY SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE BUTEL MO AND CV, ELEVEN FIFTEEN P. M. MAY SEVEN LAST.

ALA. LICENSE [REDACTED] AN

IMPOSSIBLE NUMBER.

MAY EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, [REDACTED] LICENSE CLERK,

DALLAS COUNTY, ALA. PROBATE COURT, ADVISED THAT SIXTYEIGHT ALA.  
LICENSE [REDACTED] IS ISSUED TO

[REDACTED] SELMA, ALA., FOR A FIFTYNINE PONTIAC,  
TWO DOOR CATALINA, VIN [REDACTED]

COLOR NOT RECORDED. THIS TAG WAS MAILED TO [REDACTED] JAN.

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ONE LAST, [REDACTED]

AUGUSTA, GA.

THIS LICENSE HAD BEEN ORDERED BY MAIL AND IN ORDERING THE TAG [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH JAMES H. DREW SHOWS IN TRAVEL STATUS.

CLEVELAND REFER TO MOLET TO ALL OFFICES TWELVE NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, CAPTIONED, ALA. CAR, ITSMV MATTERS, WHICH SET OUT INFORMATION CONCERNING MAIL ORDER TAGS ISSUED IN SEVERAL ALA. COUNTIES. IT IS NOTED THAT PERSON ORDERING MAIL ORDER TAG MUST ONLY IDENTIFY HIMSELF AS EMPLOYED IN THE ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS OR THE MILITARY AND FURNISH ADDRESS WHERE TAG IS TO BE MAILED.

CLEVELAND DETERMINE IF JAMES H. DREW SHOWS OPERATING IN THE ALLIANCE, OHIO, AREA, AND CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE AND ELEIMINATE [REDACTED]

NO INSERT BEING SUBMITTED BY MOBILE.

AM COPY MEMPHIS.

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END.

JMS

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Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKINRE: WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Re New York teletype to Director and SAC's dated 4/25/68; Seattle teletype to Director and Birmingham dated 4/29/68; Birmingham teletype to Director and Memphis dated 5/1/68; (No copy of any of these communications directed to Houston.)

Referenced New York teletype advised that the mailing list of the Wilshire Book Company consisting of approximately 30,000 names was reviewed by SA's for the names of GAULT and JAMES E. RAY. This search was negative. The review of the SA's revealed several individuals named RAY, including one B. J. RAY, [REDACTED], Pacific, Washington.

Investigation at Pacific, Washington, reflects one GERALD D. RAY resided at [REDACTED], Pacific, Washington, until approximately the end of March, 1968, when he reportedly was transferred by [REDACTED] to New York. This RAY was reported to be the former mayor of Algona, Washington, and to be a reputable citizen.

The records of [REDACTED] revealed that one GERARD D. RAY, same address, had been employed as a supervisor

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2 - Houston (44-1509) REC-69  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Seattle  
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Approved: 6 MAY 15 1968  
Special Agent in ChargeSent \_\_\_\_\_ M SEA

[REDACTED] born [REDACTED], and the records revealed he was presently assigned to the [REDACTED] Huntsville, Alabama.

Referenced teletype from Birmingham revealed that on April 30, 1968, [REDACTED] reviewed all available personnel records and advised that there was no GERALD D. RAY presently employed at Huntsville [REDACTED] from any other [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] could not furnish any information regarding RAY.

Contact with [REDACTED] at Seattle revealed that GERARD DORR RAY, Social Security No. [REDACTED], is now assigned at [REDACTED] at Houston, Texas. The [REDACTED] Address Roster still shows this person's residence as [REDACTED], Pacific, Washington, and the [REDACTED] files reflect that RAY's personnel file is at Houston, Texas.

LEAD

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Contact GERARD D. RAY to determine the identity of B.-J. RAY and if he is related to subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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TELETYPE

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FBI MIAMI

9:50PM URGENT 5-9-68 PJL  
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND HOUSTON  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 2P

MURKIN. CR

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY SIX LAST.

ON MAY FIVE LAST, [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY  
ADVISED JACKSONVILLE OFFICE AN INDIVIDUAL HE BELIEVES  
SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY WAS  
DRINKING IN THE GOLDEN EARRING LOUNGE, DUNNS AVENUE,  
JACKSONVILLE.

INVESTIGATION BY JACKSONVILLE DIVISION RELECTS  
UNSUB REPORTEDLY DECK MAINTENANCE MAN ABOARD "TRANSCAM-  
PLAIN" AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, NAME  
UNKNOWN, WHO WAS REPORTEDLY [REDACTED]  
ADVISED HE WAS NOT ABLE TO FURNISH AN OPINION AS TO  
SIMILARITY OF APPEARANCE BETWEEN UNSUB AND SUBJECT BY  
COMPARING PHOTOS.

UNSUB ABOUT FORTY, DRESSED IN SUIT AND TIE, VERY NEAT  
IN APPEARANCE, SHORT HAIR AND CASHED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR

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Mc [Signature]  
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cc [Signature]

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BILL FOR PAYMENT OF DRINKS.

"TRANSCAMPLAIN" DEPARTED JACKSONVILLE FOR KEY WEST, FLORIDA, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE KEY WEST, MAY SEVEN, LAST. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE SHIP AT KEY WEST, FLORIDA, ON MAY SEVEN, LAST, NEGATIVE. INVESTIGATION AT KEY WEST REFLECTS "TRANSCAMPLAIN" LEFT KEY WEST EN ROUTE PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, AND SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE PORT ARTHUR, NINE AM, MAY TEN NEXT. THE ABOVE VESSEL IS A CIVILIAN SHIP UNDER CONTRACT WITH U.S. NAVY, ENGAGED IN TRANSPORTING FUEL OIL TO VARIOUS NAVAL INSTALLATIONS.

HOUSTON AT PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS. ASCERTAIN <sup>5</sup>UNSUB, REPORTEDLY DECK MAINTENANCE MAN ON ABOVE VESSEL, IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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~~CORR LAST PARA FIRST SENTENCE SEVENTH WORDS SHD BE~~

~~" ASCERTAIN IF UNSUB "~~

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Tampa teletype to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

LOOK ALIKE - [REDACTED]

On 5/9/68, [REDACTED] was interviewed and advised he left Pittsburgh on 5/5/68, via United Airlines enroute to Tampa, Fla., to attend the American Hospital Association meeting at the International Inn. While there, he stayed at the Sokal Motel. He was accompanied by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from Pittsburgh. He departed Tampa on 5/8/68, via Delta Airlines enroute to Atlanta, where he made connections with United Airlines for Pittsburgh.

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Pittsburgh. [REDACTED] was eliminated as being identical with RAY through personal observation.

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1-Tampa (157-3231)  
2-Pittsburgh

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C. C. Bishop

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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URGENT 5-9-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 225

MURKIN.

Lead  
FOR  
Bureau  
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McDonnell  
G. Long

REMYCAB AND BUCABS MAY SEVEN LAST AND BUAIRTEL APRIL TWO NINE LAST.  
RE POSSIBLE MEXICAN ARMY ENLISTMENT:

INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH COOPERATION OF DEFENSE ATTACHE THAT  
MAXIMUM AGE FOR ENLISTMENT IS THREE ZERO YEARS; ONLY NATIVE BORN  
MEXICANS PERMITTED TO ENLIST IN PEACE TIME; FOREIGNERS WITH LIMITED SPANISH  
SPEAKING ABILITY WOULD BE ACCEPTED IN WAR TIME; ALL ENLISTEES  
FINGERPRINTED AND RECORDS KEPT IN IDENTIFICATION BUREAU OF SECRETARIAT  
OF NATIONAL DEFENSE; ENLISTMENTS NOT HANDLED CENTRALLY BUT BY LOCAL  
ARMY DETACHMENTS. THROUGH LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS, FINGERPRINTS OF RAY  
SEARCHED THROUGH FILES OF ABOVE BUREAU MAY EIGHT INSTANT WITHOUT LOCATING  
RECORD.

RE SUSPECT AT CUIDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

SINCE SAN DIEGO LEARNED FROM CHIEF OF STATE JUDICIAL POLICE AT  
TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA, THAT THIS SUSPECT IS IDENTICAL WITH  
[REDACTED] NO FURTHER INQUIRY BEING CONDUCTED.

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RE ALLEGATION THAT SUBJECT IN GUATEMALA: \*

GUATEMALAN AUTHORITIES STATE [REDACTED], AFTER FURTHER INTERROGATION, NOW ADMITS HE MAY HAVE TALKED TO AMERICAN TOURIST ABOUT SUBJECT BUT ONLY WHILE INTOXICATED. STILL DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT. POLICE DESIRE TEXT OF FULL STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, WHO ATTRIBUTED STATEMENT TO [REDACTED] AS <sup>AID</sup> DID TO FURTHER INTERROGATION. REQUEST BUREAU INSTRUCT DETROIT TO EXPEDITIOUSLY FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO THIS OFFICE THROUGH BUREAU.

GUATEMALAN POLICE ALSO SEARCHING IN GUATEMALA CITY FOR SUSPECT RESEMBLING SUBJECT REPORTEDLY SEEN BY APARTMENT CUSTODIAN SEVERAL DAYS AGO IN ELGIN APARTMENTS, THAT CITY.

RE ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO:

INVESTIGATIVE SOURCE ADVISES RUINS MENTIONED IN RECENT LETTER MAY BE CUICUILCO RUINS LOCATED NEAR SOUTHERN EDGE OF CITY AND NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO. NEARBY ARE TWO SEPARATE RESIDENTIAL AREAS CALLED COPILCO ALTO AND COPILCO BAJO. FORMER <sup>S</sup> IN HEAVILY POPULATED WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND LATTER <sup>S</sup> IN A SLUM AREA. CANVASS OF BOTH AREAS FOR ANY TRACE OF SUBJECT IN PROGRESS.

RE SUSPECT AT GUASIMOPA, SONORA:

THIS COMMUNITY BELIEVED TO BE GUISAMOPA, A VILLAGE OF SEVEN ZERO ZERO INHABITANTS, LOCATED SOME TWO ZERO ZERO MILES SOUTHEAST OF HERMOSILLO

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\* SA J. J. [unclear]  
Detroit. Instructed  
to furnish this info by  
tel 05/10 or in event delayed  
communicate has been referred  
to call [unclear] and refer to [unclear]  
[unclear]  
H. H.



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AT THE VERY END OF A PRIMITIVE DIRT ROAD WHICH RUNS DIRECTLY SOUTH FROM SAHUARIPA, SONORA. [REDACTED] DISPATCHED TO THIS VILLAGE MAY EIGHT INSTANT AND WILL IMMEDIATELY REPORT RESULTS TO RESIDENT AGENCY AT HERMOSILLO WHEN HE REACHES FIRST COMMUNITY WITH TELEGRAPHIC OR TELEPHONIC FACILITIES.

RE MUSTANG TIRE MADE IN MEXICO:

CLERK IN FIRESTONE STORE, PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, AFTER SEEING PHOTOGRAPH WITH SUNGLASSES, RECALLED SUBJECT BUYING TIRE THERE AND THAT GENERAL POPO TUBE PURCHASED AT NEIGHBORING STORE SINCE SEVEN POINT FIVE ZERO BY ONE FOUR FIRESTONE WAS ONLY SIZE AVAILABLE FOR MUSTANG AND DID NOT FIT RIM PROPERLY WITHOUT TUBE. FIRESTONE RECORDS INCOMPLETE BUT THOSE OF GENERAL POPO STORE SHOW G - SEVEN TUBE SOLD ON OCTOBER TWO SIX LAST TO UNKNOWN PERSON IN BEHALF OF FIRESTONE DEALER AND NO OTHER SALES OF THIS TYPE MADE UNTIL JANUARY ONE THREE LAST. CLERK WHO SOLD TUBE, HOWEVER, DOES NOT RECALL SALE, SUBJECT OR CAR.

INVESTIGATION BEING CARRIED OUT IN NUMEROUS SEPARATE AREAS WITHIN MEXICO AND ALL LEADS BEING GIVEN PRIORITY ATTENTION.

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RECEIVED: 4:29 AM HFL

RD CC MR. BRENNAN

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FBI WASH DC

FBI BIRMGHAM

12:15PM URGENT 5-9-68FAS

TO DIRECTOR AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 P

MURKIN, CR.

RE BH TELEPHONE CALLS TO JK FIVE EIGHT LAST.

[REDACTED] SHOCKLEY'S PANCAKE HOUSE, ONE ONE ONE EAST  
LIMESTONE STREET, FLORENCE, ALA., EIGHT INSTANT, OBSERVED PHOTO  
OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATED A PERSON CLOSELY RESEMBLING HIM WAS  
IN THAT RESTAURANT TWO PM, EIGHT LAST, AND ALSO ON SOME PREVIOUS  
OCCASIONS. THEY FURNISHED DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE HE WAS USING AND  
A FLORIDA TAG NUMBER WHICH WAS LATER DETERMINED TO BE INCORRECT.  
ALL HOTELS AND MOTELS IN FLORENCE, ALA., CHECKED. PERSON REFERRED  
TO ABOVE WAS LOCATED AND DETERMINED TO BE [REDACTED] 10 1968  
WHITE, MALE, BORN [REDACTED] FIVE FEET SEVEN  
INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DISTINCT  
BROWN EYES, GOLD FILLINGS ON FRONT TEETH. HE IS MASTER SERGEANT  
IN U. S. AIR FORCE, EGLIN FIELD, FLA., SN AF [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] HAS BEEN IN AIRFORCE TWENTY YEARS AND IS ENROUTE TO VIET NAM NINETH INSTANT. [REDACTED] SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF SUBJECT WHICH APPEARS ON IO. [REDACTED] DETERMINED TO BE NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT ON BASIS OF VISUAL OBSERVATION AND FINGERPRINT COMPARISON. ABOVE WITNESSES OBSERVED [REDACTED] AND VERIFIED HE WAS PERSON RESEMBLING SUBJECT.

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FBI DALLAS

1104AM URGENT 5-9-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-33861) AND LOS ANGELES  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 1P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST; AND LOS ANGELES  
TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE LAST.

RE : [REDACTED]

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION MADE TODAY:

CREDIT CHECKS ARLINGTON AND FORT WORTH, TEXAS, NEGATIVE.  
CRIMINAL CHECKS AT ARLINGTON AND FORT WORTH PDS, AND SO, FORT WORTH,  
NEGATIVE.

[REDACTED] (PROTECT), ARLINGTON, TEXAS, STATES NO  
RECORD GENERAL DELIVERY FOR [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAS ALERTED  
[REDACTED] FOR ANY MAIL THAT MIGHT BE RECEIVED BY [REDACTED] IF  
SUCH MAIL RECEIVED, [REDACTED] WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY FORT WORTH, TX. **REC-69 44-38861-3253**

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. P

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TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS MEMPHIS  
~~LOS ANGELES~~ #1-Rm

FROM: SAC, WFO

MURKIN

JOHN ACORD, CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN-SOUTHERN AFRICA COUNCIL,  
EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTH STREET, SOUTHWEST, WDC FURNISHED WFO  
TODAY A LETTER DATED DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT LAST FROM ERIC S.  
GALT, ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO, LOS ANGELES, CALIF-  
ORNIA WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY ACORD IN DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. THE  
LETTER READS:

"DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYSEVEN

"DEAR SIR,

"I RECENTLY READ AN ARTICLE IN THE L. A. TIMES ON YOUR  
CONCIL, THE LOCAL JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PROVIDED ME WITH YOUR  
ADDRESS. MY REASON FOR WRITING IS THAT I AM CONSIDERING

2 - Bureau (44-38861)  
2 - Teletype Unit  
2 - WFO (44-703)

ELT:tab  
(6) BUREAU ADVISED

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VIA TELETYPE

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IMMIGRATING TO RHODESIA, HOWEVER THEIR ARE A COUPLE LEGAL  
QUESTIONS INVOLVED.

"ONE: THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ISSUE A PASSPORT  
FOR TRAVEL TO RHODESIA.

"TWO: WOULD THEIR BE ANY WAY TO ENTER RHODESIA LEGALLY  
(FROM THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT POINT OF VIEW).

"I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD GIVE ME  
ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON RHODESIA.

"SINCERELY

ERIC S. GALT

ONE FIVE THREE FIVE N. SERRANO

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, NINE ZERO

ZERO TWO SEVEN"

ABOVE LETTER HAND CARRIED TO BUREAU LABORATORY TODAY.

ACORD WAS IN RHODESIA WHEN THE LETTER WAS RECEIVED AT  
HIS OFFICE AND HIS SECRETARY REPLIED TO THIS LETTER WITH A  
FORM LETTER ENCLOSING LITERATURE ON RHODESIA.

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ACORD ALSO SAID HE MAY HAVE MET GALT IN NOVEMBER, SIXTY-SEVEN IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AS HE RECALLS AN INDIVIDUAL ASKING HIM QUESTIONS ABOUT EMIGRATING TO RHODESIA. ACORD WAS SHOWN ALL PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ACORD SAID THEY WERE NOT OF THE INDIVIDUAL HE RECALLS WHO QUESTIONED HIM.

THE WRITER OF ABOVE LETTER WAS IN ERROR REGARDING PASSPORTS AS RHODESIA IS NOT AND HAS NEVER BEEN ON THE LIST OF COUNTRIES TO WHICH TRAVEL BY AMERICANS HAS BEEN RESTRICTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. A U. S. PASSPORT ISSUED IN SIXTYEIGHT IS VALID FOR THREE YEARS FOR ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT CUBA, MAINLAND CHINA, NORTH KOREA AND NORTH VIETNAM.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) ADVISED HE HAS COPY OF LETTER FURNISHED BY ACORD. [REDACTED] WILL REVIEW FILES HIS OFFICE AND ADVISE IF FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING GALT LOCATED. [REDACTED] OFFERED ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE; HOWEVER,

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DESIRES A FORMAL REQUEST IN ANY FORM. HE REQUESTED THAT SUCH REQUESTS AND ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED NOT BE MADE PUBLIC IN VIEW OF IMPLICATIONS OF EXPLOITING THE EXISTING SITUATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND OF POSSIBLY EXPANDING HOSTILITY TOWARD HIS GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD NOT USE OPEN TELEGRAPH TO PASS ON ANY REQUEST TO HIS GOVERNMENT BUT WOULD USE MAIL. HE SUGGESTED OUR GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO PRESENT REQUEST THROUGH THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT SALISBURY, RHODESIA. [REDACTED] WISHES TO BE ADVISED CONCERNING THE CHANNEL USED TO TRANSMIT REQUEST.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WFO CONCERNING THE FORM OF REQUEST TO BE MADE OF THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT.

LOS ANGELES ADVISE WFO OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN LOS ANGELES TO ASSIST IN INTERVIEWING ACORD IN GREATER DETAIL.



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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] JAMES PATRICK ACORD,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ABOVE ORGANIZATION, INTERVIEWED BY WFO MARCH  
SEVEN SIXTYSEVEN AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION  
WAS TO CONVINCE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT ITS AFRICAN POLICY  
IS INCORRECT AND SHOULD BE CHANGED SO THAT MORE FRIENDLY RELATIONS  
CAN EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA,  
ANGOLA, AND POSSIBLY GAMBIA. ACORD EXPLAINED THAT SOME COUNTRIES  
ARE NOT READY FOR INDEPENDENCE BECAUSE OF LACK OF EDUCATED  
PERSONNEL, RENDERING THEM VULNERABLE TO COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. HE  
STATED RHODESIA'S RULING ELEMENTS ARE EDUCATED AND STRONG ENOUGH  
TO WITHSTAND COMMUNIST SUBVERSION AND THAT THE UNITED STATES  
THEREFORE SHOULD RECOGNIZE RHODESIA AS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY  
AND GIVE IT MORAL SUPPORT.

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FBI CHICAGO

205PM URGENT 5/9/68 EOM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ST. LOUIS (44-775) MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SULLIVAN, MISSOURI, ADVISED [REDACTED]  
THAT [REDACTED] SULLIVAN, MISSOURI, HAD  
TOLD THEM THAT THE ESCAPE OF JAMES RAY HAD BEEN PLANNED BY  
THE KU KLUX KLAN (KKK) SO THAT RAY COULD KILL KING. THEY  
ALSO TOLD [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] WAS A MEMBER OF THE KKK.

[REDACTED] ALSO HAD CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] BUT NOTHING<sup>2</sup>  
OF VALUE OBTAINED. [REDACTED] BELIEVES [REDACTED] ACCURATELY  
QUOTING [REDACTED] BUT IS OF OPINION [REDACTED] IS A PREVARICATOR.

[REDACTED] RESIDENCE CAN BE REACHED BY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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ST. LOUIS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOT CONCERNED ABOUT BEING COMPROMISED. THEN INTERVIEW  
[REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND, MOBILE  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

Mr. DeLoach	_____
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MURKIN

REMYTEL, MAY EIGHT, LAST.

WIFE OF

INTERVIEWED YESTERDAY AND SAID NO PHONE CALLS EVER

RECEIVED BY HER FROM ANY UNKNOWN MALE ASKING FOR HER HUSBAND,

SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. ALSO STATES

NO INDIVIDUALS CAME TO HOUSE ASKING FOR HUSBAND.

SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND

NEVER SAW ANY WHITE MUSTANGS IN AREA WHERE SHE AND HUSBAND

RESIDE. ADVISED FROM JUNE,

REC 96-31861 3256

SIXTYSEVEN, THROUGH JAN., SIXTYEIGHT, THEIR FAMILY DID NOT

RESIDE AT WHICH

IS ADDRESS GIVEN BY TO RAY, BUT THEY DID MAINTAIN

THE SAME TELEPHONE NUMBER RESIDENCE IN RURAL AREA OUTSIDE

HAD LIVED AT ABOVE ADDRESS

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PRIOR TO JUNE SIXTYSEVEN, AND MOVED BACK FROM RURAL RESIDENCE TO THIS SAME ADDRESS IN JAN., SIXTYEIGHT. DURING ENTIRE PERIOD SINCE HUSBAND'S RELEASE, SHE RECALLS TWO PHONE CALLS FOR HER HUSBAND, BOTH FROM AN UNKNOWN WOMAN, WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY HERSELF. ONE CALL RECEIVED ABOUT CHRISTMAS TIME, LAST, AND SECOND CALL CAME JANUARY, LAST. DURING THIS PERIOD, HER HUSBAND WAS HANGING OUT SOME AT LOCAL BARS IN AREA, DRINKING, AND [REDACTED] BELIEVES CALLER WAS SOME WOMAN HER HUSBAND WAS POSSIBLY "PLAYING AROUND" WITH. SHORTLY AFTER THIS TIME, HE CEASED HIS DRINKING AND GOT STEADY EMPLOYMENT. ONLY TIME [REDACTED] MENTIONED SUBJECT RAY WAS AFTER RECENT CONTACT BY FBI, WHEN HE EXPLAINED REASON FOR FBI WANTING TO TALK TO HIM. WIFE STATES [REDACTED] NEVER MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT RAY DURING TIME RAY'S NAME AND PHOTOS WERE BEING SHOWN IN NEWS MEDIA. [REDACTED] STATED SHE WILL COOPERATE FULLY AND KEEP BIRMINGHAM ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING HER HUSBAND AND / OR RAY.

GLADYS KEY, KNOWN AS "MOMA HAYWOOD," OPERATOR OF THE LITTLE WARRIOR RIVER CAFE, NOTORIOUS BEER JOINT NEAR DORA, ALA., ADVISED SHE AND EXHUSBAND, C.C. HAYWOOD, FORMERLY JOINTLY OPERATED ANOTHER BEER

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JOINT, HALF-A-MILE AWAY, KNOWN AS THE RIVERVIEW, FROM JULY, FIFTYEIGHT UNTIL SIXTYFOUR. EXHUSBAND STILL OPERATING SAME PLACE. MRS. KEY UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTO OF RAY AS PERSON EVER KNOWN TO HAVE FREQUENTED THE RIVERVIEW, EITHER DURING FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY, OR HER PLACE, SINCE APRIL, SIXTYSEVEN. STATES HER PLACE OFTEN FREQUENTED BY MEN WHO WORK ON BARGES ON WARRIOR RIVER, WHICH PASSES HER FRONT DOOR. C.C. HAYWOOD NOT LOCATED YESTERDAY, EFFORTS BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW TODAY.

MAMIE MITCHELL, OPERATOR OF ROSE'S PLACE, ROUTE ONE, DORA, ALA., ADVISED SHE HAS HAD THIS PLACE SINCE SIXTYTHREE. IT WAS KNOWN AS JOHNNIE'S PLACE AND PARKER'S PLACE DURING PERIOD FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTYTHREE, AND AS MAMIE'S PLACE IN SIXTYTHREE, BEFORE BEING NAMED ROSE'S PLACE IN SIXTYFOUR. MITCHELL UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF RAY AS INDIVIDUAL SEEN BY HER.

NOTING ABOVE, AND INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ABOUT RAY BY [REDACTED] IT APPEARS THAT [REDACTED] INFORMATION IS CORRECT, AND THAT FOR RAY TO HAVE IDENTIFIED TO [REDACTED] "MOMA HAYWOOD" AND TO HAVE KNOWN ABOUT TAVERN NOW KNOWN AS ROSE'S PLACE, WHICH WAS KNOWN TO RAY BY SOME OTHER UNRECALLED NAME, RAY WOULD HAVE DEFINITELY HAD TO HAVE BEEN IN AREA AND FREQUENTED

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THESE TAVERNS IN FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY. RIVERVIEW IS IN REMOTE AREA AND DOES NOT ADVERTISE. ROSE'S PLACE IS ON OLD US HIGHWAY SEVEN EIGHT, NEAR DORA, ALA. CONCERNING THE ALL-STATE CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB, IDENTIFIED BY [REDACTED] AS ANOTHER PLACE REFERRED TO BY RAY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH [REDACTED] IN PEN, THIS IS COMBINATION CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB. THE CAFE IS ON THE GROUND LEVEL AND OPERATED BY ED AND ELEANOR HOLLIS. UNDERNEATH THE CAFE IS NOTORIOUS NIGHT CLUB AND DRINKING JOINT, WHICH IS OPERATED BY HOLLIS' BROTHER, HAROLD HOLLIS. THIS PLACE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION BY THE HOLLISES SINCE FIFTYSEVEN. BOTH ED AND HAROLD HOLLIS STATE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT NOT IDENTICAL WITH ANY CUSTOMER KNOWN TO THEM, EITHER DURING PERIOD FIFTYSEVEN THROUGH SIXTY, OR SINCE APR., SIXTYSEVEN. BOTH HOLLISES, MAMIE MITCHELL, AND GLADYS KEY ALL FURNISHED IO-S OF RAY, AND ALL STATE THEY WILL COOPERATE WITH FBI, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF REWARD OFFERED BY MEMPHIS NEWSPAPERS. ELEANOR HOLLIS AND HER COOK, MYRTLE NELSON, IN ALL-STATE CAFE, BOTH IDENTIFY SIXTY SEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTOS OF RAY AS PERSON THEY HAVE SEEN IN CAFE, BUT BOTH STATE THEY ARE UNABLE TO FURNISHE ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHATSOEVER ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION

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OR WHEN HE WAS SEEN BY THEM IN CAFE. BOTH STATE THEY WILL GIVE  
MATTER CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT IN EFFORT TO RECALL MORE DEFINITE  
INFORMATION. CONTACT WITH THESE TWO WOMEN WILL BE MAINTAINED  
BY BIRMINGHAM.

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FBI MIAMI

4:46PM URGENT 5-9-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987),  
NEW YORK, MINNEAPOLIS AND CHICAGO  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P) 5P

MURKIN

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL  
FIVE THROUGH APRIL TWELVE LAST. RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU  
MAY SEVEN LAST, AND MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST.

EAL RESERVATION CARD FOR FLIGHT TWO FOUR EIGHT Y,  
APRIL NINE LAST, INDICATES ONE [REDACTED] MADE RESERVATION  
AT ATLANTA SIX-TWENTY P.M., APRIL NINE, LAST, ATLANTA TO  
CHICAGO, CONTACT POINT, ATLANTA LOBBY. AGENT MAKING  
RESERVATION WAS TEN B. REVIEW OF TICKETS FLIGHT TWO  
FOUR EIGHT ON APRIL NINE, LAST DO NOT CONTAIN TICKET  
FOR [REDACTED] THIRTEEN FIRST CLASS TICKETS AND THIRTY  
THREE COACH TICKETS OF OTHER AIRLINES USED ON EAL FLIGHT

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TWO FOUR EIGHT ON APRIL NINE, LAST, ATLANTA TO CHICAGO.

TICKET NUMBERS OF OTHER AIRLINES AS FOLLOWS:

DELTA AIRLINES FIRST CLASS TICKETS NUMBERS ONE ZERO  
ONE - ZERO ZERO SIX SEVEN ONE TWO ONE; TWO ZERO TWO -  
ZERO TWO ONE ZERO ONE ZERO SEVEN; TWO EIGHT THREE - ZERO  
ONE FIVE SIX SIX ZERO SEVEN; TWO EIGHT FOUR - ZERO FIVE  
ZERO ONE NINE ZERO FIVE; TWO EIGHT FOUR - ZERO FIVE ZERO ONE  
NINE ZERO SIX; TWO ZERO TWO - ZERO TWO ONE ZERO ONE ZERO  
SIX; THREE NINE SEVEN - ZERO FIVE FIVE ONE TWO FOUR SEVEN;  
COACH TICKETS NUMBERS TWO ZERO TWO - ZERO ONE FOUR NINE FIVE  
ZERO ZERO; FOUR ZERO ONE - ZERO ONE THREE SIX ZERO FOUR FOUR;  
TWO ZERO TWO - ZERO ONE FOUR NINE EIGHT TWO TWO; TWO ZERO  
TWO - ZERO ONE FIVE ZERO FOUR SEVEN SEVEN; FOUR EIGHT EIGHT -  
ZERO ONE ZERO ONE FOUR EIGHT TWO; TWO ZERO TWO - ZERO ZERO  
EIGHT FOUR SIX TWO SIX; FOUR EIGHT EIGHT - ZERO EIGHT SEVEN  
FOUR NINE FIVE EIGHT; TWO ZERO TWO - ZERO ONE FOUR NINE

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EIGHT TWO THREE; TWO ZERO TWO - ZERO ONE FIVE ZERO FOUR  
SEVEN SIX.

TRANS WORLD AIRLINES FIRST CLASS TICKETS NUMBER  
FOUR ZERO FOUR - ZERO ZERO ONE TWO NINE SIX FOUR. COASH  
TICKETS NUMBERS TWO THREE ZERO - ZERO ONE NINE FOUR NINE--  
FIVE THREE; TWO TWO ZERO - ZERO SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE ONE  
EIGHT.

UNITED AIRLINES FIRST CLASS TICKETS NUMBERS FOUR FIVE  
ERO - ZERO THREE TWO ONE EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN; TWO THREE  
THREE - ZERO SIX EIGHT ZERO, TWO FIVE SEVEN. COACH TICKETS  
NUMBERS TWO SIX ZERO - ZERO THREE ZERO FOUR TWO THREE NINE;  
FOUR SEVEN FIVE - ZERO FOUR ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO NINE;  
THREE FIVE ZERO - ZERO ZERO THREE THREE SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN.

SOUTHERN AIRWAYS COACH TICKETS NUMBER THREE ZERO ZERO -  
ZERO FOUR EIGHT FIVE FIVE TWO EIGHT.

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NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES COACH TICKET NUMBERS FOUR ZERO  
FOUR - ZERO THREE ZERO FOUR TWO SEVEN SIX; TWO ZERO FOUR -  
ZERO SIX THREE FOUR ZERO TWO SEVEN; TWO ZERO FOUR - ZERO  
SIX THREE FOUR ZERO TWO EIGHT. .

NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES FIRST CLASS TICKET NUMBERS  
TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX TWO TWO FOUR ZERO; TWO FOUR TWO -  
ZERO THREE FIVE FIVE ZERO EIGHT ZERO; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO  
FOUR THREE FOUR ZERO TWO SEVEN. COACH TICKET NUMBERS  
TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX FOUR NINE NINE ONE; TWO FOUR  
TWO - ZERO THREE SIX FIVE ZERO ZERO FIVE; TWO FOUR TWO -  
ZERO THREE SIX FIVE ZERO ZERO FOUR; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE  
SIX FIVE SIX ONE EIGHT; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX TWO  
TWO SIX NINE; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX FIVE ONE EIGHT  
SEVEN; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX TWO TWO SIX SIX;  
TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX FIVE FIVE NINE ONE; TWO FOUR  
TWO - ZERO THREE SIX FOUR NINE EIGHT NINE; TWO FOUR TWO

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ZERO THREE SIX FIVE ZERO ZERO EIGHT; TWO FOUR TWO -ZERO  
THREE SIX FIVE SIX ONE SEVEN; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO FOUR  
FOUR ONE THREE TWO SIX; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX TWO  
TWO SIX FIVE; TWO FOUR TWO - ZERO THREE SIX FIVE FIVE  
NINE ZERO; EIGHT SIX ZERO - ZERO ZERO EIGHT FOUR EIGHT  
FIVE EIGHT.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA AIRPORT DETERMINE FROM DELTA AIRLINES  
AND SOUTHERN AIRWAYS TO WHOM TICKETS ISSUED, AND SECURE  
INFORMATION TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

NEW YORK AT TRANS WORLD AIRWAYS, CHICAGO AT UNITED  
AIRLINES, MINNEAPOLIS AT NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES, SIX TWO  
ZERO ONE THIRTY FOURTH AVENUE SOUTH, AND NORTHWEST ORIENT  
AIRLINES, MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,  
SECURE SAME INFORMATION AS SET OUT FOR ATLANTA.

OFFICE LOCATION REQUIRED INFO NOTIFY OTHER OFFICES TO  
DISCONTINUE THEIR LEAD.

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FBI WASH DC

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau, 4/30/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT EULESS, TEXAS

On 5/6/68, MR. ROBERT BOGASH, District Claims Supervisor, Allied Van Lines, Pipe Line and Highway 157, advised that telephone No. 817-283-1541 is the number for this Allied Van Lines office, which is the check point and dispatching office for a five-state area which includes New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. He advised there are no records kept of incoming calls and he would therefore have no way of knowing the details of a call made to the above number on 12/16/67.

He further stated that drivers for Allied Van Lines are required to check in once a day at the nearest check point, and that the drivers pay for these calls at the time they are made, and that it is generally customary to place the call person to person in order for them to speak to a specific dispatcher. In view of the above, BOGASH concluded that the call made on 12/16/67 from either Van Horn, Valentine or Sierra Blanco, Texas was probably a routine check-in by one of their drivers.

- 3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) REC-101  
2 - Dallas  
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C. G. Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

5/9/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Denver (157-203) - Enclosure  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

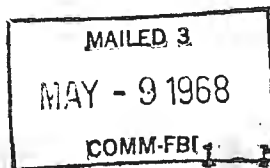
MURKIN

Re Denver airtel 5/4/68, submitting Frontier  
Airlines Transportation Receipt dated 5/1/68, Q325, for  
examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the  
receipt, which is enclosed to Denver.

Laboratory reporting separately.

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)



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GJB:bb  
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Mr. Rosen

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Loach \_\_\_\_\_  
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URGENT

TO SAC ST. LOUIS (44-775)

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. McGowan

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

ADVISE BY RETURN TEL RESULTS OF REINTERVIEW WITH  
[REDACTED] AND CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS INTO ASSOCIATES AND  
BACKGROUND OF [REDACTED]

YOU ARE TO FURNISH BUREAU DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY  
WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO INFORMATION  
DEVELOPED AS TO ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT'S RELATIVES AND THEIR  
ASSOCIATES IN YOUR AREA. THIS MATTER MUST BE VIGOROUSLY  
PRESSED BY YOUR OFFICE. COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE:

Information was received that [REDACTED], former prison buddy of subject Ray, allegedly received two calls from Ray since the assassination. St. Louis had previously interviewed [REDACTED] and was instructed to reinterview him in detail regarding this matter. [REDACTED] reported to have been acquainted with subject and individual who has allegedly harbored ex-prisoners and St. Louis was conducting investigation concerning [REDACTED] and his recent associates. The closest relatives of the subject reside in St. Louis territory and St. Louis is being instructed to submit daily teletype summary regarding investigation into their activities in order to insure that investigation of the subject's family is being vigorously pursued.

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FBI CLEVELAND

1211PM URGENT 5-9-68 LJJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MOBILE (157-2627)  
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 1P

MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS.

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, MAY EIGHT,  
SIX EIGHT, NO COPY MOBILE; AND MOBILE TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT,  
SIX EIGHT.

FOR INFO MOBILE, WITNESS TURNER DRUG STORE, ALLIANCE,  
OHIO, ADVISED INDIVIDUAL WHO APPEARED AT THE DRUG STORE ON MAY  
SEVEN, SIX EIGHT, AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THIRTY PM, WAS NOT  
IDENTICAL TO RAY. CHIEF OF POLICE DON COWEN, NA, ALLIANCE, OHIO PD,  
ADVISED THIS DATE NO CIRCUSES OR CARNIVALS ARE OPERATING IN THE  
ALLIANCE, OHIO AREA, AT THE PRESENT AND AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, NONE  
ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

MOBILE AT SELMA, ALABAMA. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND  
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] FOR THE PROCESS, MAY 10 1968  
ELIMINATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P.

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FBI MIAMI

824PM EST 5-8-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DETROIT MOBILE JACKSON TAMPA SAVANNAH AND CHARLOTTE

FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 4P

MURKIN

*McElroy*  
*LEB*

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA,  
APRIL FIVE THROUGH TWELVE, LAST.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SEVEN, LAST.

REVIEW OF ALL EAL TICKETS AND RESERVATIONS ON FLIGHTS OUT  
OF ATLANTA ON ABOVE DATES COMPLETED. FOLLOWING LEADS SET TO  
DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON PASSENGERS WITH NAMES SIMILAR  
TO ALIASES OF SUBJECT RAY, AND WHO COULD NOT BE ELIMINATED  
ON BASIS OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION:

RESERVATION RECEIVED APRIL TWO BY EAL, ATLANTA, FROM  
DELTA, DETROIT, FOR ONE RAYE FOR EAL FLIGHT ONE TWO FOUR Y  
ON APRIL FIVE FROM ATLANTA TO PHILADELPHIA. PASSENGER TO  
TRAVEL DETROIT TO ATLANTA ON DELTA FLIGHT SEVEN SIX ONE Y  
ON APRIL TWO. DETROIT CONTACT POINT SHOWN TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] EXTENSION [REDACTED] ROOM 25 MAY 10 1968

[REDACTED] NO EAL TICKET FOUND, INDICATING DELTA TICKET

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MOBILE. DETROIT CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO  
ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION MADE EAL, ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE, AND TICKET  
PURCHASED ATLANTA, APRIL SIX, FOR TRAVEL BY W. J. WALTON,  
MOBILE TO ATLANTA ON EAL FLIGHT SIX ZERO FOUR F ON APRIL TWELVE,  
ATLANTA TO AUGUSTA ON DELTA FLIGHT FOUR ONE ZERO A ON APRIL TWELVE,  
AUGUSTA TO ATLANTA ON DELTA ONE SIX ZERO NINE T ON APRIL  
FIFTEEN, AND ATLANTA TO MOBILE ON EAL SIX ZERO ONE F ON APRIL  
FIFTEEN. MOBILE CONTACT WAS HOME TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUSINESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MOBILE CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION MADE EAL, ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE, AND TICKET  
NUMBER THREE NINE SIX DASH SEVEN ONE EIGHT DASH NINE FIVE  
SEVEN PURCHASED APRIL FIVE AT TRAVEL AFFILIATES, TWO TWO ZERO  
WEST LIVE OAK, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, FOR TRAVEL BY JACK  
WALTON FROM MOBILE TO ATLANTA ON EAL FLIGHT SIX SIX FOUR Y  
ON APRIL FIVE, AND ATLANTA TO CHICAGO ON EAL FOUR THREE FOUR  
YN ON APRIL SIX, AND CHICAGO TO SEATTLE ON UNITED ONE FOUR  
THREE Y ON APRIL SIX. JACKSON AT PASCAGOULA CONDUCT NECESSARY  
INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

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RESERVATION RECEIVED FEB. SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, BY EAL, ATLANTA, FROM DELTA, TAMPA, FOR TRAVEL OF J. WALTON FROM ATLANTA TO TAMPA ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN THREE Y ON APR. TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT. RESERVATION CANCELED. NO TICKET LOCATED. TAMPA CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AT DELTA TO ELIMINATE.

DELTA MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER WAS ZERO EIGHT SEVEN ONE SIX SEVEN ZERO ONE.

RESERVATION RECEIVED EAL ATLANTA FROM TWA ST. LOUIS, DATE NOT SHOWN, FOR TRAVEL BY ONE HEERAN FROM ATLANTA TO ST. LOUIS ON EAL FLIGHT FIVE ONE ZERO, APR. TEN SIXTYEIGHT. PASSENGER GAVE ATLANTA CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] NO TICKET LOCATED, INDICATING TWA TICKET USED. ATLANTA CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION RECEIVED EAL ATLANTA, MAR. TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT, FROM DELTA, SAVANNAH FOR TRAVEL BY JOHN WILLARD FROM ATLANTA TO MIAMI ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN SEVEN Y ON

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APR. ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT. DELTA, SAVANNAH MESSAGE IDENTIFI-  
CATION NUMBER ONE EIGHT SEVEN NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO SIX.

RESERVATION CONFIRMED BY DELTA, SAVANNAH MESSAGE NUMBER  
ONE EIGHT SEVEN NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO SIX ON APR. ONE SIXTYEIGHT.

PASSENGER CONTACTED EAL ATLANTA ON UNSPECIFIED DATE AND GAVE  
CONTACT POINT DOWNTOWNER, ATLANTA. ATLANTA AT DOWNTOWNER  
AND SAVANNAH AT DELTA AIRLINES, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO  
ELIMINATE.

RESERVATION MADE AT EAL ATLANTA VIA EAL CHARLOTTE ON  
APR. FIVE SIXTYEIGHT FOR TRAVEL OF J. C. (OR T.C.) GALT  
FROM ATLANTA TO RICHMOND ON EITHER EAL FLIGHT SIX ONE SIX T  
OR UNITED FLIGHT SIX FOUR ZERO A ON APR. TEN SIXTYEIGHT. NO  
TICKET LOCATED. CHARLOTTE CONTACT TELEPHONE GIVEN AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESERVATION ORIGINALLY MADE  
THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY SIX ONE FIVE BY EMPLOYEE [REDACTED]. CHARLOTTE  
CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE TELEPHONE TO ELIMINATE.

MIAMI OBTAINING OFF - LINE TICKET INFORMATION RE ONE  
ADDITIONAL PASSENGER. SUPPLEMENTAL TELETYPE FOLLOWS RE THIS  
ON MAY NINE NEXT. SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR 44-3886 AND CHICAGO

FROM: CHARLOTTE 44-L365 3P

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IN EARLY A.M OF MAY NINE, INSTANT, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], MOORESVILLE, N. C., PD TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT  
PD HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MOORESVILLE, N.C., WHO  
STATED THAT HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL FITTING DESCRIPTION OF  
JAMES EARL RAY AT O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS, IN THE A.M OF MAY EIGHT, LAST.

[REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT SOMETIME BETWEEN  
EIGHT A.M AND NINE A.M, CHICAGO TIME, MAY EIGHT, LAST,  
HE WAS HAVING BREAKFAST IN A RESTAURANT AT O'HARE AIRPORT.

[REDACTED] DOES NOT REMEMBER NAME OF RESTAURANT BUT STATED  
RESTAURANT WAS LOCATED ON SAME CONCOURSE AS IS EASTERN  
AIRLINES TICKET COUNTER AND STATED RESTAURANT IS LOCATED  
BETWEEN EASTERN AIRLINES AND NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES.

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[REDACTED] STATED AN INDIVIDUAL CAME INTO THE RESTAURANT AND GLARED DOWN AT HIM FOR ABOUT THREE OR FOUR SECONDS AND SEEMED ANGRY AT FACT [REDACTED] WAS TAKING UP A TABLE FOR FOUR BY HIMSELF. NO CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THEM AND INDIVIDUAL SAT AT ONE TABLE REMOVED FROM [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] LEFT RESTAURANT ABOUT NINE:FIFTEEN A.M., AND INDIVIDUAL WAS STILL SEATED ALONE. [REDACTED] OBSERVED NO ONE ELSE APPROACH THIS INDIVIDUAL EXCEPT THE WAITRESS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED FACE OF INDIVIDUAL HE OBSERVED IN RESTAURANT WAS "PRECISE DUPLICATE" OF MOST RECENT PHOTO OF RAY RELEASED BY THIS BUREAU.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL HE OBSERVED AS A WHITE MALE, AGE, EARLY THIRTIES, ONE EIGHT ZERO TO ONE EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES TO SIX FEET TALL, COLOR OF EYES NOT NOTICES BUT EYES SET DEEP IN EYE SOCKET. DARK BROWN HAIR, FACIAL COMPLEXION, MEDIUM.

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[REDACTED] STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS EXTREMELY WELL-DRESSED AND NEAT, WEARING A WELL-FITTING BUSINESS SUIT, BETWEEN A BLUE AND OLIVE COLOR, AND A CLEAN WHITE SHIRT AND TIE. INDIVIDUAL HAD NO LUGGAGE WITH HIM.

CHICAGO AT CHICAGO WILL DISPLAY PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY TO WAITRESSES AND EMPLOYEES AT APPROPRIATE RESTAURANT AT O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND CONDUCT OTHER APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT O'HARE AIRPORT.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHARLOTTE (44-365)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

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MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE INSTANT. LOOK ALIKE, O'HARE AIRPORT,  
MAY EIGHT LAST.

EASTERN AIRLINES LOCATED NORTHWEST END OF TERMINAL NO. TWO.  
NORTHCENTRAL AIRLINES LOCATED NORTHEAST END TERMINAL NO. THREE.  
THIS ENCOMPASSES THE ENTIRE DOMESTIC FACILITY OF O'HARE AIRPORT.  
THE AIRLINES COULD NOT BE FARTHER APART. THERE IS NO SIT-DOWN  
RESTAURANT NEAR EAL OR-NCA.

THE ROUND CONCOURSE BUILDING HAS FOUR LARGE RESTAURANTS;  
PANCAKE HOUSE, COFFEE SHOP, TARTAN TRAY CAFETERIA AND THE  
SEVEN CONTINENTS, ON SECOND FLOOR.

CHARLOTTE RECONTACT [REDACTED] OBTAIN MORE DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
RE RESTAURANT AND WAITRESS IF POSSIBLE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1016AM AM URGENT 5-9-68 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE LOUISVILLE TEL MAY EIGHT LAST RE TELEPHONE BOOTH,  
ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

ON MAY NINE INSTANT MRS. LONELLE HENAGER, [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], ST. JOHNS, MO., ADVISED BROTHER, A.F. COOK,  
JR., AKA BUD, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HER FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO  
LAST FROM UNKNOWN BAR IN LOS ANGELES. SAID EMPLOYED AT AUTO-  
MOBILE AGENCY, POSSIBLY OLBSMOBILE.

MRS. HENAGER CLAIMS SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS ADDRESS OR  
EMPLOYMENT. SUGGESTS CONTACT WITH HIS LAST WIFE, CATHY, WHO  
IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE RESIDED [REDACTED],  
COVINA, CALIF., TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE COOK THROUGH CATHY.

LOUISVILLE ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DeLoach*

DATE: 5/9/68

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 9:10 a.m. this morning, Jerry O'Leary from the Washington Evening Star telephonically advised me that the Evening Star, in its issue of May 9, 1968, will carry a story on page 1 concerning James Earl Ray, the subject of the above-captioned case. The story will include a photograph of Ray. He advised that the story will reflect that the FBI has been maintaining tight secrecy in the case and that the only information released by the FBI has been limited to 3 press releases and the release of a number of photographs of Ray. The story will then continue by reciting additional information, over and above that in the press releases, which connects Ray to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King. O'Leary advised that he has gathered this additional information from an assiduous study of newspaper and other news media accounts from all over the country.

As the Director is aware, we have furnished no information to O'Leary concerning this case other than that contained in our press releases.

## RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information. ✓

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: May 9, 1968

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Trotter

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Adm. Serv. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Legal Coun. \_\_\_\_\_  
Plan. & Insp. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rec. Mgmt. \_\_\_\_\_  
Tech. Serv. \_\_\_\_\_  
Training \_\_\_\_\_  
Off. of Cong. & Public Affairs \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since the commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and the Identification Division advises that it believes that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be at local police departments, morgues, or medical facilities.

Attached for approval is an airtel to all offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa instructing them to ascertain whether such records are maintained by the individual states or nation wide in the case of Mexico and Canada. If so, appropriate checks should be made for the period from 4-5-68 to date, and if feasible, stops should be placed on unidentified dead with appropriate agencies.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, the field is being instructed that in connection with its contacts with various law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, to make appropriate inquiries relative to unidentified dead for the period

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RE: MURKIN

beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, that they be compared with those on the identification order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. The field is being instructed that this should be handled in connection with the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

Identification Division has already placed appropriate stop on any unidentified deceased inquiries they may receive.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is an airtel in line with the above.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

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MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO MAY NINE  
INSTANT, AND CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHARLOTTE MAY  
NINE INSTANT. LOOK ALIKE, O'HARE AIRPORT, MAY EIGHT LAST.

A [REDACTED] ADVISED MAY NINE INSTANT, RESTAURANT HE  
Z REFERRED TO IS NOT THE TARTAN TRAY CAFETERIA AND NOT THE SEVEN  
P CONTINENTS RESTAURANT, BUT IS ON THE SAME (MAIN) FLOOR AS IS  
I THE TARTAN TRAY, AND THE RESTAURANT IS LESS THAN A TWO MINUTE  
DE WALK FROM THE TARTAN TRAY AS ONE WALKS FROM THE EASTERN AIRLINES  
HA FLIGHT CONCOURSE. WALKING FROM THE TARTAN TRAY, ONE COMES  
INTO A LARGE CIRCULAR AREA APPROXIMATELY SIXTY FEET IN DIAMETER,  
EXE AND AN ESCALATOR DESCENDS INTO APPROXIMATELY THE CENTER OF  
END THIS CIRCULAR AREA. AT THE TOP OF THIS ESCALATOR IS THE SEVEN  
CONTINENTS RESTURANT. ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THIS CIRCULAR  
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AREA, ON THE MAIN FLOOR, ONE ENTERS AN APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY FOOT CORRIDOR WHICH LEADS TO UNITED AIRLINES AND EASTERN AIRLINES TICKET COUNTERS. RESTAURANT IN QUESTION IS ONE THE RIGHT OR LEFT ALONG THIS CORRIDOR, BETWEEN THE CIRCULAR AREA AND UNITED AIRLINES TICKET COUNTER.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED THE RESTAURANT IN QUESTION AS A PRACTICAL LOOKING AND NOT PLUSH RESTAURANT, LONG AND RECTANGULAR SHAPED WITH MORE THAN FIFTY TABLES. ONE WALL IS COMPOSED OF WINDOWS AND TABLES UTILIZE PAPER PLACE MATS RATHER THAN TABLE CLOTHS.

WAITRESS WHO WAITED ON [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS WHITE FEMALE, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-TWO YEARS, FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES, ONE ONE ZERO LBS., DARK HAIR, VERY RUDDY OR PITTED FACE, POSSIBLY POLISH DESCENT. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THIS WAITRESS ALSO WAITED ON INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION. ANOTHER WAITRESS OBSERVED BY [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS WHITE FEMALE, AGE MIDDLE TWENTIES, BLEACHED BLONDE HAIR, WEARING THICK EYE GLASSES.

[REDACTED], WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTY-TWO YEARS, PRESENTS BUSINESS EXECUTIVE APPEARANCE, AND ADVISED HE IS A SELF-EMPLOYED  
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[REDACTED]

CHARLOTTE INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING [REDACTED]  
CHICAGO, AT O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, CONDUCT  
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN: CR.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER AT MEMPHIS HAD ITEM MAY EIGHT LAST  
INDICATING ONE OF THE ENTRANCES TO ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR TWO  
TWO AND ONE HALF SOUTH MAIN STREET, HAD BEEN SEALED OFF.  
PERSONAL OBSERVATION BY AGENT TODAY INDICATES ENTRANCE HAS NOT  
BEEN SEALED BUT SMALL GATE HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT NORTHERN  
ENTRANCE. PHOTOGRAPHS WERE MADE AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO  
BUREAU.

NASHVILLE, TENN., PD IS COMPARING SUBJECTS 'S FINGERPRINTS  
WITH LATENTS OBTAINED BY THAT DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, DUE TO  
DEPARTMENT BEING UNDERSTAFFED, ALL LATENTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN  
COMPARED.

LOOK ALIKES CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED TO BE ELIMINATED.

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FBI LOS ANG.

841PM URGENT 5/9/68 BCD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA.  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 6P

MURKIN

RE VEHICLES STOLEN FROM GEORGIA:

INVESTIGATION RE VEHICLES BEARING GEORGIA LICENSE PLATES  
REPORTED STOLEN FROM GEORGIA CONCLUDED AT LOS ANGELES WITH NO  
INFORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING THIS CASE.

RE CITIZEN'S COUNCIL OF AMERICA:

RODERIC DUFF, PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, CITIZEN'S  
COUNCIL OF AMERICA INTERVIEWED MAY NINE INSTANT. STATED HE  
DOES NOT KNOW RAY, NEVER OBSERVED HIM AT OPEN MEETINGS OF  
CITIZEN'S COUNCIL HELD MONTHLY IN LOS ANGELES.

RE THE LOCAL SWINGER:

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES AREA TO LOCATE SUBSCRIBERS  
TO THE LOCAL SWINGER WHO MAY HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT  
CONCLUDED AND NEGATIVE WITH EXCEPTION OF PATRICIA ANDERSON,  
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN LOS ANGELES TEL MAY THREE LAST.

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RE TELEPHONE BOOTH, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL - WOODY LUNSFORD:

ALL INDIVIDUALS ACQUAINTED WITH HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD  
AS NAMED BY PHOENIX CONTACTED AND/OR ELIMINATED AS HAVING  
KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA, ERIC STARVO, GALT.

INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED LUNSFORD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECALL OF PAST EVENTS IS NOT  
ACCURATE.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTH, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL - ALONZO COOK:

LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE. LAVINIA MILLER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COVINA, CALIFORNIA ADVISED THAT THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] *was her phone number*  
SHE DID NOT KNOW ALONZO F. COOK, JR., AKA BUDDY AND/OR HIS  
FORMER WIFE, CATHY. STATED SHE RECENTLY MOVED TO COVINA AREA  
AND RECEIVED ABOVE PHONE NUMBER UPON INSTALLATION OF PHONE.  
INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO LOCATE ALONZO F. COOK, JR.

EATING PLACES:

BRADY PAYNE, MANAGER, PAMPERED PUP, ONE SEVEN ONE FIVE  
NORTH WESTERN AVENUE, HOLLYWOOD ADVISED HIS BROTHER, CECIL PAYNE,  
LEASES THE BUILDING WHICH HOUSES PAMPERED PUP, A WALK-UP EATING  
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ESTABLISHMENT, FROM INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS MURPHY. PAYNE WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND SAID ONLY THAT PERSON IN PHOTOGRAPHS APPEARS FAMILIAR TO HIM AND HAD NO ADDITIONAL DATA.

RE ANITA KATZWINKEL - GINGER DAY (KLEENEX BOX TOP FROM MUSTANG):

INTERVIEWS OF LOUISE EMILY BENNETT, AKA, LU TOMENY, AND JOHN BONELLI, [REDACTED] HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, MAY EIGHT, LAST.

BENNETT ACQUAINTD WITH SUE HARRIS FLIKIED SINCE JANUARY, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, HAVING MET HER IN LOS ANGELES. BENNETT WORKED WITH HARRIS [REDACTED] IN HOLLYWOOD AREA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT THIS TIME BENNETT RETURNED HOLLYWOOD AREA AND LOOKED UP HARRIS. MET HER AT RABBIT'S FOOT BAR, HOLLYWOOD BLVD, ALONG WITH ANITA KATZWINKEL AND ANOTHER GIRL WHOSE FIRST NAME IS RITA. RITA FURTHER DESCRIBED AS SHORT, SPANISH LOOKING WOMAN, ABOUT TWO NINE YEARS OLD. KATZWINKEL, *Bennett?* STATED NAME GINGER DAY FAMILAR TO HER, BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE SHE EVER MET HER. STATED HARRIS USED NAME ANITA KATZWINKEL WHEN SHE  
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APPLIED FOR PHONE AT [REDACTED] APARTMENT. NAMES TAKEN  
FROM [REDACTED] HARRIS WERE READ TO BENNETT AND SHE WAS ABLE TO  
IDENTIFY MAJORITY OF THESE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BENNETT UNABLE  
TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

BONELLI ACQUAINTED WITH SUE HARRIS, AND FIRST MET HER  
BEGINNING JANUARY, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, IN RED VEST BAR, ONE SIX  
ONE ZERO NORTH WESTERN AVENUE, HOLLYWOOD. STATED HARRIS AT ONE  
TIME RESIDED IN APARTMENT ON SERRANO STREET, EITHER IN APARTMENT  
ONE SEVEN OR ONE EIGHT, AND KNOWN BY HIM TO USE ALIAS ANITA  
KATZWINKEL ON OCCASSION. CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW PERSON ANITA  
KATZWINKEL ACTUALLY EXISTED, OTHER THAN AS HARRIS ALIAS. DID  
NOT KNOW GINGER DAY. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
INTERVIEW OF TOM WASHINGTON, NEGRO MALE, RESIDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, MAY  
NINE, INSTANT. WASHINGTON MEMBER KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITAL BOWLING  
TEAM WHICH FORMERLY BOWLED AT SUNSET BOWL, FIVE FOUR ZERO ONE WEST  
SUNSET BLVE., HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. ANITA KATZWINKEL AND GINGER  
DAY FREQUENTED SUNSET BOWL WHILE BOTH RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD, AND  
KATZWINKEL INDICATED IN INTERVIEW SHE MIGHT MHAVE GIVEN NAME AND  
ADDRESS TO NEGRO MALE CALLED TOM WASHINGTON AT SUNSET BOWL.

WASHINGTON RECALLED MEETING GIRL CALLED ANITA (LNU) AND SECOND  
GIRL, WHOSE NAME DID NOT RECALL. STATED THOUGHT THIS BETWEEN  
MAY AND AUGUST, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. STATED ANITA, WHITE FEMALE,  
RECENTLY ARRIVED LOS ANGELES AREA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WASHINGTON TRIED TO MAKE DATE WITH KATZWINKEL AND

SHE GAVE HIM HER NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COMMENTED SHE AND OTHER GIRL IN

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PROCESS MOVING OUT OF SMALL RESIDENCE TO A LARGER ONE. UNKNOWN GIRL WITH ANITA HAD SMALL GIRL CHILD WITH HER AND DID NOT APPROVE OF WASHINGTON.

LOS ANGELES IN INVESTIGATION OF KLEENEX BOX WRITING FOUND IN RAY'S MUSTANG AFTER ASSASSINATION AND FBI LAB EXAMED IDENTIFICATION OF DAY AS WRITTEN BELIEVES IT ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT GINGER DAY AND ANITA KATZWINKEL IN [REDACTED] HOLLYWOOD AREA [REDACTED] UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES, AND [REDACTED] LEFT THEIR NAMES WITH [REDACTED] AND RAY, ARRIVING IN SAME AREA SOME FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS LATER, WAS PROBABLY FURNISHED WITH THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CHICAGO, RECONTACT GINGER DAY AND DETERMINE FROM HER IDENTITIES OF [REDACTED] TO WHOM SHE GAVE NAME AND ADDRESS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

PHOENIX ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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~~SIS SIS DASH SIS ONE ONE NINE WAS HER PHONE NUMBER. SHE STATED~~

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*W. J. [Signature]*  
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500 PM URGENT 5/9/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY INMATES, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BEING CONDUCTED AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP). NO INFORMATION RECEIVED MSP REGARDING COOLEY ORGANIZATION.

BARIENDER PEACOCK TAVERN, KANSAS CITY, MO., REMEMBERS NO CUSTOMER IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. SPRINGFIELD ADVISED RUSTY MAY HAVE BEEN GIRLFRIEND OF SUBJECT.

MSP PRISONERS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFO REGARDING SUBJECT. [REDACTED] HAYSVILLE, KS., AND [REDACTED] COLUMBIA, MO., ELIMINATED AS SUSPECTS.

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MIAMI ADVISED IN RE TEL THAT ONE HERRAN FURNISHED EAL, ATLANTA, CONTACT TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED] AND THAT JOHN WILLARD FURNISHED EAL, ATLANTA, WITH CONTACT POINT DOWNTOWNER, ATLANTA.

RECORDS OF DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN, ATLANTA, REFLECT JOHN O., WILLARD, [REDACTED] SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING [REDACTED] WAS REGISTERED IN THE MOTEL IN ROOM FOUR ONE ONE ON APR. ELEVEN LAST. WILLARD, WHO IS ONLY PERSON BY THAT NAME REGISTERED IN MOTEL FROM MAR. SIXTYEIGHT UNTIL APR. SIXTYEIGHT, WAS DRIVING CHEVROLET BEARING NEW YORK LIC. [REDACTED] PITTSBURGH CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

ATLANTA TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED] IS LISTED TO DOWNTOWN MOTEL, THREE THREE ZERO W. PEACHTREE ST., ATLANTA. RECORDS OF DOWNTOWN MOTEL REFLECT THAT MARVIN W. HERREN, [REDACTED], SHAWNEE MISSION, KANSAS, REPRESENTING [REDACTED], KANSAS CITY, WAS REGISTERED IN ROOM [REDACTED] OF THE MOTEL ON APR. NINE LAST.

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KANSAS CITY, AT SHAWNEE MISSION, KANSA, AND AT KANSAS CITY.  
CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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4-11 PM URGENT 5-9-68 CKH

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38860)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

ATLANTA

CHARLOTTE

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696) 3 P

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO KNOXVILLE AND BUREAU THIS DATE  
WHICH REFERENCED MIAMI TEL MAY EIGHT LAST RE EASTERN AIRLINE  
FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA, GA., APRIL FIVE THROUGH TWELVE INSTANT,  
AND KNOXVILLE AIRTEL TO CHARLOTTE APRIL SEVENTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT,  
CC MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND RE JAMES COLQUHOUN GALT, NO CC BUREAU.

JAMES COLQUHOUN GALT, WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], SIX FT. THREE, ONE NINE ZERO  
POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., APRIL FIFTEEN LAST. ADVISED HAS BEEN  
EMPLOYED [REDACTED] RICHMOND, VA., PAST TEN YEARS AND  
RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO [REDACTED] CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
GALT FURNISHED INFORMATION RE HIS RELATIVES RALEIGH N. C. 25 MAY 10 1968  
AND CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., WHICH WAS SET FORTH REFERENCED  
KNOXVILLE AIRTEL. AT TIME OF INTERVIEW, GALT HAD JUST  
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RETURNED FROM RICHMOND, VA. FROM WEEKEND VISIT REMOVING  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS. [REDACTED] RECORDS REFLECT GALT EMPLOYED  
FULL DAY APRIL FOUR LAST AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

TENN. VALLEY TRAVEL AGENCY, SEVEN ZERO NINE CHERRY ST.,  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., TELEPHONE SIX ONE FIVE - TWO SIX FIVE -  
EIGHT TWO ONE ONE, HANDLES AIRLINE RESERVATIONS FOR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], CHATTANOOGA AND LEAVES TRAVEL AGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER  
AS CONTACT POINT FOR THE AIRLINES.

MAY NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, MRS. PATRICIA HEFREN, AKA PAT,  
TRAVEL CONSULTANT THIS COMPANY, REVIEWED RECORDS AND ADVISED  
RESERVATIONS WERE REQUESTED APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT BY  
[REDACTED]

CHATTANOOGA, FOR [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE JAMES C. GALT. RESERVATIONS  
MADE WITH EASTERN AIRLINES THIS DATE FOR TRAVEL FOR JAMES C.  
GALT LEAVING CHATTANOOGA FIVE FIFTEEN P.M., APRIL TEN LAST  
EAL FLIGHT SIX HUNDRED ARRIVING ATLANTA FIVE FIFTY P.M.  
ATTEMPT TO SECURE RESERVATION EAL FLIGHT SIX ONE SIX  
LEAVING ATLANTA FOR RICHMOND NEGATIVE AS FLIGHT FILLED.  
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FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR GALT UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT SIX NINE SIX  
LEAVING ATLANTA SIX THIRTYFIVE P.M., ARRIVING RICHMOND, VA.,  
NINE ZERO FIVE P.M. APRIL TEN, SIXTYEIGHT, TICKET NUMBER  
TWO EIGHT THREE ZERO EIGHT TWO NINE FIVE TWO. TICKET PICKED  
UP AT TRAVEL AGENCY BY [REDACTED] AND CHARGED  
TO [REDACTED], CHATTANOOGA, TENN. ONE WAY TICKET.  
RESERVATIONS MADE WITH EAL OPERATOR VIRGINIA HAYES, EXECUTIVE  
ACCOUNTS, ATLANTA, GA.

MAY NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHATTANOOGA, VERIFIED THIS RESERVA-  
TION FOR JAMES C. GALT AND FACT TICKET USED BY GALT APRIL  
TEN LAST. THIS ONLY EMPLOYEE [REDACTED] LAST NAME GALT.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING  
CONDUCTED RE THIS RESERVATION AND TRAVEL BY GALT APRIL TEN,  
LAST.

CC MAILED RICHMOND.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL FIVE EIGHT LAST.

RE: LOCAL SWINGER CORRESPONDENCE CLUB.

JOE RAY, [REDACTED] SAUSALITO, CALIF.,  
ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION RE-SUBJECT  
OF THIS CASE. ALSO DENIED EVER WRITING TO REFERENCED CLUB.

JOE RAY STATED HE WAS BORN [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND HAS OPERATED [REDACTED] AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS  
WITH RESIDENCE IN BACK FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. THIS SHOP HAS LARGE  
SIGN "JOE RAY'S [REDACTED] DISPLAYED ON PREMISES, AND THE ABOVE ADDRESS  
IS LOCATED NEAR LARGE "HIPPIE" COMMUNITY IN SAUSALITO.

JOE RAY ADVISED HE IS MARRIED, HAS LIVED IN THIS AREA FOR THE PAST  
TWENTYFIVE YEARS, AND HAS NO CONTACT WITH NEARBY "HIPPIES." HE COULD  
FURNISH NO INFORMATION RE IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY HAVE UTILIZED  
HIS NAME.

PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO JOE RAY AND SUBJECT  
UNKNOWN TO HIM.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE JOE RAY AT [REDACTED] FRANCISCO

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, SPRINGFIELD

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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██████████ KANSAS CITY, KS., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE BELIEVED SUBJECT IN FIFTYNINE DATED A WOMAN KNOWN ONLY AS RUSTY, WHO RAN THE M AND M TAVERN IN AN ALLEY BETWEEN FRANKLIN AND GLENDALE STREETS IN PEORIA, ILL. ██████████ COULD FURNISH NO OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING RUSTY OTHER THAN SHE HAD RED HAIR. STATED FRIEND ██████████ PEORIA, WOULD KNOW HER COMPLETE IDENTITY. ██████████ SAW INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT IN PEACOCK TAVERN, THIRTYFIRST AND TROOST, KANSAS CITY, MO., APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO. THIS MAN IN TAVERN DENIED KNOWING ██████████ AT FIRST HOWEVER, AFTER A FEW DRINKS HE ADMITTED KNOWING 'RUSTY' AND PRODUCED A LOCK OF HER HAIR HE WAS CARRYING IN HIS WALLET. ██████████ REMEMBERS MAN BEING CALLED RAY AND STATES HE GENERALLY ANSWERS DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT.

SPRINGFIELD AT PEORIA, ILL., ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY RUSTY, REGARDING SUBJECT. KANSAS CITY WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT PEACOCK TAVERN REGARDING SUBJECT.

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if know subject, just think  
man he knew in 1959. I think  
like him. Heak "back-a-like"  
at best.

\*x all per SAC Dir. KC

cc - *Logg*

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Boston

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re ~~REDACTED~~ - complainant.

Reference is made to Bureau phone call to Boston, 4-19-68, regarding information furnished by ~~REDACTED~~ Dorchester, Massachusetts, concerning an individual he believed to be identical with the subject.

By return airtel submit results or identify communication in which results were furnished Bureau.

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To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI

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Re Ernest S. Galt - suspect.

ReBuairtel 4-23-68, enclosing an unsigned letter from an individual residing at [REDACTED], East, Islip, New York.

By return airtel submit results or identify communication in which results were furnished Bureau.

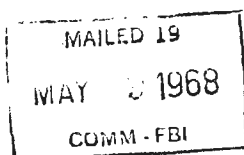
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Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Charlotte

From: Director, FBI

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Re [REDACTED] - complainant.

Re Bureau phone call to Charlotte, 4-20-68, regarding information furnished by [REDACTED] concerning the 1960 Chevrolet bearing North Carolina, license [REDACTED].

By return airtel submit results or identify communication in which results were furnished Bureau.

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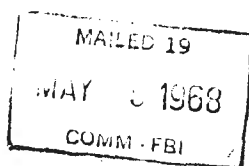
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Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_



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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MIAMI (44-1854), MEMPHIS, (44-1987) AND

ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

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MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY NINE LAST.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL FIVE THROUGH APRIL TWELVE LAST.

RE TEL FURNISHED FIVE TICKET NUMBERS UNITED AIR LINE (UAL).  
UAL OFFICIALS STATE NUMBERS INCORRECT. ALL UAL TICKETS BEGIN WITH ZERO ONE SIX PREFIX AND THEN CONTINUE WITH SEQUENTIAL NUMBERS IN GROUPS OF THREE TOTALING NINE ADDITIONAL NUMBERS. NUMBERS FURNISHED SHOW TEN ADDITIONAL NUMBERS. ALSO UAL STATES IF TICKETS ISSUED UAL STOCK AND USED ON OTHER AIRLINES NO RECORD AT UAL AVAILABLE TIL JUNE NEXT AFTER BILLING BY OTHER AIRLINE.

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URGENT 5-10-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 227

MURKIN.

REMYCAB AND BUCAB MAY EIGHT LAST.

ALLEGED SUSPECT AT MEXICAN-Guatemalan BORDER:

LOCAL PRESS TODAY CARRIED STORY REFERRING TO REPORT THAT CAB DRIVER AT TAPACHULA, CHIAPAS, CLOSE TO GUATEMALAN BORDER, STATED THAT MAN RESEMBLING PHOTO OF SUBJECT FORCED HIM AT GUNPOINT TO DRIVE TO POINT NEAR BORDER AND THEN LEFT CAB AND CROSSED RIVER SEPARATING TWO COUNTRIES. MEXICAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AND [REDACTED] CHIEF OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE, ADVISED MAY NINE INSTANT THAT THEY HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING STORY ATTRIBUTED TO CAB DRIVER. [REDACTED] POINTED OUT HE HAS AGENT AT TAPACHULA WHO HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY GENERAL AND IS ONLY FEDERAL AGENT IN AREA. CAB DRIVER, WHO MAY BE INVENTION OF PRESS, BEING SOUGHT BY POLICE FOR ANY CONFIRMATION OR FURTHER DETAILS.

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RE EXTENT OF PUBLICITY COVERAGE:

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS APPROVED FOR RELEASE IN BUCAB MAY SEVEN LAST BEING DISTRIBUTED TO POLICE AGENCIES, INFORMANTS AND OTHER CONTACTS. THESE PICTURES HAVE ALSO BEEN GIVEN PROMINENT ATTENTION IN LOCAL MASS MEDIA, WITH MORE ARTICLES EXPECTED IN FUTURE EDITIONS.

RE ALLEGATION THAT SUBJECT IN GUATEMALA:

COMPLETE WRITTEN REPORT RECEIVED THIS OFFICE MAY NINE INSTANT FROM JUDICIAL POLICE OF GUATEMALA REGARDING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT [REDACTED] " LOCATED IN DEPARTMENT OF CHIMALTENANGO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WHO LIVES ON PREMISES WITH HIS FAMILY, EMPHATICALLY DENIED THAT SUBJECT HAD EVER BEEN IN [REDACTED] AND, UPON VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS, THAT ANYONE RESEMBLING SUBJECT HAD BEEN THERE. [REDACTED] ALSO DENIED EVER HAVING TOLD ANYONE THAT SUBJECT HAD BEEN THERE BUT DID ADMIT HAVING A CONVERSATION ABOUT FIFTEEN DAYS EARLIER WITH A MAN FROM THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THIS MAN'S IDENTITY AND THAT HE HAD NEVER

*What man rather  
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SEEN HIM BEFORE HE STOPPED IN [REDACTED] ABOUT TEN O'CLOCK AT NIGHT, PROBABLY ON FRIDAY, APRIL ONE NINE LAST. OTHER MEMBERS OF [REDACTED] FAMILY AND EMPLOYEES [REDACTED] WERE INTERVIEWED AND DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT.

RE ANONYMOUS CALL TO MEMPHIS POLICE:

[REDACTED] ARE IN PROCESS OF INTENSIVE CANVASS OF PUERTO LIBERTAD ON GULF OF CALIFORNIA AND OF ENTIRE AREA FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF CABORCA, SONORA, AS INDICATED BY CALLER.

INVESTIGATION AT TORREON, COAHUILA:

RESIDENT AGENTS HAVE VISITED THIS CITY TO ASSURE THAT WANTED FLYERS, IDENTIFICATION ORDERS AND OTHER MATERIAL PERTAINING TO SUBJECT HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED. ALL POLICE IN THIS AND NEARBY COMMUNITIES FULLY ALERTED AND [REDACTED] BEING UTILIZED TO MAKE THOROUGH CHECK OF ENTIRE AREA, WITH EMPHASIS ON HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION, FOR ANY TRACE OF SUBJECT.

LEADS RECEIVING EXPEDITE ATTENTION IN ALL PARTS OF MEXICO AND RESULTS BEING FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO HEADQUARTERS FOR PRIORITY HANDLING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED DOMESTIC OFFICES.

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RECEIVED: 12:08AM LRC

LD CC MR. BRENNAN

5/10/68

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. R. A. Bermingham

To: SAC, Baltimore (157-833)

From: Director, FBI

RACIAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING  
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
APRIL 5-12, 1968  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReBAairtel dated 5/1/68.

The Bureau concurs with your recommendation to review the files of those indicted for serious offenses during the recent riot in order to select appropriate cases for interview.

It is noted that 75 such cases are scheduled for presentation to the grand jury. You should not only consider interviews with those indicted but should also review cases of those persons not indicted among the 75 to be presented. This should be done in order to determine if any of these people have information of value such as knowledge of preplanning or organization of the riot. Since their cases were considered important enough to present to a grand jury, it appears logical that they, therefore, must have been on the scene of or had some connection with a serious incident during the riot.

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NOTE: Several offices, including Baltimore, were instructed to interview persons charged with serious crimes committed during the recent riots. Baltimore advised that 75 cases are to be presented to a grand jury within the next three weeks and that

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Airtel to SAC, Baltimore  
RE: RACIAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING  
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
APRIL 5-12, 1968

NOTE CONTINUED:

a review of those cases in which indictments were actually filed would be made with a view to interviewing likely individuals. It is felt that this review should also include cases of persons in which indictments are not returned as many of these persons were evidently at the scene or have some knowledge of major incidents during the riot.

5/11/68

CODE

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO: LEGAT, OTTAWA

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT SECURING CANADIAN PASSPORT PAPERS. INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT SUBJECT EXPRESSED AN INTEREST FOR TRAVEL TO RHODESIA. YOU MAY DESIRE TO RECHECK APPROPRIATE CANADIAN AGENCY FOR POSSIBILITY OF ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT OR OTHER NECESSARY PAPERS FOR TRAVEL. YOU SHOULD ALSO DETERMINE WHAT FLIGHTS ARE AVAILABLE, IF ANY, WHEREBY PERSON DEPARTING FROM MONTREAL OR TORONTO MIGHT GET TO RHODESIA.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

1 - Foreign Liaison

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 13, 1968

Re: **MURKIN**  
**CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861  
FBI File No. **D-562677 JK**  
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **New York**  
Reference: **Airtel 5/4/68**  
Examination requested: **Document**  
Remarks:

The results of the fingerprint examination will be furnished to you separately. *44-104*

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - New York (44-1609) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Knoxville (44-696) Enclosure (Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 13, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562677 JK

Specimens received 5/8/68

Q326 Coupon of Modern Photo Bookstore bearing the hand printed name and address "ERIC S. GALT 2608 HIGHLAND AVE. BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35205"

Q327 Sheet of ruled paper bearing handwritten and hand printed message dated 9/26/67, beginning "I recently order..." signed "Eric S. Galt"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Typewritten letter dated April 29, 1968, to ERIC S. GALT from Modern Photo Bookstore

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q326 and Q327 were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known handwriting and hand-printing appear on specimens K171, K211 and K257.

The submitted evidence has been retained.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: (MURKIN)

DATE: 5/6/68

Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning one [REDACTED] a possible suspect in this matter, which LHM should be furnished to the Legat, Ottawa, in order that [REDACTED] may be eliminated.

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2-Memphis  
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FILE



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee  
May 6, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

An anonymous letter dated April 16, 1962, at Toronto, Ontario, was addressed to Mayor Lindsay, New York City, and to the Police Chief, Memphis. A copy of this letter, which indicates that one [REDACTED] should be considered a suspect in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is attached.

44-39861  
ENCLOSURE



To auto. out.

April 14. 68

Mayor Lincoln  
New York City

and

Police chief  
Memphis

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Dear Sir,

In our town there is a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who resembles the artist's sketch of the  
assassin of Martin Luther King. Please  
check his whereabouts on April 4th. His last  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His, well - very [REDACTED]  
and long - hair and things he had to say re Dr.  
King 2 weeks before Mr. King's death other  
psychological aberrations - called Mr King a  
"Commie" and after death [REDACTED] two  
eulogies on Mr King very favorable ...

and in complete contradiction of former  
few line opinions.

~~He~~ describes  
himself as a "militant anti-Communist" /?  
but categorizes all liberal thinking people  
like the late J. Mc Carthy in USA, as  
"communists". "Commie" dupes or Communist  
pilot travellers. He sees "Commies" in  
the higher levels of government, university  
and POLICE FORCES (!)

Check with airlines told that a trip-  
to Memphis could be made, return in 4 hrs  
and in the time when Dr. King was slain.

In any case the artist's photo is very  
similar to the appearance of ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
who is also, an ex-seaman, pro Vietnam  
war and generally in the lunatic fringe.

He has travelled extensively in the deep  
South USA (according to his own stories)

and in very pro war and has said  
"a person once killed is nothing more  
than a chunk of meat."

He seems a dual personality and has  
deep grudges, resentments and is vindictive.  
He claims to have punched a quartermaster in  
the face who he had not seen for 15 years  
because, the man, as a kid had stolen  
some comics from him, also a kid at the  
time. He claims to have ruined the career  
of a deliberately of a medical doctor  
in a government department some 10-15 years  
after said doctor had "smelled" him - ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
when he was a cub reporter.

Please investigate this clue, as it may  
lead to something. I cannot sign this as  
like all people I am afraid - especially  
of people like ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ who on the surface

pretend to have compassion and say they help old age pensioners & the disabled but this is a cover up for a hate laden outlook on life which comes out at other times. I feel the man is laughing at ~~the man~~ behind their backs. He has discussed this case in a most peculiar manner. He said he was heavily in debt just two months ago. Now, after the assassination he said he is going to Europe (West Germany) in 3 weeks!

He seems to have a lot of peculiar connections both here, USA and Europe (he says).

The photograph certainly shocked me when I saw it! Please, please look into this in your best detective manner and do not be CHOMSY - as the man is quite sensitive!

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

This document contains neither recommendations  
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the  
FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are  
not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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WASHINGTON FBI CD

3/5/68 *22/1/68*

RE YR CABLE ON 2/5/68 IDENTIFICATION ORDER NUMBER 4182 REGARDING  
JAMES EARL RAY ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT NOT RECEIVED STOP PLEASE  
FINGERPRINTS AIRMAIL DIRECT TO CENTRAL FINGERPRINT BUREAU  
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*ON 2  
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*Noted  
5-4-68*

*W. J. Sullivan*

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*sent airmail*

*5/2/68 - to be ruled  
up at Solani at 6:00 PM*

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SACs, Houston  
New Orleans (157-10673)

From: Director, FBI 44-8461-3286  
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MURKIN

EX 101

Re [REDACTED]

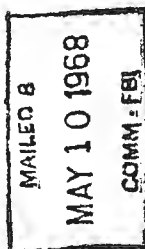
Reference is made to WFOairtel 5-2-68 regarding individual observed in Nigeria who resembled the subject.

Enclosed for Houston and New Orleans are two copies of a memorandum from CIA dated 5-7-68. One copy is enclosed for the other offices.

In view of the fact [REDACTED] has been identified as [REDACTED] no further action is necessary.

1 - Albuquerque (47-715)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - WFO (44-703)

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATIONS  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED  
May 7, 1968

The attached copy of the Louis Lomax column, "King Killer Aided By Hoover's Hate," was sent to the Director from an anonymous source in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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ENCLOSURE

MR. TOLSON ✓  
MR. DELOACH ✓  
MR. MOHR ✓  
MR. BISHOP ✓  
MR. CASPER ✓  
MR. CALLAHAN ✓  
MR. CONRAD ✓  
MR. FELT ✓  
MR. GALE ✓  
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MR. TROTTER ✓  
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SS HOLMES ✓  
MRS. METCALF ✓  
MISS GANDY ✓

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44-37261-3287

1 MAY 13 1968

CORRESPONDENCE



LOUIS LOMAX

# King Killer Aided By Hoover's Hate!

By LOUIS E. LOMAX

North American Newspaper Alliance

LOS ANGELES — The search for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is more than a manhunt for James Earle Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt. For the search is that of a troubled nation trying to locate its soul, of a republic in search of its own value system.

Presidential aspirant Hubert Humphrey came close to the truth a few days ago when he said we are not lost, that we are a nation growing up and trying to find better ways. The assassination of Dr. King has intensified the search for better ways and I suspect there will be a good deal of foundation shaking in high places at that, before the entire matter is put to rest.

I am speaking specifically of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its director, J. Edgar Hoover.

It is open public knowledge that Hoover deeply disliked Martin Luther King. He once referred to King as "the most notorious liar in the nation." Now Hoover is called upon to locate King's assassin.

There are a few black people indeed who believe Hoover will work overtime in this search. The feeling is not without some foundation. Either

the FBI is inept or the bungling of the King case is intentional.

The FBI issued a report that James Earle Ray took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1957-65. The FBI's own files show that Ray was in prison at the time.

Somebody, somehow, managed to circulate the wrong fingerprints for Ray. Up until the latter part of this week the Georgia Bureau of Investigations had wrong prints for Ray. Had he been arrested in Atlanta on the day he abandoned the White Mustang he would not have been identified as Ray.

The FBI has preempted local police from the case by declaring the King murder a conspiracy. Thus the full burden of the investigation rests with the FBI. It guards it jealously. King has been dead a month now and the FBI is yet to ask the cooperation of Los Angeles Police Department. Yet Ray lived in Los Angeles for several months and it is known that he made at least three trips from Los Angeles to New Orleans and that he carried a Los Angeles man with him on one occasion.

Shortly after I discovered telephone booths in Los Angeles from which Ray allegedly made phone calls, the FBI moved in and confiscated the telephone company records.

They and only they know what

those records reveal.

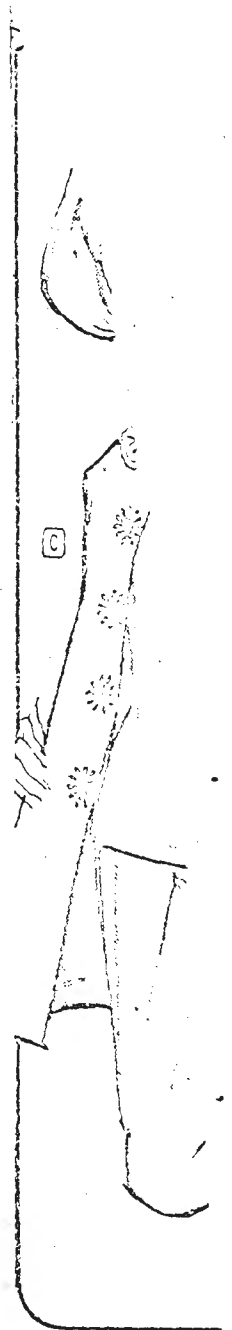
Let me make it plain, very plain: America's blacks never have and do not now trust either J. Edgar Hoover or the FBI. Those of us who have been assigned to cover civil rights stories in the south know all too well how much the FBI can fumble when it does not wish to solve a case.

The suspicion is defended by the fact that the FBI "leaked" a story to newsmen that suggested that a Negro with an animus toward King was behind the assassination. The story was completely false, but if newsmen had written it, Dr. King would have been smeared even in his grave.

J. Edgar Hoover would do his nation a great service if he were to admit publicly his dislike for Dr. King and then share the hunt for the assassin with a less prejudiced agency.

Perhaps the cause of justice would be better served if the investigation was placed under the guidance of a Warren-type commission composed of both blacks and whites.

The murder of Dr. King was an organized and well planned exercise. This was not the deed of "some white nut." Rather there is a sense in which society itself committed the act. And it is certain that powerful men in American society were part of the deed most foul.



...you'll

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Hon J Edgar Hoover

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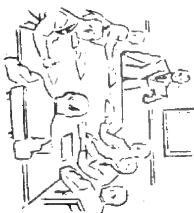
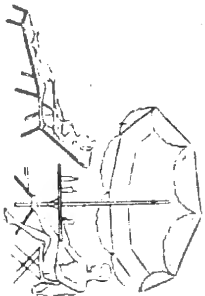
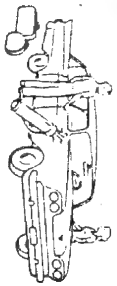
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*The Nation's Smokeeper*

YOUR HOSTS FROM COAST TO COAST



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Date: 5/8/68

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38816)  
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

*Mr. Bishop*  
*Long*

Re Kansas City airtel to Director, 5/1/68.

Reference communication furnished complete results of interview with [REDACTED] (Conceal), which took place on 4/29/68, [REDACTED]

The following information is being set forth in the event the Bureau wished to put emphasis on this phase of the investigation. During interview [REDACTED] stated he was [REDACTED] at Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) in [REDACTED] 1966.

MSP record reveal [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] EARL JAMES RAY was in cell [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recalled another inmate, KENNY HURTT, sent out \$15 for subject once purportedly for the purchase of stationery. [REDACTED] said this money was sent to a stationery company in St. Louis, the name he could not recall but no stationery was ever received and RAY later told him it was just a method of getting money out of prison without the warden's knowledge.

EX-116 44-38861-3288  
 Prison record reveals KENNY HURTT, MSP [REDACTED] on 1/20/67, sent a money order in the amount of \$15.25 to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Company, 712A Shanendoah, St. Louis, Missouri. A review of the file reflects that

3 - Bureau  
 2 - Memphis C. C. Bishop  
 2 - Kansas City  
 RBH:WSA

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ALBERT J. PEPPER is a relative of the subject.

[REDACTED] advised that subject also had aspirations of making a big haul and retiring to Mexico. RAY had replied he had stayed with peasants in Mexico before on the outskirts of a town called Campeche, located on Campeche Bay near the Yucatan Peninsula. RAY had advised to [REDACTED] he had gone to this location in Mexico at least twice in the past to cool off from robberies. Subject also stated to [REDACTED] that he had earned money by smuggling in small appliances such as TVs, washing machines in fishing boats, which he sold to peasants, for a profit, who did not want to pay import duty. These appliances were smuggled in from Brownsville, Texas.

Teletype from San Antonio to Director, 5/6/68, advised that approximately 500 shrimp fishing vessels operate out of the Brownsville, Texas area, all of which fish southern Gulf area, including Bay of Campeche. Such boats usually rendezvous in shallow water area commonly known as Campeche Flats within sight of Campeche, Mexico. American seamen are not allowed in port of Campeche except on emergency basis but fishermen desiring to visit places of amusement can usually arrange so clandestinely through Mexicans operating small vessels, known as "bum boats" or "Cayuqueros", which bring women, liquor, marijuana, etc. out to shrimp boats from Campeche, Mexico in exchange for cash, shrimp boat equipment or any other desired articles in possession of such fishermen.

[REDACTED] also stated he had heard RAY refer to Dr. KING as "MARTIN LUTHER COON".

Reporter LEWIS LOMAX, North American Newspaper Alliance in press release dated 4/29/68, stated a phone booth used by RAY in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel had written on the wall "down with Mexicans, niggers and MARTIN LUTHER COON".

In view of the above and in view as much as the information furnished by [REDACTED] that could be checked, was found to be truthful, it is felt that an additional interview with [REDACTED] should be conducted and the Bureau and Memphis are requested to send any suggestions or questions they feel would be pertinent during this interview. It is to be noted that [REDACTED] will continue to be [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] until [REDACTED]

F B I

Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re telephone calls by subject RAY enroute to New Orleans from Los Angeles and Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/30/68.

Re telephone call made from coin telephone at Alpine, Texas on 12/16/67, 6:09 PM, to telephone number [REDACTED] Fort Worth, Texas.

MRS. INA M. JONES, widow of LEON JONES, [REDACTED], Fort Worth, has telephone number [REDACTED]. MRS. JONES is employed by [REDACTED] Fort Worth, Texas. On May 3, 1968, MRS. JONES stated that her daughter, MRS. TROYANNA (LUCIANO) MALDONADO resides at Alpine, Texas where her son-in-law is attending Sul Ross College. She stated that she received a call from her daughter on 12/16/67. She examined the photograph of subject RAY and stated that she had never seen any individual resembling RAY and knew nothing about him.

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C. C. - Bishop

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3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Dallas  
BTC/pac  
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Approved: 66 MAY 15 1968  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

May 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover,

On April 3rd my son [REDACTED] set out for a hitch-hiking trip to Florida. His aim was to see Ft. Lauderdale. He is a college student at the Univ. of Conn. He visited his Aunt in Lake Alfred a couple of days, Ft. Lauderdale and Miami a couple of days, and then decided to see the Florida Keys. On April 10th he was part way down on the Keys at a place called Marathon. A man picked him up there in an old beat up foreign car. As they jogged along the man told him, [REDACTED], that he had just got out of jail that morning in Miami and that he had had the car only two hours. He also said he did not have any plans and didn't know what he was going to do at Key West when he got there. As this did not seem very desirable company [REDACTED] asked to be let out at the first traffic light in Key West. That was the last [REDACTED] saw of the man.

The other day we were talking about all this and it occurred to me that this could have been Galt, the man that shot Martin Luther King. [REDACTED] said he could have been in his thirties but otherwise he can't remember what he looked like.

At this late date this may not be any help to you but it was a bit coincidental time wise and thought you should know about it.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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May 13, 1968

1 - Mr. Hudson

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TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (Enclosures-2)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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MURKIN

SHELTON, CONN.

Re ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ - Complainant:

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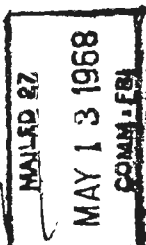
Enclosed for New Haven, Memphis and Miami are two copies of a letter from the above named individual dated 5/8/68, indicating that her son may be in possession of information regarding the subject. New Haven should immediately contact ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and her son to obtain all pertinent information. At time of interview with ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, orally acknowledged receipt of her letter.

1 - Memphis (Enclosures-2)

1 - Miami (Enclosures-2)

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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 8, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach	1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McDonough	1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Martindale	

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It has been alleged that on two prior occasions Ray went to Mexico to cool off after robberies and that on one occasion he lived with peasants at Campeche and smuggled appliances from Brownsville, Texas, by a fishing boat owned by [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Intensive investigation at Brownsville as well as Campeche has failed to develop any information concerning [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Approximately 500 shrimp boats operate out of the Brownsville area and their normal fishing grounds include the Campeche Flats.

American seamen are not allowed to land at Campeche but can arrange to be taken ashore by Mexican "bum boats" which bring women, liquor and marijuana out to the shrimp fleet from Campeche. There is a smuggling trade in small appliances but this reportedly does not extend to television sets and washing machines which Ray allegedly smuggled.

Police at Campeche have files dating back to 1955 on all foreigners who were in trouble with the police or who were fingerprinted because they lacked proper identification. Ray's fingerprints have been checked through these files with negative results.

At Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, a local Immigration Agent has advised of a recent visitor whom he said resembles Ray. Investigation has identified this man as registering at Las Glorias Motel, Puerto Vallarta, 4/19/68 and checking out 4/30/68. He gave his name as [REDACTED] Redding, California, and was accompanied by a woman alleged to be his wife who appeared to be of Mexican extraction.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED] spent four days hunting in the mountains and inquired of the guide as to the possibility of buying a pistol and morphine. He also inquired about going into business at Puerto Vallarta. Some motel employees also state [REDACTED] resembles Ray. Sacramento is conducting investigation at Redding, California.

[REDACTED] Puerto Vallarta, has advised that she was the first prostitute visited by Ray when he was in Puerto Vallarta in October and November, 1967. She states Ray told her when they first met that he was in Puerto Vallarta on a 40-day vacation.

Three officers of the Memphis Police Department have received similar anonymous calls from a man identifying himself only as "Charlie." Charlie alleged that Ray was paid \$50,000 to kill King with the money passing through twelve people before it reached Ray. Charlie claimed Ray was able to spend only about \$10,000 and the arrangements to kill King were made at least three years ago.

According to Charlie, Ray left Memphis immediately after the killing, was out of town in twelve minutes, went to Atlanta, Birmingham, Las Vegas, Phoenix, and then into Mexico.

Charlie stated the man who planned King's death and paid Ray has arranged for Ray's body to be found between 5/15/68 and 5/18/68 in an area 50 miles south of the place where a man from Baltimore was arrested by Mexican police two weeks ago.

It is noted that on 4/24/68 it was widely publicized that Mexican police at Caborca had arrested a hitch hiker who resembled Ray. This man was identified as [REDACTED] Baltimore, who was eliminated as a suspect. Legat, Mexico, is conducting appropriate investigation.

[REDACTED], who requested his identity be protected, has advised he was in St. Louis 5/4-5/68 and contacted [REDACTED] who was in Missouri State Penitentiary with Ray. [REDACTED] allegedly told [REDACTED]

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Ray has called him twice since King was killed, once from New Orleans and again from North Carolina. [REDACTED] reportedly told [REDACTED] Ray is driving a white Camaro and has a submachine gun as well as plenty of money. It is noted that the alleged calls from Ray would be inconsistent with his universal reputation for being a tight-lipped loner.

[REDACTED] has been interviewed and acknowledged he knew Ray in prison. He described Ray as close mouthed and a loner.

[REDACTED] said he was unaware of Ray's escape from prison until the recent publicity after Ray was identified as King's murderer. He denied any contact with Ray or any knowledge of Ray's whereabouts since Ray's escape. [REDACTED]

On the night of 5/7/68 the decomposed body of a white male was found in the trunk of a car at the Atlanta airport. There has been public speculation this might be Ray. The Atlanta Police Department has advised that based on a fingerprint comparison, this body is not identical with Ray. Fingerprints of the deceased have been forwarded to the Bureau for comparison by the Identification Division. The car in which the body was found is a 1964 Chevrolet bearing 1968 Michigan license DC 8114, and is registered to Mary Jane Salvadori and Joan Masters, [REDACTED] Detroit. The Detroit Office is attempting to contact the owners.

On 5/7/68 the Shelby County Grand Jury, Memphis, returned an indictment charging Ray with first degree murder. It was not necessary for Bureau personnel to testify.

ACTION:

All phases of this investigation are being expedited.

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CRRemytel, 5/1/68; KC airtel 5/7/68; HOairtel,  
5/7/68.

Re: [REDACTED]

On 5/9/68 [REDACTED] Texas  
Department of Corrections (TDC), Huntsville, Texas, advised:

On [REDACTED]/65 [REDACTED] received a two year sentence, TDC. His minimum discharge date was [REDACTED]/66. [REDACTED] lost no time and caused no trouble. On [REDACTED]/66 in view of his good behavior he was transferred to the TDC Pre-release Unit, Huntsville. He was placed in a trustee status and as such he picked up another month which accounts for his release on [REDACTED]/66. On [REDACTED]/66 [REDACTED] was discharged with no parole involved. TDC records contain no subsequent information regarding [REDACTED].

Investigation to locate [REDACTED] brother, [REDACTED] reported in the U.S. Army, ASN unknown, for the purpose of locating [REDACTED] is being left to the discretion of Memphis.

- 3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info)  
1 - Houston  
JSW/sjm  
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REC-19

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C. C. Bishop

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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5/9/68

Airtel

To: SAC's Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enc. (3)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel of 5/2/68, submitting a sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68, Q315, and a typewritten advertisement, Q316.

Three latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q315. No latent impressions of value developed on Q316. The three latent fingerprints on Q315 are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #4359420, or with the latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

Q315, Q316, and a copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press," which was also submitted, are enclosed to Los Angeles.

Laboratory reporting separate.

Disposition of a photograph of Eric S. Galt, which was also submitted, separate.

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EX-116

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- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)  
MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel dated 5/1/68, regarding information obtained from Pure Oil Company regarding purchases of gasoline at [REDACTED] Pure Oil Station, Americus, Georgia, on 4/16/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Memphis is one copy each of an insert reflecting investigation conducted at Americus, Georgia. Also enclosed for Savannah are two copies of insert.

For the information of the Savannah Office, [REDACTED] Pure Oil Company Dealer, Americus, Georgia, advised on 4/25/68, that he sold gasoline to an individual on 4/16/68, who closely resembled the 1968 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Chicago Division obtained credit slips for purchases from [REDACTED] on 4/16/68, and, as stated on enclosed insert, [REDACTED] has eliminated all the purchases of that date with the exception of one [REDACTED] Pure Oil Credit Card Number [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Glennville, Georgia.

3-Bureau (Enc. 1)  
1-Memphis (44-1936) (Enc. 1) (Info)  
2-Savannah (Enc. 2)  
2-Atlanta  
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C. C. - Bishop

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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AT 44-2386

LEADS

SAVANNAH

AT GLENNVILLE, GA.

Will ascertain if [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Glennville, Georgia, is identical with JAMES  
EARL RAY.

AT 44-2386

RSK:bjc

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On May 7, 1968, [REDACTED] Pure Oil Station, Americus, Georgia, reviewed the credit card purchase slips which were obtained from the Chicago Office regarding purchases at his station on April 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1968. [REDACTED] advised that all of the purchases which were recorded in his name could be eliminated by him as persons who are known to him with the exception of a purchase made by [REDACTED] Pure Oil Credit-Card Number [REDACTED] observed that this credit card was to expire in July of 1968, and he believed that this was possibly the person to whom he had sold the gas who resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Pure Oil Company, Retail Department, Palatine, Illinois, had furnished the address of [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] Glennville; Georgia.

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ENCLOSURE



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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CR  
 OO: Memphis

[REDACTED] San Francisco, California, telephonically contacted the San Francisco Office on 5/7/68 and requested he be contacted by an Agent.

[REDACTED] was contacted on May 8, 1968 and advised that at about 12:30 p.m. on 4/28/68, he was driving west on Army Street in San Francisco and observed a person he believed resembled JAMES EARL RAY also driving west on Army Street. [REDACTED] stated this person was driving a late model Ford two-door hardtop, dark metallic green in color, Florida license plate which he believed to be [REDACTED]. He stated this individual was alone in the car but there were two or three women's dresses hanging by the left rear window.

Photographs of RAY were exhibited to [REDACTED] who stated he was unable to identify the person he saw in the above-mentioned car, however, he believed the person he saw resembles to some extent JAMES EARL RAY.

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AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA. Will at Department of Motor Vehicles, ascertain registered owner of vehicle issued Florida license plate number [REDACTED] and conduct appropriate investigation.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (RM)
- 2 - Jacksonville (RM) C. Bishop
- 2 - San Francisco

RWJ:bja

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)  
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Boston, 5/8/68,  
advising of telephone call to Bureau (SA [REDACTED])  
from [REDACTED] Boston, regarding lookalike.

[REDACTED] War Memorial Auditorium, Prudential  
Center, Boylston St., Boston, Mass., was interviewed on  
5/9/68, concerning the individual he had seen on 5/8/68,  
in the vicinity of the War Memorial Auditorium. At this  
time, most recent photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited  
to [REDACTED] who was of the opinion that they did not resemble  
very closely the individual he had seen. Dissimilarities  
between RAY and the person seen by [REDACTED] include color of  
hair and height.

[REDACTED] could furnish no information as to the  
identity of this person and stated that he disappeared into  
the pedestrian traffic on Boylston St., which is a busy  
Boston downtown street. [REDACTED] stated he would be on the  
alert for a reappearance of this person and in that event  
he would attempt to obtain more specific information concerning  
him.

No further investigation in this matter is  
contemplated by Boston, UAC.

3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Boston  
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Date: 5/9/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re Legat, Mexico airtel dated 4/23/68.

RALPH B. ANDERSON advised on 5/2/68, he stayed at the Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, Puerto Vallarte, Jalisco, Mexico, for about three days, October 24 - 27, 1967. He stated he spent most of his time on the beach and had little contact with persons at the hotel. He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he does not recall seeing anyone at the Hotel Rio who resembled RAY.

Investigative insert concerning interview of ANDERSON enclosed for Memphis.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

W. B. Bishop

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3-Bureau  
2-Memphis (Enc. 15)  
1-Dallas  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/9/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

ALA. LICENSE [REDACTED]  
SEEN ALLIANCE, OHIO, 5/7/68

Reference is made to Bureau teletype to Mobile, Cleveland and Memphis, 11:15 p.m., 5/7/68, and Mobile teletype to the Bureau and Cleveland, Airmail copy to Memphis, 11:30 a.m., 5/18/68.

Enclosed herewith for Savannah is one copy each of the above-referenced teletypes.

By teletype dated 5/9/68, Cleveland advised that witnesses at Turner Drug Store, Alliance, Ohio, advised that the individual who appeared at the drug store was not identical to RAY. Cleveland also advised that there were no carnivals operating in the Alliance, Ohio, area at present and set forth lead for Mobile at Selma, Ala., to locate and interview [REDACTED] for the process of elimination.

As pointed out in Mobile teletype, 5/8/68, Ala. license [REDACTED] was issued to [REDACTED] Selma, Ala., as a result of a mail order and was forwarded to him, [REDACTED] Augusta, Ga.

③-Bureau  
2-Cleveland (44-565)  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Savannah (Encs. 2)  
1-Mobile  
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15 MAY 11 1968

Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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MO 157-2627

Reference was made to Mobile letter to all Offices, 12/19/67, captioned: "ALA. CAR; ITSMV MATTERS", which set forth information concerning mail order tags which are issued in three Ala. counties within the Mobile Div. These tags may be ordered by letter, wire or telephone or in person and are sent to whatever address is indicated if the person identifies himself as being in the entertainment field or in the military service. A route address is issued on the tag receipt.

This being a mail order tag, there is no indication that [REDACTED] has been in Selma, Ala., or Dallas County, and in the absence of such information, there is no investigation to be made by the Mobile Office in an effort to locate [REDACTED]

SAVANNAH. Will attempt to locate [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] Augusta, Ga., in order that he may be contacted to determine if he could possibly be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

CLEVELAND. Will contact sources at Alliance, Ohio, to develop address of complainant [REDACTED] and interview him in person concerning the individual seen by him.

In the event this investigation at Cleveland and Savannah does not result in location of [REDACTED], it is suggested that Cleveland attempt to trace him through the James H. Drews Shows by contact with "Billboard Magazine", Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Telephone calls from  
public phone on Inter-  
state 10, Texas.

Re Houston airtel to Director, 5/3/68.

Telephone number 206-622-4911 is public phone listed  
to Rocky Mt. Fire and Casualty Company, 2717-3rd Avenue,  
Seattle, Washington.

Mr. KARL J. JAECH, Customer Service Manager, Rocky  
Mt. Fire and Casualty Company, advised no record of incoming  
calls are kept by the Seattle Office of Rocky Mt. Company.

JAECH, in company with SA [REDACTED], personally  
contacted the three telephone operators and receptionists in  
that office, and none of these persons could recall receiving  
a telephone call from Texas.

Mr. JAECH and SA [REDACTED] also checked the collect  
telephone calls billed to Rocky Mt. Company, Seattle Office,  
over December 15, 1967, and there were no collect calls from  
anywhere in Texas.

③ - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Seattle  
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66 MAY 15 1968

Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. JAECH pointed out that Rocky Mt. does not have insurance agencies in Texas, but some possible holder who has moved to Texas, or was passing through that state, might have called Seattle on some type of claim.

Mr. JAECH pointed out that there are only two persons in the Claims Division of Rocky Mt. who handle calls on claims. Mr. JAECH personally contacted these two persons and neither could recall receiving such a telephone call from Texas, but they pointed out such a call from Houston, Texas might have been received in December and they cannot now remember such a call.

They said that if the name of the caller were known, if it pertained to a claim, the call could be verified through their Claims Index Records.

Mr. JAECH determined that this company does not have any insurance claims under the names of JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mr. JAECH said that Rocky Mt. employs approximately 190 persons in their Seattle Office on an average, and it is possible one of these persons might have received this person's call from Texas. He said that since December 1967, there has been the usual turnover of personnel.

Mr. JACK HOWARD, Treasurer of Rocky Mt., and GEORGIA COUGHLIN, office employee of Rocky Mt., were unable to locate any person presently associated with Rocky Mt. in Seattle who received such a call from Texas.

No further action being taken in Seattle on this call.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

FBI WASH DC

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI NEW ORLS

1213PM URGENT 5-9-68 FGC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 2P

MURKIN

RE: LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM  
PAY PHONES LOCATED IN HOUSTON DIVISION  
TO LOUISIANA

IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER, THE HOUSTON DIVISION  
HAS FURNISHED A LIST OF LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS MADE FROM  
PAY PHONES LOCATED ALONG INTERSTATE TEN AND RT. NINETY  
WITHIN THEIR DIVISION FOR DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND  
SEVENTEEN LAST. THESE ARE LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED TO  
LOUISIANA AND IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT SEVERAL OF THESE  
CALLS WERE PLACED TO NON-PUBLISHED PHONES IN NEW ORLEANS.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO., NEW ORLEANS,  
REQUIRES A SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM BE SERVED ON THEM BEFORE  
THEY WILL FURNISH THE IDENTITIES OF THE SUBSCRIBERS OF THE  
NON-PUBLISHED TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN THE IDENTITIES  
OF THE SUBSCRIBERS BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY SUBPOENA.

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THE REVIEW OF THE TELEPHONE CO. RECORDS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED  
WITH FULL SECURITY AND THE BUREAU'S INTEREST WILL BE  
PROTECTED.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. McDonough

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) -3300

MURKIN

REURTEL INSTANT.

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO OBTAIN FEDERAL GRAND JURY  
SUBPOENA FOR PERTINENT TELEPHONE RECORDS, THE REVIEW OF  
WHICH SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH FULL SECURITY AND THE  
BUREAU'S INTEREST FULLY PROTECTED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS

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NOTE: In connection with the Murkin case involving the  
murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., we have been checking telephone  
toll calls made from telephone booths along the route taken by  
subject Ray and Charles Stein in December, 1967, during a trip  
to New Orleans from Los Angeles. Several of these long distance  
calls were placed to nonpublished phone numbers in New Orleans.

New Orleans Office advises that Southern Bell Telephone  
and Telegraph Company in New Orleans requires a subpoena duces tecum  
to serve on the company before they will furnish identity of  
subscribers to nonpublished telephone numbers. New Orleans requests  
authority to obtain identity of subscribers by Federal Grand Jury  
subpoena and states a review of telephone records will be  
accomplished with full security and Bureau's interest will be  
protected.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Date: 5/9/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Buairtel to Philadelphia and Jacksonville dated 5/7/68.

Enclosed for Pittsburgh are a copy of reBuairtel and the enclosure thereto.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Coudersport, Pa.:

On 5/8/68, [REDACTED], Post Office, Coudersport, Pa., advised that there was no mail listing for an [REDACTED] in the Coudersport area.

[REDACTED] stated that there was no listing for an [REDACTED] in the Genese, Pa., directory. He advised that sometimes individuals in the Genese, Pa., area will use a Coudersport RD #2 address.

However, [REDACTED] stated that there had been an 80 year-old woman, one [REDACTED] who formerly had lived in Genese, Pa., and who used the Coudersport RD #2 address. She was currently living in [REDACTED] Tyrone, Pa.

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3-Bureau (44-38861) (RM)  
1-Jacksonville (Info) (RM)  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
2-Pittsburgh (44-578) (Enc.-1) (RM)  
1-Philadelphia (44-1368)  
KKS;bjt

10 MAY 10 1968

C. C. Bishop

Approved: [Signature]  
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Special Agent in Charge

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LEADS

PITTSBURGH

AT TYRONE, PA.

1. Will contact [REDACTED] to obtain any information she might have relating to this case.
2. Will ask [REDACTED] if she knows of any other [REDACTED] who might reside in the Coudersport RD #2 area.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 9, 1968

Re: **MURKIN**  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861  
FBI File No. D-562610 JK  
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: Kansas City  
Reference: Airtel 5/6/68  
Examination requested: Document  
Remarks:

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Kansas City (44-760) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

ADMIN:AWC (10)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 9, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562610 JK

Specimens received 5/7/68

K257 Twenty-one sheets of paper and one copy of a form dated 4/4/58, bearing known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY

ALSO SUBMITTED: One "Inmate Request To Staff Member" form for JACK M. RAY, No. 59602

Result of examination:

The additional known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, represented by K257, does not sufficiently augment the known handwriting of this individual previously received to permit the identification of the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 with this individual.

K257 is temporarily retained.

JHM:AW (10)

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Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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F B I

Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel captioned as above dated 4/26/68 re [REDACTED] and Los Angeles airtel dated 5/1/68 captioned as above re [REDACTED]

Re [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Santa Maria, California, advised on 5/7/68 that he had previously corresponded with the Post Office Department advising he had information which may be of value to the FBI regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[REDACTED] stated he was employed for about two months during 1966 as [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], Santa Monica, California. He could not recall the exact dates of his employment. He continued that when he observed the name and photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT in the newspaper shortly after the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, it "rang a bell" and he felt sure he had seen GALT sometime in the past, most likely at [REDACTED]. He continued that it was possible he may have seen GALT in Hollywood or somewhere else in the Los Angeles area since he remained in Los Angeles until the early part of 1967 when he moved to San Clemente, California.

3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis  
2 - Los Angeles  
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Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] suggested the possibility that the subject, JAMES EARL RAY might have grown a beard and is hiding out with hippies. He stated he had no further information to furnish the FBI.

No further investigation is being conducted regarding information furnished by [REDACTED] inasmuch as the subject was incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the period of time [REDACTED] stated he had observed subject.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1009  
 FBI FILE NO. 44-38861  
 LATENT CASE NO. 91075

May 10, 1968

TO: SAC, New York

RE: MURKIN

REFERENCE: Airtel 5-4-68  
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New York  
 SPECIMENS: One coupon for Modern Photo Bookstore, Q323  
 Letter dated 9-26-67, Q327

This report confirms and supplements Bureau  
 airtel 5-8-68.

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44-38861-3304

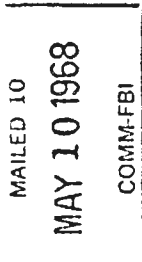
One latent fingerprint of value was developed  
 on the coupon. No latent impressions of value developed  
 on the letter. See the attached page for the result of  
 comparison conducted. Result of laboratory examination  
 and disposition of specimens separate.

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- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 1 - Knoxville
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

GJB:nss  
 (13)

John Edgar Hoover, Director



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Your File No. 44-1609  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Latent Case No. 91075

May 10, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G

The latent print developed on the Modern Photo Bookstore coupon, which bears the name and address "Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama," Q326, is identical with the left thumbprint of James Earl Ray.

The coupon is being returned under separate cover.

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Date: 5/10/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

MURKIN

Re: ERIC RAY, aka  
Earl Ray,  
Friend of [REDACTED]

Re Richmond teletype to the Bureau, 4/26/68; and  
Richmond airtel to the Bureau, 5/6/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED]

On 4/26/68, [REDACTED], Clarksville,  
Va., advised she is a cousin to [REDACTED] nee  
[REDACTED]. She stated that she never traveled to the State of  
Fla. with her cousin, [REDACTED], and, in fact, has never  
left the State of Va. She also advised that to her knowledge  
[REDACTED] has never traveled to Fla. She stated that  
[REDACTED] has had some difficulty with men and her marriage to  
[REDACTED] is her second. She further stated that  
while [REDACTED] was in Vietnam [REDACTED] lived with another  
man in Texas. She said it is her opinion that [REDACTED]  
is trying to get away from [REDACTED]. She stated she does not  
know anyone named ERIC RAY or EARL RAY and never heard [REDACTED]  
mention anyone by that name. She observed photographs  
of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she has never seen anyone who  
resembles the photo nor does she know this man.

- (3) - Bureau
- 2 - El Paso (157-186)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Richmond

REB/pfm

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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On 4/26/68, [REDACTED] Clarksville, Va., advised [REDACTED] is her daughter. She stated that to her knowledge [REDACTED] has never traveled to Fla. at any time and she has never heard her mention an ERIC RAY or EARL RAY. She stated her daughter is having some marital difficulties with her husband, [REDACTED]. She said [REDACTED] visited her in December, 1967, and left in January, 1968, to return to Texas but she has not heard from her since that time. She said she had no idea of her whereabouts until [REDACTED] called her about 4/23/68 and told her he received a letter from [REDACTED] postmarked Saltville, Va. [REDACTED] advised she has no people in Saltville, Va., and did not know why her daughter would be in that section of the state. [REDACTED] further advised that [REDACTED] told her not to worry about [REDACTED] because he had the FBI and Red Cross looking for her and they would find her soon. [REDACTED] observed pictures of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she did not know him nor did she recognize any of the photographs. [REDACTED] advised that should she learn the whereabouts of her daughter, [REDACTED] she would advise this office.

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5:55P  
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VIA TELETYPE

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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4-58 PM URGENT 5-10-68 \*JON

TO DIRECTOR , (44-38861) AND CHICAGO (44-1114) PLAINTEXT  
CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE- CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TEN SIXTY EIGHT.  
CONTACT WITH PRENTICE HALL, INC., ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS,  
N.J. REVEALED THAT COMPANY DOES NOT PUBLISH "MODERN LOCKSMITH-  
ING".

INQUIRY AT LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, LITTLE FALLS, N.J.  
(PROTECT), REVEALED "MODERN LOCKSMITHING" PUBLISHED BY NELSON-  
HALL, THREE TWENTY FIVE JACKSON BLVD., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION SET OUT IN RE TELETYPE  
AT NELSON-HALL.

MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

WA FOR RELAY...LRC

R RELAY FBI WASH DC

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Miss Holmes	_____
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FBI CHICAGO

513PM URGENT 5-10-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ ST. LOUIS /44-775/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/  
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

*The Director*  
*RMF*

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY NINE LAST.

RE ALLEGED BANK ROBBERY OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SOUTHERN  
STATE. REVIEW OF "CHICAGO TRIBUNE" NEWSPAPERS FOR JUNE TWENTY  
THREE TO JULY THIRTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN, REGARDING BANK ROBBERY  
ALLEGED BY [REDACTED] NEGATIVE.

CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE RE BANK ROBBERY OR MAJOR THEFT AT  
THAT TIME. CHICAGO PD AND COOK COUNTY SO CONTACTED RE ANY INFOR-  
MATION OF SUCH ROBBERY OR THEFT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

END

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*Chicago's involvement in the  
robbery to be investigated  
To determine if any  
further action is warranted  
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*cc - [unclear]*

*[Signature]*

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11:20 P  
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FBI MOBILE

954PM URGENT 5-10-68 MMA

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MEMPHIS  
FROM MOBILE

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TFL INSTANT CONCERNING [REDACTED]

MOBILE INDICES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DISCUSSED IN RETEL. NO ACTION INDICATED FOR  
MOBILE BASED ON RETEL.

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FBI ST LOUIS

1119PM URGENT 5-9-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO LITTLE ROCK

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN SUMMARY

RE BUTEL THIS DATE.

RE: [REDACTED] LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED TODAY.

REITERATED INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED. STATED HAD TALKED TO FRIENDS BUT HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. AGAIN EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE.

RE: [REDACTED] FURTHER EFFORTS TO CONNECT WITH SUBJECT OR LOCATE ANY FARM OWNED OR OPERATED BY HIM NEGATIVE.

RE: JERRY RAY. LEFT SL ONE FIFTY FIVE PM ENROUTE CHICAGO EMPLOYMENT. WILL CONTACT CHICAGO OFFICE TOMORROW. LEARNED NOTHING OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS DURING VISIT. BELIEVES CAROL PEPPER AND JOHN RAY SIMILARLY UNINFORMED. REC-31 44-38861-3309

RE: [REDACTED] ALLEGED RAY ACCOMPLICE IN MAY 13 1968

THOUSAND DOLLAR BR IN SOUTHERN STATE JUNE JULY SIXTY SEVEN: THAT CAROL PEPPER AND JOHN RAY STATED SUBJECT IN OMAHA AND LOS ANGELES DURING SAME PERIOD. DECLINED TO FURNISH LOCATION OF BANK OR IDENTITY OF PERSON WHOM INFO RECEIVED AT THIS TIME. BUREAU AND

END PAGE ONE

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INTERESTED OFFICES REQUESTED BY SEPERATE TELETYPE TO MAKE CHECKS TO AID ST. LOUIS IN EVALUATING CREDIBILITY.

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY. REINTERVIEWED. DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS OR CONTACT SINCE ESCAPE. PARTICULARLY DENIED STATEMENT OR KNOWLEDGE THAT SUBJECT IN OMAHA OR LOS ANGELES PRIOR TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS THIS CASE. BELIEVES SUBJECT OUT OF COUNTRY IF ALIVE. RECALLED HE SPOKE HIGHLY OF RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT DURING PRISON VISITS.

RE: CAROL PEPPER. WILL ATTEMPT INTERVIEW TOMORROW. HELD IN ABEYANCE DURING JERRY RAY VISIT.

RE: [REDACTED] NOT LOCATED FOR REINTERVIEW TODAY. CONTINUING CONTACTS INFORMANTS AND SOURCES NEGATIVE AS TO SUBJECT WHEREABOUTS. FELLOW PRISONERS INTERVIEWS, LOOK ALIKE RESOLUTIONS, AND COVERAGE ON RELATIVES CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ST LOUIS

3:12 PM URGENT 5-10-68 DCJ

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND  
SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN

RE: SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

JOHN LARRY RAY CLAIMS SERVED SIX YEARS, EIGHT MONTHS,  
MENARD PENITENTIARY (23401) IN ILLINOIS; AND TWO YEARS, THREE  
MONTHS, INDIANA STATE PRISON (35297).

INDIANAPOLIS AND SPRINGFIELD, REQUESTED TO MAKE CONTACT  
PRISON OFFICIALS, OBTAIN COMPLETE DATA IN FILE REGARDING JOHN  
LARRY RAY INCLUDING ANY CHRONOLOGICAL DATA SHEETS SHOWING  
ACTIVITIES WHILE IN PRISON, ANY DATA REFLECTING DISCIPLINARY  
ACTION, MENTALITY TESTS, OR DIAGNOSTIC REPORTS FROM EVALUATION  
COMMITTEES AND OR PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION. THIS DATA TO BE USED  
FOR EVALUATION AND ASSISTANCE IN CONTINUING CONTACTS AND  
INTERVIEWS WITH JOHN LARRY RAY.

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IF JOHN LARRY RAY KNOWN TO ANY SOURCES AT THESE TWO PRISONS, OBTAIN FROM THESE SOURCES ANY INFO THAT WOULD IDENTIFY CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF JOHN LARRY RAY, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO MIGHT BE FROM OR RESIDING IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA.

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3:15 PM URGENT 5-10-68 DCJ

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760), AND  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P.

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL, MAY SIX, LAST.

ENCLOSURE REGARDING [REDACTED] FROM MSP WITH  
REFERENCED COMMUNICATION DID NOT INCLUDE CHRONOLOGICAL DATA  
SHEET, DIAGNOSTIC CENTER REPORT, OR PAGES OTHER THAN PAGE ONE OF  
CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY, AND ANY INFORMATION POSSIBLY IN HIS  
FILE REGARDING ASSESSMENT BY CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE: RELATIVE  
CORRESPONDENCE AND VISITING LIST NOT INCLUDED.

KANSAS CITY, FURNISH SAME FOR ASSISTANCE IN EVALUATING

[REDACTED] ANSWERS AND REACTIONS IN ANTICIPATED RE-INTERVIEW.

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FBI KAN CITY

533PM URGENT 5-10-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RECORDS BELSAW LOCKSMITH SCHOOL, KANSAS CITY, MO., CONTAIN NO  
RECORD IN THE NAME OF SUBJECT.

REVIEW OF MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) RECORDS REVEAL

TO BE [REDACTED] MSP NUMBER [REDACTED]

ALSO A [REDACTED] MSP NUMBER [REDACTED]

WAS IN CELL J DISCHARGED [REDACTED] SIXTY-SEVEN. INMATE

[REDACTED] MSP NUMBER [REDACTED] DISCHARGED [REDACTED]

EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THESE INDIVIDUALS UNDERWAY.

RECORDS TRANS WORLD AIRLINES, (TWA) KANSAS CITY TICKET NUMBER  
FOUR ZERO FOUR ZERO ONE TWO NINE SIX FOUR ISSUED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DAVENPORT, IA. FLIGHT WAS FROM ATLANTA  
TO CHICAGO TO MOBILE, ILL.

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NUMBERS FOR TWA COACH TICKETS FURNISHED BY NEW YORK BOTH  
CONTAIN TEN DIGITS WHICH TWA STATES IS POSSIBLY AN ERROR INASMUCH  
AS THEY ONLY HAVE NINE DIGITS ON THEIR NUMBERS.

EFFORTS CONTINUING AT MSP TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] LOCAL LEADS  
CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Sullivan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI MEMPHIS

532 PM URGENT 5-10-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

*The L.H. ...  
Tofy*

MURKIN.

FIRST DEGREE MURDER WARRANT RETURNED BY SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., GRAND JURY, HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED. HOWEVER, MEMPHIS NEWSPAPERS HAVE LEARNED OF INDICTMENT AND HAVE PUBLISHED FACT THAT INDICTMENT WAS RETURNED.

IDENTIFICATION ORDERS BEING CIRCULATED TO LARGER EMPLOYERS IN THE MEMPHIS AREA AND STOPS BEING PLACED WITH ALL POSSIBLE PUBLIC AGENCIES.

CONTACT WITH CRIMINAL, SECURITY AND RACIAL INFORMANTS CONTINUES, AS WELL AS THE ELIMINATION OF LOOK ALIKES.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI LOS ANG.

8:38PM URGENT 5-10-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, PHOENIX, AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

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RE FUTURA BOOKS INC, AND CANADIAN MONEY ORDER:

~~REDACTED~~ FUTURA BOOKS, INC., TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA  
LOCATED COPY OF ORDER BLANK RECEIVED BY THIS CONCERN FROM ERIC  
S. GALT, TWO FIVE EIGHT FOUR NOTRE DAME EST, MONTREAL, CANADA  
ON JULY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY SEVEN. ORDER WAS FOR THREE BOOKS  
ENTITLED ~~QUOTE~~ "SEXUAL ANATOMY" ~~END QUOTE~~, ~~QUOTE~~ "UNUSUAL FEMALE SEX  
PRACTICES" ~~END QUOTE~~ AND ~~QUOTE~~ "SEX FEELING IN MEN AND WOMEN" ~~END~~  
~~QUOTE~~. EACH BOOK PRICED AT THREE DOLLARS. GALT ALSO REQUESTED  
FREE ILLUSTRATED CATALOG. APPLICATION SYMBOL REVEALED ORDER BLANK  
TAKEN FROM AD PLACED IN ~~QUOTE~~ "MEN'S REAL ADVENTURE" ~~END QUOTE~~  
MAGAZINE. ORDER FILLED AND SENT GALT AT CANADIAN ADDRESS ON JULY TWENTY  
SIX SIXTY SEVEN.

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RE AD TAKEN BY GALT IN FREE PRESS AND THE LOCAL SWINGER

U.S. POSTAL INSPECTOR, LOS ANGELES FURNISHED ~~POSTAL FORM~~ ~~ONE~~  
FIVE EIGHT THREE EXECUTED BY ERIC S. GALT, ON FEBRUARY ONE 1968  
EIGHT DESIGNATING ~~REDACTED~~, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA AS  
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RECEIVING AGENT FOR MAIL ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT, ERIC S. OR E.S.G., FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND STREET, ALHAMBRA. FORM SUBMITTED TO FBI LAB FOR EXAMINATION TODAY.

RE EATING PLACES

DON M. MURPHY, OWNER ~~QUOTE~~ PAMPERED PUP ~~END QUOTE~~ WALK-UP EATING STANDS LOCATED AT ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN VINE STREET AND ONE SEVEN ONE FIVE NORTH WESTERN AVENUE AND ~~QUOTE~~ "THE FOLIC ROOM" ~~END QUOTE~~ SIX TWO FOUR FIVE HOLLYWOOD BLVD, ALL LOS ANGELES WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY. STATED HE RECALLS RAY AS CUSTOMER OF THE RABBIT'S FOOT, SULTAN ROOM AND PAMPERED PUP. MURPHY SAID HE HIMSELF FREQUENTS THESE SAME BARS ON OCCASION. HE RELATED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH RAY IN MANNER OF IDLE BAR CHATTER. SAID HE CANNOT REMEMBER SPECIFIC NATURE OF CONVERSATION. MURPHY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S ASSOCIATES AND DID NOT KNOW RAY BY NAME.

RE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

ALAN THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL ADVISED HE RECEIVED PERSON TO PERSON PREPAID TELEPHONE CALL AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, NUMBER FOUR SIX FOUR DASH ONE ONE THREE ONE, FROM UNKNOWN PERSON ALLEGEDLY CALLING FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA DURING EVENING OF MAY NINE LAST OR EARLY MORNING MAY TEN INSTANT. CALLER ASKED ~~QUOTE~~ "HOW'S THE MURDER COMING AT THE ST. FRANCIS" ~~END QUOTE~~ AND THEN HUNG UP.

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PHOENIX DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF DETERMINING IDENTITY OF

CALLER. CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF WOODY LUNSFORD MAKING CALL.

NEIGHBORHOOD OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

CONTACT WITH NUMEROUS BARTENDERS VICINITY OF ST. FRANCIS

HOTEL ESTABLISH RAY, ALTHOUGH NOT NOTICEABLY IN POSSESSION OF

LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY, ALWAYS SEEMED TO HAVE SUFFICIENT

FUNDS. CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS AND INFORMANTS HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF

NARCOTICS, PROSTITUTION, BOOKMAKING, GAMBLING IN AND ABOUT THE

VICINITY OF HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AVE. AREA HAVE NOT ESTABLISHED

RAY TO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS A SOURCE

OF FUNDS.

RE PHONE CALLS BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND NEW ORLEANS.

ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR.,

LOS ANGELES, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. THOMAS ADVISED

WHILE EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FOR BURIAL OF BROTHER,

LESTER THOMAS, HE ENCOUNTERED SNOW STORMS ON MOST OF ROUTE FROM

LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. THOMAS ADVISED HIS WIFE MADE TELEPHONE

CALLS TO THE RESIDENCE OF HIS PARENTS WHO RESIDE IN NEW ORLEANS,

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] FROM THOMAS.

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ARIZONA AND EL PASO, TEXAS. THE CALL FROM EL PASO, TEXAS TO THE BEST OF MR. THOMAS' RECOLLECTION, WAS MADE ON TWELVE SIXTEEN LAST FROM A PAY TELEPHONE BOOTH LOCATED NEAR MC DONALD HAMBURGER STAND.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED TO ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR., WHO ADVISED HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL DEPICTED IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS AND TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE HAS NEVER SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL ON ANY PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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AIR MAIL COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS AND EL PASO.

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FBI WASH DC

CC: Mr. Conrad

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Date: 5/10/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)  
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Boston, 4/19/68, and  
Bureau airtel to Boston, 5/9/68.

On 4/19/68, [REDACTED], Dorchester, Mass., advised that on the evening of 4/16/68, at approximately 9:10 pm, he picked up a person, whom he believed fit the description of ERIC STARVO GALT with a girl companion in his taxicab. He stated that he picked up these two individuals across the street from the Boston City Hospital and was told by the man to take them to Beacon St., to the best of his recollection, to the 300 or 400 block. As they were proceeding to that destination, when they reached the corner of Commonwealth Ave., and Massachusetts Ave., Boston, the man told [REDACTED] to let them off there, stating that he planned to pickup something at the liquor store, across the street.

According to [REDACTED] the man had a southern drawl and seemed to be feigning an Irish or Scottish accent when he talked. [REDACTED] could not remember any of the conversation carried on between the man and the woman while they were in his taxicab and when questioned closely concerning the original destination of the couple, he stated that he was not at all sure that it was the 300 or 400 block on Beacon Street, but

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that somehow those numbers stick in the back of his mind.  
[REDACTED] furnished the following description of the man:

Race:	White
Height:	5' 10" - 5' 11"
Weight:	170 pounds
Age:	36
Hair:	Dark, combed straight back
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Medium
Characteristics	Seemed to walk with a limp
Clothing:	Wearing a dark rain or shine coat, with no hat and no tie - neat appearance.

[REDACTED] could furnish no additional information concerning this individual.

By personal observation of the area around Commonwealth Ave., and Mass. Ave., it was noted that the only liquor store was Fennell and Co., Liquor Store, at 59 Mass. Ave., Boston, Mass.

On 4/19/68, NORMAN GILBERTSON, Fennell and Co., Liquor Store, 59 Mass. Ave.; advised that he is the manager of the liquor store and that he was on duty on the night of 4/16/68. He stated that he could not recall a man and a woman coming into that store that evening who fit the description furnished by [REDACTED]. GILBERTSON advised that he has been conducting the management of this liquor store for several years and after seeing photographs of GALT, he advised that he knew of no one in the area who resembles the photos. He stated, however, that he would be on the lookout for anyone resembling GALT and would notify the FBI expeditiously, if anyone came to his attention resembling GALT.

On 4/19/68, CY KASSEL, and GLADYS SPRAGUE, Kenmore Pharmacy, 65 Mass. Ave., Boston, Mass., were interviewed for any information concerning the unsub, and his companion with negative results.

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On 4/19/68, [REDACTED] Information Center, Boston City Hospital, 818 Harrison Ave., Boston, Mass., checked hospital records for all individuals who were discharged from the hospital on 4/16/68. She advised that no one was discharged from the hospital on that date under the name ERIC STARVO GALT or any of his aliases.

On 4/19/68, the following individuals were contacted for any information concerning the unsub and his companion with negative results:

WILLIAM ABRAMS, [REDACTED] Beacon St., Boston

ABBIEY RAINEY, [REDACTED] Beacon Street, Boston

BRUCE CARRUTHERS, [REDACTED] Beacon St., Boston

THOMAS KEARNEY, [REDACTED] Beacon St., Boston

ANDREW BELANGER, [REDACTED] Beacon St., Boston

In view of the unspecific nature of complainant's information, and the fact that investigation to identify the suspects, based on complainant's information was unproductive, no additional investigation in this matter is contemplated by Boston, UAC.

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

RE:                      - Complainant

Re Buairtels 4/26/68 and 5/7/68; WFO airtel 5/2/68.

                     contacted by WFO on 5/3/68 and advised that on 4/18/68, between 6:20 and 6:30 p. m., he observed an individual in the 1800 block of Columbia Road, N. W., who resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and that he subsequently saw this individual go to the Promenade Apartments, 1884 Columbia Road, N. W.

Investigation at the Promenade Apartments and vicinity between 5/3/68 and 5/8/68 failed to identify any individual resembling the photograph of RAY.

WFO has alerted sources in this area to advise WFO if the individual described by        is seen in the vicinity of the Promenade Apartments.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
DENVER (157-203), ALBUQUERQUE AND LAS VEGAS  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

REMYTEL MAY SEVEN LAST.

RE LOOK ALIKE JAMES EARL RAY, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, MAY THREE LAST.

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL UNITED AIR LINES (UAL) FLIGHTS  
CHECKED MAY NINE LAST: FIVE SEVEN ONE, MAY ONE: TWO FOUR  
THREE, MAY ONE; ONE SIX THREE, MAY TWO: ONE SIX NINE, MAY  
ONE AND TWO; WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS RE CARL RAY. REMAINING  
FLIGHTS TO BE CHECKED: THREE FIVE NINE, MAY TWO: FIVE SEVEN  
ONE, MAY TWO: EIGHT FIVE SEVEN, MAY ONE

RE TEL INCORRECTLY STATED FLIGHT FIVE SEVEN  
SEVEN ONE. CORRECT FLIGHT IS FIVE SEVEN ONE.

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Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI KAN CITY

1128 AM URGENT 5/10/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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MURKIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL MAY SEVEN LAST.

WARDEN, MO. STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED NO PSYCHIATRIC  
EVALUATION OF [REDACTED] WAS MADE AT MSP. HOWEVER, HE  
REMEMBERS THE INDIVIDUAL AND HAD A NOTATION ON HIS FILE WHICH READ  
AS FOLLOWS: "THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS NO INTEGRITY WHATSOEVER, TOLD  
TRUTH ONLY WHEN IT WOULD SERVE HIS PURPOSES. HE IS COMPLETELY  
UNRELIABLE." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE WARDEN AGAIN  
STATED THAT HE WOULD PUT NO RELIABILITY IN ANYTHING [REDACTED] TOLD  
HIM.

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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
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FBI MOBILE

12-19 PM URGENT 5-10-68 JEB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO ME.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO THE BUREAU, TWELVE TWENTY PM,  
MAY NINE INSTANT.

MONROEVILLE, ALA. TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBSCRIBED TO BY BOYD RAY HILLEY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MONROEVILLE, ALA. PD AND SO, MONROEVILLE,

NEGATIVE RE HILLEY BUT BELIEVES HAS GOOD REPUTATION. OFFICE

INDICES NEGATIVE. HILLEY EMPLOYED AS SUPERVISOR AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MONROEVILLE, ALA. P.

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Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	<i>PX</i>
Mr. Rosen	<i>PX</i>
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI CHICAGO

1246PM URGENT LMA

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHARLOTTE (44-1365).

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

*(C)*  
MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL MAY NINE LAST.

RE LOOK ALIKE O'HARE AIRPORT MAY EIGHT LAST.

ON MAY NINE LAST ALL PERSONNEL SERVING PUBLIC IN  
"PANCAKE HOUSE" AND "COFFEE SHOP", O'HARE AIRPORT, CONTACTED  
RE INFO FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] NO ONE REMEMBERED ANY  
CUSTOMER FITTING DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT. ALL PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN.

MISS LYDIA DAVRE, UNDOUBTEDLY WAITRESS DESCRIBED BY  
[REDACTED] CONTACTED MAY NINE LAST, ADVISED DID REMEMBER WHITE  
MALE, THIRTY FIVE TO THIRTY NINE, FIVE FT. EIGHT, ONE SIXTY FIVE  
ONE SEVENTY LBS., WEARING BLUE JACKET, SEATED BY HIMSELF AT  
TABLE FOR FOUR IN "PANCAKE HOUSE" AND THIS PERSON CREATED  
SOMEWHAT OF A DISTURBANCE. STATED DUE TO FEW NO. CUSTOMERS  
IN RESTAURANT AT TIME, FEELS POSITIVE SHE WOULD HAVE REMEMBERED  
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ANYONE IN RESTAURANT FITTING DESCRIPTION OF RAY.

DAVRA RECONTACTED THIS DATE, SINCE DESCRIPTION OF  
RESTAURANT FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] UNDOUBTEDLY "PANCAKE HOUSE".

DAVRA STILL CERTAIN NO ONE RESEMBLING SUBJECT IN RESTAURANT  
AT TIME SET OUT BE [REDACTED]

AMCC TO MEMPHIS.

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Date 5/10/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN  
CR

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau 5/8/68 regarding  
the interview with [REDACTED]

Memphis desires that your interviews with  
[REDACTED] develop all possible background information  
concerning the subject, with particular attention to any  
plans he might have had to leave this country to go either  
to Mexico or Canada, and any plans he might have had to  
leave either of these countries in order to migrate to  
still a third country. As you are aware, subject left  
the U. S. following his escape from the Missouri State  
Penitentiary, and for a time was known to be at Montreal,  
Canada. Investigation has discovered that subject  
corresponded with an individual at Washington, D. C.,  
regarding the possibility of migrating to Rhodesia. Your  
interview should develop all possible information regarding  
any prison rumors regarding escape routes through Canada  
to Rhodesia or to other countries where extradition might  
be resisted.

You are requested to obtain any possible  
information regarding subject's smuggling activities while  
in Mexico and to determine whether or not [REDACTED]  
thinks the subject was truthful or was merely engaging  
in conversation when discussing the possibility of  
smuggling.

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sg. Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Special Agent in Charge

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In view of the fact that the subject is known to have had at least \$2,000 during late August 1967, you should fully explore any knowledge the subject might have had regarding narcotics smuggling or any plans he might have had for pulling an armed robbery of a place that might have on hand a considerable sum of money, such as a supermarket, loan company, payroll, etc.

You should keep in mind that we have no idea at present where this subject may be hiding and any information in the possession of [REDACTED], no matter how trivial, may be of extreme importance. Consequently you should not limit your investigation to those items listed above, but should fully explore [REDACTED] knowledge and memory concerning the subject.

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1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

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TO: SACS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, MEMPHIS  
ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

RECGTEL MAY TEN LAST RE [REDACTED]

RECORD LOCATED FOR A PERSON BY NAME OF [REDACTED]

UNDER FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]

IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET TEN  
INCHES, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, GREEN EYES,  
BORN [REDACTED] REVIEW OF

IDENTIFICATION RECORD CONTAINS NO PLACES OF INCARCERATION  
IDENTICAL TO THAT OF SUBJECT RAY. IDENTIFICATION RECORD  
ON [REDACTED] BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

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1 - Mr. Long

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URGENT

TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN.

DETROIT OFFICE HAS ADVISED THAT

[REDACTED] ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, IS UNABLE TO

FURNISH ANY MORE INFORMATION REGARDING HIS CONVERSATION WITH

[REDACTED] OPERATOR OF [REDACTED] KILOMETER

EIGHTYSEVEN, DEPARTMENT OF TECTAN, GUATAMALA, THAN WAS

ORIGINALLY PROVIDED BY DETROIT. [REDACTED]

COPY BY MAIL TO MEMPHIS.

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HEH: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (5) [REDACTED]

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Date: 5/11/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

At 9:35 pm, on 5/10/68, [REDACTED] in Assistant Director ROSEN's office at the Bureau, called Weekend Supervisor [REDACTED] of the New York Office and stated that at 9:30 pm, on 5/10/68, an anonymous male caller contacted the Bureau switchboard and said he was calling from Brooklyn, New York.

A Bureau supervisor took the call and the caller said he had a tip on the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The caller then stated [REDACTED]

The Bureau supervisor, at this point, inquired if this address was in Brooklyn, NY, and the caller said he could say no more and hung up.

The Brooklyn, New York Telephone Directory lists [REDACTED] with an office at [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York, telephone number [REDACTED] and his residence at [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York, telephone number [REDACTED]

The New York Office indices contain no identifiable references.

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1 - New York

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(7) C.C. Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

NY 44-1609

[REDACTED]  
lists the following as to [REDACTED], who is a member of [REDACTED]

Office:

[REDACTED]  
Brooklyn, New York 11226

Date of Birth:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] interviewed at his office, [REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY, on 5/11/68, advised that he had no information concerning this case and did not telephone the FBI on the evening of 5/10/68. He advised, however, that he and his wife have received several annoying telephone calls, both at his residence and office since 1/1/68. In addition, several anonymous calls have been made concerning him to the New York Police Department, Fire Department, and to a local catering establishment, all of which have caused him embarrassment. On 5/10/68, at 8:15 pm, he received an anonymous call telling him to "drop dead."

These calls have been reported to the 63rd Precinct

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for investigation. He suspects the caller to be either [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY, or [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Brooklyn. He described these  
two boys as "psychos" who have had a lot of trouble with the  
police. [REDACTED] is his nephew. He believes the purpose of  
the call to the FBI was only to cause him more emparassment.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 11, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McDonough	1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Martindale	

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

John Larry Ray, brother of the subject, advised that when he visited Ray in prison, Ray spoke highly of the Rhodesian Government.

[REDACTED] an old man on the verge of senility, [REDACTED] previously advised he taught Ray to be a burglar. He is rambling in his conversation and in interviewing him it is difficult to separate facts from his personal conjectures.

[REDACTED] now states that on about 6/23-24/67 he read in the Chicago "Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank robbery in a Southern state and recalled that he and Ray cased the same bank in 1958 or 1959 but did not rob the bank at that time because [REDACTED] injured his leg.

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A few days after reading the above article, [REDACTED] claims he was visited by a man he refuses to name but whom he believes he introduced to Ray in 1959. This man told [REDACTED] he and others had robbed the bank, displayed a valise full of money and gave [REDACTED] \$250. About six weeks ago this man again visited [REDACTED] and allegedly indicated to him that Ray and one or more other persons had been involved with him in the bank robbery.

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[REDACTED] refuses at this time to identify the bank or the man who visited him. He does say the bank is in the deep South, in a state like Mississippi, but not in Mississippi, in a city that is not small and is near a river. The robbers were out of the state in five minutes and the loot amounted to \$50,000 plus or minus \$2,000. A sizeable amount in the vault was overlooked.

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

The Chicago "Tribune" and bank robbery cases are being reviewed to determine if such a robbery actually occurred.

A few days after [REDACTED] received the above \$250, he claims that Ray's sister, Carol, and Ray's brother, John, told him Ray was not in Missouri. A week or so later they said Ray was in Omaha doing well, [REDACTED] believes, as a salesman. After another week or so Carol and John allegedly told [REDACTED] Ray was in Los Angeles. They did not tell him how they knew of Ray's movements or whether they had been in direct contact with him. Carol and John continue to deny to us that they have any knowledge of the subject since his escape from prison.

ACTION:

All aspects of this investigation are being vigorously pursued and we are continuing intensive efforts to develop the full cooperation of [REDACTED] and Ray's relatives.

*Rpm* *CHUB* *A* *7* *Wm* *JS*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: May 12, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Adams 1 - Mr. Trotter  
1 - Mr. Conrad 1 - Mr. Bishop

With regard to the body of the unidentified man discovered by Mexican Police, [REDACTED] Legat, Mexico, telephonically advised at 2:40 p.m., 5-11-68, he is unable to make comparison of fingerprints taken by local police with prints of Ray on wanted flyer due to very poor impressions obtained by local police and deteriorated condition of body when prints taken. The body has been reburied and another set of prints cannot be secured; therefore, the fingerprints will be sent to Washington, D.C., in order that an effort can be made by the Identification Division to identify or eliminate the prints with those in the fingerprint jacket of Ray.

[REDACTED] telephonically advised at 6:50 p.m., 5-11-68, the fingerprints noted above were being sent on Eastern Airlines Flight #910, scheduled to arrive at Dulles Airport at 10:04 p.m., and would be in possession of [REDACTED]. Also enclosed with these prints will be an envelope containing a blood specimen imbedded in sand which was furnished by Mexican Police.

[REDACTED] informed the local newspapers on 5-11-68, contained an article about the possibility the unknown body may be Ray and stated Mexican Police authorities had furnished fingerprints of the body to the United States Embassy for forwarding to the FBI. [REDACTED] was furnished this information.

Special Agent [REDACTED] Washington Field Office, was instructed to have a Bureau Agent meet the mentioned flight at Dulles Airport and deliver the prints to Room 6136, Identification Division Building. Mr. Latona of Identification Division was requested to arrange to have the fingerprints received from Legat, Mexico compared with prints of Ray and advise of the results.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen  
RE: MURKIN

Mr. Bonebrake of Identification Division advised at 11:55 p.m., 5-11-68, it was not possible to make a determination whether the prints were or were not identical with those of Ray.

[REDACTED] telephonically advised at 12:10 a.m., 5-12-68, the only other data available as to identification of the body in Mexico are photographs taken by local police and these photographs are not considered very good, especially in view of deteriorated condition of the body.

[REDACTED] suggested the possibility be explored to have one of our experts come down to Mexico to act as a "consultant" in connection with obtaining a better set of prints, provided arrangements might be made to have the body exhumed again.

On 5-12-68, efforts are being initiated by Serology in the Laboratory to examine the blood samples to determine the possibility of any identifiable feature for use in future identification of the body.

Evidence consisted of sandy  
pebbles bearing human blood  
but quantity of blood was  
insufficient for grouping

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Date: 5/8/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: Memphis

Re Las Vegas teletype 5/4/68; Houston airtel--  
5/3/68, and Los Angeles airtel dated 5/3/68 (Legat; Mexico City  
airtel, 4/23/68).

The following investigation concerning [REDACTED]  
was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on 5/7/68:

[REDACTED] Ticket Agent, Frontier Airlines,  
McCarran Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised that he recalled  
[REDACTED] being ticketed by him in April. He said he recalled  
the man because of a mixup in the ticketing. [REDACTED] described  
[REDACTED] as being about 5'8" to 5'10" but could not recall other  
physical features. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited  
to [REDACTED] who was unable to identify these photographs with [REDACTED]

Telephone numbers called from Interstate 10 in Texas:

Las Vegas telephone number [REDACTED] is unlisted.  
Federal Grand Jury meets at Las Vegas on 5/14/68. Information  
requested in referenced Houston airtel will be subpoenaed at that  
time and information determined will be obtained.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
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The following investigation was conducted at Las Vegas, Nevada, on 5/7/68, by SA [REDACTED] Lead set forth in LA airtel, 5/3/68 (Legat; Mexico City airtel, 4/28/68).

CONSUELO MARIN, [REDACTED], Las Vegas, Nevada, on 5/7/68, advised that during October, 1967, she and her mother JOSEFINA VARELA, visited Mexico. They spent time in Guadalajara and when they left were told that the Hotel Rio, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, was an inexpensive place to stay. On their return to Mexico D.F. they stopped for two days at the Hotel Rio.

Mrs. MARIN said they did not associate with persons at the Hotel and their only contact with persons other than Mexican citizens, was with a Canadian couple they had met in Guadalajara.

Mrs. MARIN viewed the photograph of the individual wearing sunglasses and stated she did not recall seeing this person at the Hotel Rio or in Puerto Vallarta. She also viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said she had seen those likenesses in the newspaper in connection with killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and did not recall seeing this person in Mexico.

Mrs. MARIN said she would immediately contact the Las Vegas Office should she recall any information concerning hotel guests at the Hotel Rio.

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Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith is additional background information obtained from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) on individuals released since 4/1/67 residing in the Los Angeles area.

In view of the fact subject spent much of his time in Los Angeles under the name ERIC GALT after his escape from MSP, it is felt the following former inmates should be contacted in the event they can furnish any information regarding him. The following is a list of these individuals and their most recent address as furnished by MSP records:

██████████, MSP #██████████, Garden Grove, California, paroled ██████████/67.

██████████, MSP #██████████, Los Angeles, California.

██████████, MSBP#██████████, Compton, California.

██████████, MSP #██████████, Santa Ana, California.

██████████, MSP #██████████, Los Angeles, California.

██████████, MSP #██████████, Hawthorne, California.

██████████, MSP #██████████, Los Angeles, California.

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- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Memphis
- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Kansas City

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Handwritten notes and signatures, including "Cord" and "Detached".

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The list attached hereto contains more complete background information obtained from the MSP records. It is noted that all these individuals list relatives in areas other than Los Angeles and if investigation fails to locate them in the Los Angeles area, it is requested that that office set out additional leads to locate them for interview.

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Date: 5/6/68

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ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (P)

MURKIN

Re PX teletypes 4/21, 22 and 25/68; and DE teletype 4/30/68, all regarding [REDACTED].

Enclosed for Detroit is the tape of the anonymous telephone call to Coconino County Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] on 4/20/68 concerning [REDACTED].

Detroit is requested to have [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] Saline, Michigan, listen to the enclosed tape to see if she can identify the caller who is now indicated possibly to have been [REDACTED], himself.

Detroit is also requested to obtain from [REDACTED] if available, other suitable tape recordings of [REDACTED] and forward them with enclosed tape to the FBI Laboratory for comparison and possible identification.

The Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, is requested to compare the fingerprints of [REDACTED], FBI No. [REDACTED], with any unidentified latents available in this case.

*cc detached in Lab* ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
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To: SAC's Phoenix (44-371)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 3329

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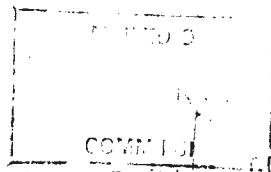
Re Phoenix airtel 5/8/68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported in case  
are not identical with the fingerprints [REDACTED] FBI  
[REDACTED] No palm prints Identification Division files for [REDACTED].

1 - Detroit (44-939)

1 - Mr. Rosen

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
    (Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

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**MURKIN**  
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**OO: Memphis**

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## Denver

Examination requested by:

**Airtel 5/4/68**

Reference:

Document - Fingerprint

Examination requested:

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the latent fingerprint examination and disposition of Q325.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Denver, Los Angeles and Memphis dated 5/7/68.

For information, some handwriting characteristics in common were noted between the Carl Ray signature on Q325 and the known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY. 20461 2-

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 10, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562560 JK

Specimens received 5/7/68

Q325 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped  
date May1, '68, signed "Carl Ray"

Result of examination:

Some differences were noted between the "Carl Ray"  
signatures on Q325 when compared with the signatures in this  
name appearing on Q322 (Frontier Airlines temporary credit card),  
but the limited nature of the questioned signature precluded  
a definite opinion from being reached.

Because of the limited questioned material and the lack  
of significant handwriting characteristics, it could not be  
determined whether the "Carl Ray" signature on Q325 was prepared  
by JAMES EARL RAY.

Q325 is temporarily retained. This specimen was  
photographed.

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Date: 5/10/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is Gordon Hotel Registration Card No. 6960, in name of ERNEST S. GAULT.

On 5/7/68, Mr. JOHN R. MIZE, owner, - manager, Gordon Hotel, 211 Mitchell Street, S.W., Atlanta, telephonically advised that he, while going through his records, located a card in the name ERNEST S. GAULT.

On same date MIZE was contacted, at which time he turned over a registration card in the name ERNEST S. GAULT, [REDACTED], Little Rock, Ark., indicating GAULT registered into Room 214 of the Gordon Hotel on 3/29/68, and checked out at 6:00 A.M., on 4/4/68. Mr. MIZE advised GAULT would have written out his name, address, city and state on the face of this card and the remainder of the writing would have been written by hotel employees.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM) **ENCLOSURE**  
 2 - Memphis  
 2 - Little Rock  
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Special Agent in Charge



AT 44-2386

DOUGLAS WATSON, Night Clerk, Gordon Hotel, advised he would have been the individual who checked GAULT out at 6:00 A.M., 4/4/68, as the initials "D.W." on the reverse side of this card were written by him. Mr. WATSON advised that the clerk checking GAULT into the hotel would have been ROGER SCHWALBIE, who is formerly from Parkersburg, W. Va., [REDACTED] Mr. WATSON advised he could not recall the description or any other details concerning ERNEST S. GAULT. He did advise GAULT stayed on the third floor of this hotel, which is a very transient type hotel and no other individuals who are presently guests of the hotel would recall GAULT.

[REDACTED]

The FBI Lab is requested to compare handwriting on enclosed card with known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. Upon completion of examination, card should be returned to Atlanta and results of examination furnished all interested offices.

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LITTLE ROCK

At Little Rock, Arkansas:

Will attempt to locate ERNEST S. GAULT at [REDACTED] and interview for any connection regarding captioned matter or subject.

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Section 34

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>ST. LOUIS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/10/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/5 - 5/10/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE, I. O. 4182; W. F. 442-A; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>jtc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

REFERENCE:

Memphis reports of SA JOE C. HESTER dated  
4/17/68 and 4/30/68.

STATUS:

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ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Will continue efforts to locate subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - NONE

Case pending over one year - no; Pending prosecution over six months-no

APPROVED <b>[Signature]</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		REC-4
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IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT'S FATHER:

The following was an attempt to identify one JERRY RAY, believed to be the father of subject, who was supposed to reside on a farm near Hannibal, Missouri, and to be on social security.

[REDACTED] Regional Social Security Office, Hannibal, Missouri, advised SA [REDACTED] on April 19, 1968, a check of his records failed to disclose any individual named JERRY RAY receiving social security payments in the Hannibal area or actually in the State of Missouri.

On the same date, [REDACTED] Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Hannibal, Missouri, advised SA [REDACTED] that a JERRY RAYNES of Center, Missouri, is a subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED]

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RAY Relatives: JERRY RAYNES, Father

AT CLARENCE, MISSOURI

[REDACTED], Clarence, Missouri, advised SA [REDACTED] on April 25, 1968, he was never acquainted with any person named JAMES GERALD RAY or JERRY RAYNES, and that he could find no reference to any individual by those names in the Post Office records.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

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RE: - RAY RELATIVES  
RAY ASSOCIATES

On April 24, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO., (protect identity), advised  
SA [REDACTED] that there is no telephone listed on unlisted for  
JOHN LARRY RAY of [REDACTED] St. Louis, Mo.

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RE: HARVEY LOHMEYER, PALMYRA, MISSOURI

The following concerns investigation conducted by SA [REDACTED] in an effort to locate one HARVEY LOHMEYER and wife, LENORA, who resided near Palmyra, Missouri, 1956 to 1958:

AT PALMYRA, MISSOURI:

[REDACTED] advised his records show an undated forwarding order for LENORA LOHMEYER from [REDACTED] Palmyra, Missouri, to [REDACTED] Hannibal, Missouri. He stated there was no forwarding order for HARVEY LOHMEYER and to his knowledge HARVEY LOHMEYER has not resided in Palmyra, Missouri, since 1958. He was of the opinion that HARVEY LOHMEYER had at one time been employed [REDACTED] in Palmyra.

AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI:

[REDACTED] advised on April 9, 1968, he had no record for a forwarding order or any other action taken in behalf of any individual named HARVEY or LENORA LOHMEYER. He was not acquainted with any individuals by those names.



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RE: TELEPHONE BOOTH, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at St. Louis, Missouri:

On May 9, 1968, Mrs. LONELLE HENAGER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] St. Johns, Missouri, (telephone [REDACTED]) who is em-  
ployed at [REDACTED] Univer-  
sity City, Missouri, (telephone [REDACTED]) advised that she  
last heard from her brother, A. F. COOK, JR., better known  
as "BUD", on her birthday, February 22, 1968, when he tele-  
phonically contacted her. He indicated he was calling from  
a bar in Los Angeles, California, and said he was some sort  
of a manager at an automobile agency, possibly Oldsmobile.  
He sounded as though he had been drinking at the time.

Mrs. HENAGER said that she did not know his current  
address or employment. She suggested contact with his last  
wife, CATHY, who in 1965, resided [REDACTED] Covina,  
California, telephone [REDACTED]

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RE: INFORMANT CHECKS

The various confidential informants and sources, some of whom are familiar with some phases of criminal activities, others of whom are familiar with some phases of subversive activities, others of whom are familiar with some phases of hate groups, and others who are familiar with some aspects of racial conditions, within the territory covered by the St. Louis Division, advised between April 5 and 9, 1968, that no information has come to their attention concerning the identity of the killer of KING, or regarding any plans on the part of any individual or group known to them to cause KING's death.

Between April 18 and 22, 1968, they advised persons named ERIC STARVO GALT or KARL GALT were unknown to them.

Between April 22 and 24, 1968, they advised they had no knowledge or information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

They have been alerted to immediately report any information coming to their attention regarding this case and are being contacted on a continuing bases.

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LOOK-ALIKES

The last section instant report concerns investigations of persons bearing physical resemblance to subject originating in other divisions and resolved by St. Louis or originating in St. Louis and referred to other divisions for resolution. They are included to enable the Bureau and office of origin to connect and correlate with investigation conducted by other divisions concerning the same individual.

The results of St. Louis investigation in regard to look-alikes which both originated and were resolved in St. Louis, are not included in this report and unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, will not be included in future reports as to do so would impose an unnecessary burden on Bureau and Memphis indices in regard to matters which actually have no pertinence to instant investigation. Memoranda concerning the origination of such investigations, investigation conducted and the resolutions thereof, appear in the St. Louis file and are indexed.

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FAMILY COVERAGE

Neighborhood sources have been developed regarding JERRY RAYNES, father, Center, Missouri, CAROL PEPPER, sister, [REDACTED] Maplewood, Missouri, and JOHN LARRY RAY, brother, both of his residence, [REDACTED] and that his business, the Grape Vine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, all St. Louis, Missouri, and spot checks of these locations are periodically made to determine movements and contacts of these relatives.

Neighborhood sources have been developed concerning [REDACTED], ex-convict, former close associate of RAY in prison, and [REDACTED] alleged harbinger.

[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: May 10, 1968

Office: ST. LOUIS

Field Office File #: SL 44-775

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY,  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER 4182; WANTED FLYER 442-A;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIMCharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID  
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Destination of Browning .243 caliber rifle #474425 was Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Ala. HARVEY LOWMYER checks and Memphis motel checks unproductive. Army record for JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, Atlanta rooming house, set out. Checks for ERIC STARVO GALT, KARL GALT, and JEROME WALLIS VERNON, and investigation to locate unproductive. Address 2515 Lafayette non-existent. Unknown to St. Louis GALT family. Army and Air Force records for JEROME WALLIS VERNON set out. JAMES EARL RAY attended school as JIMMIE RAYNS, Ewing, Mo., 1935-1943. Employed International Shoe Co., Wood River, Ill., 1944-1945. Enlisted U. S. Army, 1946, SN [REDACTED] General discharge, 12/23/48. Foreign duty stations set out. Filed VA claim for educational allowance, 1949. Arrested Hannibal, Mo., uttering forged money orders, 3/23/55. Conditional release, 4/5/58. Learned baker's trade, Leavenworth. Employed one day, 1958, as cook. Unable to determine any other employment. Unknown at St. Louis Gaslight bar. Unknown to St. Louis Mexico vacationers, 10/67. Various checks to locate unproductive. [REDACTED] close associate MSP, alleged escape 30 days earlier than listed and that RAY regards convicts as potential stool pigeons and would not contact. Other fellow prisoners deny contact after escape or knowledge of present whereabouts. Allegation received [REDACTED] harbored after escape and may be harboring on farm in Missouri boot heel. [REDACTED] harbored another escapee but denied knowing RAY. Investigation thus far has failed to connect [REDACTED] with RAY or locate land owned or controlled by [REDACTED]. RAY's father, JERRY RAYNES, located Center, Mo. Mother died 1961; brother, FRANKLIN, 1963. Sister, CAROL PEPPER, resides [REDACTED], Maplewood, Mo.; brother, JOHN LARRY RAY, [REDACTED] St. Louis. Brother, JERRY RAY, Chicago, has visited

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St. Louis relatives since case began. Above living relatives have denied knowledge or information of whereabouts or contacts since escape. CAROL PEPPER currently uncooperative. She and JOHN engaged in ownership and operation, respectively, of Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Mo., since mid-December, 1967, in violation of state liquor control requirements as JOHN is convicted felon. Previous threats to KING by DELANO ELMER WALKER and BENNY K. PINKSTON resolved. IN VIEW OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT IS BEING SOUGHT HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

DESTINATION OF BROWNING RIFLE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date April 5, 1968

Mr. WAYNE W. WADMAN, Customer Service Manager, Browning Arms Company, 1706 Washington Street, St. Louis, Missouri, advised the printed number "130712" appearing in the upper left corner of the label on the Browning High Power Rifle box found in this case, is a code designation which means the weapon it contained was a Safari grade, .243 Winchester caliber, Browning Rifle, with light weight barrel and sights.

The handwritten number appearing in the lower left corner of the label is the serial number of the weapon.

Browning high power rifle serial numbers consist of four arabic numerals, which are the actual serial number of the weapon, followed by a letter of the alphabet, known as the "Alpha designation", which is indicative of the caliber and grade of the weapon. This is followed by a single arabic numeral which is indicative of the last digit of the year in which the rifle was manufactured, in this case 1965.

Browning files fail to disclose any record of receipt or shipment of any .243 Winchester caliber, Safari grade rifles bearing serial numbers 4444Z5 or 4449Z5.

Serial number 4Y44Z5 is not a proper Browning serial number, as the first four digits are not arabic numerals, but was considered significant by Mr. WADMAN as being indicative of some question as to the second digit.

Mr. WADMAN explained that the serial numbers are handwritten in French script arabic numerals, which are sufficiently different in form in some instances to cause Americans considerable difficulty in correctly reading or interpreting them. In his experience, what may appear to be a "Y" is actually either a "1" or a "7".

Based on this possibility, search was made for serial number 4144Z5 with the result that no record was found.

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On 4/5/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # ME: 44-1987  
SA [REDACTED] : [REDACTED] SL: 44-775  
by [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/5/68

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Browning records for serial number 4744Z5 disclosed a .243 Winchester caliber, Safari grade, Browning rifle, bearing this serial number was part of a shipment destined to All American Sporting Goods, 1025 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, California, on April 4, 1966, pursuant to Browning invoice number 017794 dated March 30, 1966, customer order number 0016265 and number 0016248.

This weapon was subsequently returned to Browning by the dealer, for credit. There is no way of knowing whether or not it was returned in the original box.

This rifle was later part of a shipment to Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, on October 21, 1966, pursuant to Browning invoice number 079679, dated October 17, 1966, customer order number 0001420 and number D001232. This is the last record Browning has of this weapon.

Mr. WADMAN stated that he felt almost sure that this rifle, serial number 4744Z5, was the one referred to by the box label in this case, but that it would be necessary for him, or some other experienced Browning employee, to view either the original label or a clear photograph thereof in order to effect a positive identification.

Mr. WADMAN is in lawful custody of pertinent Browning records, and is the proper person to whom a subpoena duces tecum should be directed for their production in court.

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HARVEY LOWMYER OR LOWMEYER CHECK

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

The following records were checked on the dates indicated by Special Agents as shown for the names HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER and logical variations of that name, with negative results:

On April 9, 1968:

St. Louis City and County Directory - SA [REDACTED]

St. Louis Telephone Directory and telephone directories for major cities covered by the St. Louis Division - SA [REDACTED]

St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners, 208 South Twelfth Street, St. Louis, Missouri, [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]

St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners, 8005 Forsythe, Clayton, Missouri, [REDACTED]

Commercial Credit Rating Company, 3333 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, [REDACTED] - IC

St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department - IC [REDACTED]

St. Louis County, Missouri, Police Department - IC [REDACTED]

It should be noted that Missouri Automobile Registration and Driver's License records are maintained at Jefferson City, Missouri, which is covered by the Kansas City Division.

The following investigation was conducted in St. Charles County, Missouri, by SA [REDACTED]

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The following persons advised on April 9, 1968, that their files contained no record identifiable with anyone with the surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER nor do they contain a record of HARVEY LOHMEYER:

[REDACTED]  
Credit Bureau, St. Charles, Missouri;

Chief of Police CLIFF AMREIN  
St. Charles Police Department;

[REDACTED]  
St. Charles County Sheriff's Office;

Deputy Election Registrar

[REDACTED]  
County Clerk's Office  
St. Charles County Courthouse

A review of the St. Charles telephone and city directories was also negative.

On April 10, 1968, the above listed people were contacted and advised their files contained no record of either ERIC STARVO GALT or KARL GALT.

St. Charles City and Telephone directories were also negative.

The following sources in Jefferson County, Missouri, were checked re HARVEY LOWMEYER, etcetera, with negative results on April 9, 1968, by SA [REDACTED].

Festus - Crystal City Directory  
Jefferson County Telephone Directory

[REDACTED]  
Jefferson County Voters Registration,  
Hillsboro, Missouri;

[REDACTED]  
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office,  
Hillsboro, Missouri;  
Big River Credit Bureau,  
335 Bailey Road  
Crystal City, Missouri.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

In each contact below, the person contacted searched records for the name LOWMEYER and LOWMYER and for the name HARVEY LOHMEYER. Not one such name was located.

The following contacts were made on the dates indicated:

[REDACTED], Credit Bureau, Rolla, Missouri, April 9, 1968;

[REDACTED], Credit Bureau, Franklin and Warren Counties, Washington, Missouri, April 10, 1968;

There are no other credit bureaus in the Rolla Resident Agency area.

Every telephone directory in the Rolla Resident Agency territory was searched by the Chief Operator or the Assistant Chief Operator in the Toll Center areas on April 9, 1968.

[REDACTED], Troop I, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Rolla, Missouri, April 10, 1968;

The current city directory for Rolla, Missouri, April 10, 1968;

OLIVER LAMBIEL, Sheriff, Phelps County, Rolla, Missouri, April 10, 1968. LAMBIEL advised there is no voter registration required in Phelps County, Missouri;

[REDACTED] Sheriff's Office, Franklin County, Union, Missouri. [REDACTED] also checked the voter registration list which is maintained in the County Clerk's Office in the Court House on April 9, 1968;

[REDACTED] Washington County Sheriff's Office, Potosi, Missouri. She stated there is no voter registration required in Washington County, April 9, 1968;

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[REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, Dent County, Salem, Missouri. He also checked the voter registration records in the courthouse on April 9, 1968;

[REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, Crawford County, Steelville, Missouri, April 9, 1968. He stated there is no voter registration required in Crawford County;

[REDACTED], Maries County, Vienna, Missouri, April 9, 1968. He stated there is no voter registration required in Maries County;

WALTER WINTERBOTTOM, Sheriff, Shannon County, Eminence, Missouri, April 9, 1968. He stated there is no voter registration required in Shannon County;

OGIE SELINGER, Sheriff, Iron County, Ironton, Missouri, April 9, 1968. He stated there is no voter registration required in Iron County;

TIMON JOHNSON, Sheriff, Reynolds County, Centerville, Missouri, April 10, 1968. He stated there is no voter registration required in Reynolds County;

HARRY HEBERLE, Sheriff, Gasconade County, Hermann, Missouri, April 10, 1968. He stated there is no voter registration required in Gasconade County.

The only city having a city directory in the Rolla Resident Agency territory is Rolla, Missouri. It was negative.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hannibal Court of Common Pleas, on April 9, 1968, advised Hannibal is the only city in Marion County which has a permanent registration. She stated that cities under 10,000 are not and do not maintain such a record.

She produced the permanent record for Hannibal but no LOWMEYER or LOWMYER was located. There was only one similar name, FRED LONGMEYER, [REDACTED] age 77 years old.

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[REDACTED] County Clerk's Office, Kirksville, Missouri, on April 9, 1968, advised there is no one registered in the above or similar name in her records, and she has never known any person of this name ever residing in Adair County.

The City Directories for Kirksville and Hannibal were checked April 9, 1968, but no person's name of similar spelling or sound was located.

The telephone directories for all towns in Adair, Lewis, Schuyler, Clark, Linn, Macon, Shelby, Scotland, Knox, Ralls and Marion Counties were checked without locating any record in the captioned names.

[REDACTED] Ralls County, New London, Missouri, on April 9, 1968, made available her only voter's record, voters in the last election, which were checked by precincts, but no voter by the above names located.

The following investigation was conducted on the dates shown, with negative results, by SA [REDACTED]

April 10, 1968 - [REDACTED]  
County Clerk's Office, Palmyra Poll Books for 1966  
General Election

April 10, 1968 - [REDACTED]  
County Court, Shelby County, Shelbyville, Missouri,  
Poll Books for 1966 General Election

April 10, 1968 - [REDACTED] County  
Court, Macon, Missouri, Poll Books for General  
Election 1966

April 11, 1968 - [REDACTED]  
Linneus, Missouri, Linn County, Poll Books for  
General Elections 1966

April 11, 1968 - [REDACTED] County  
Court, Schuyler, Lancaster, Missouri, Permanent  
Voter Registration List

April 11, 1968 - [REDACTED] Scotland County  
[REDACTED] Memphis, Missouri, Poll Books for  
General Election 1966

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April 11, 1968 - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Knox County Clerk's Office, Edina, Missouri,  
Poll Books for 1966 General Election

April 11, 1968 - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Lewis County, Monticello, Missouri, Poll  
Books for 1966 General Elections

April 11, 1968 - [REDACTED] County  
Clerk, Clark County, Kahoka, Missouri, Poll Books  
for General Election 1966

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 9 - 10, 1968, record checks of the following  
agencies failed to develop any information concerning HARVEY  
LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER:

Cape Girardeau, Missouri:

[REDACTED] Cape Credit Bureau  
[REDACTED] Police Department  
[REDACTED] Voter Registrar

Jackson, Missouri:

Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] County Voter Registrar

Charleston, Missouri:

Sheriff W. J. SIMMONS  
Chief of Police DOLPH WEBB  
[REDACTED] County Voter Registrar

Benton, Missouri:

Sheriff JOHN DENNIS  
[REDACTED] County Voter Registrar

Marble Hill, Missouri:

Sheriff FRANK MATTHEWS  
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Perryville, Missouri:

Sheriff SYLVESTER ZAHNER  
NO COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION LAW

Farmington, Missouri:

Sheriff KEN BUCKLEY  
NO COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION

Fredericktown, Missouri:

Sheriff N. F. WHITENER  
NO COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION LAW

Ste. Genevieve, Missouri:

Sheriff CLARENCE BASLER  
NO COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION LAW

New Madrid, Missouri:

Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED]  
NO COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION LAW

Current city and county telephone directories and city directories were also checked with negative results.

Cape Girardeau has the only credit rating agency and this agency generally covers the area listed above.

On April 10, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

The following county clerks, on April 10, 1968, made available poll books for their respective counties for review and all advised that the name LOWYER and LOWMEYER were unfamiliar to them:

Montgomery County Clerk  
[REDACTED]

WARREN County Clerk  
[REDACTED]

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Pike County Clerk  
[REDACTED]

Lincoln County Clerk  
[REDACTED]

The following law enforcement officials were contacted with negative results:

[REDACTED]  
Sheriff's Office  
Montgomery City, Missouri

Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED]  
Montgomery City, Missouri

[REDACTED]  
Missouri State Highway Patrol  
Montgomery City, Missouri

Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED]  
Warren County  
Warrenton, Missouri

Sheriff and Mrs. J. M. MARSHAL  
Pike County, Missouri

Sheriff IRL ELLIOTT and  
Deputies [REDACTED] and  
[REDACTED]

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office  
Troy, Missouri.

On April 9, 1968, [REDACTED] Audrain County, Clerk, made available Voter Registration records for the city of Mexico, Missouri, which were checked for the pertinent names with negative results. He advised that other records for Audrain County are maintained in 23 Poll Books, which are maintained in the County Clerk's Office. These 23 Poll Books were checked for pertinent names with negative results.

Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] and Sheriff DEAN MASON, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Paris, Missouri, advised that they have never heard the names LOWMYER or LOWMEYER in Monroe County, on April 11, 1968.

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On April 11, 1968, [REDACTED], Deputy Clerk, Monroe County, and [REDACTED], advised they have never heard the names set forth above. [REDACTED] made available poll books from 25 precincts, which were reviewed for the above names with negative results.

On April 11, 1968, [REDACTED] Sheriff's Office, Moberly, Missouri, and [REDACTED] Merchants and Mechanics Bank, Huntsville, Missouri, advised they have never heard of the above names in Randolph County.

County Clerk [REDACTED], Huntsville, Missouri, Randolph County, made available poll books for Randolph County on April 11, 1968, which were checked for the above names with negative results. He also checked the County Tax Records for the above names.

Mrs. MARVIN RICE, Wife of the Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Chariton County, Keytesville, advised on April 11, 1968, that she had never heard of the names LOWMYER or LOWMEYER in Chariton County.

[REDACTED], Deputy Sheriff, Brunswick, and Chief of Police, Brunswick, advised on April 11, 1968, that he had never heard of those names in Chariton County.

[REDACTED] Chariton County Clerk's Office, made available poll books for Chariton County, which were reviewed on April 11, 1968, for the above names with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 9, 10 and 16, 1968:

The following investigation covered the counties of Pemiscot, Dunklin, Stoddard, Butler, Ripley, Wayne and Carter counties in Southeast Missouri:

[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Poplar Bluff, covering Butler and Stoddard Counties, advised after searching her records she could find nothing identifiable with the name LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, or any variation thereof.

[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Dunklin County, 1015 Henderson, Kennett, Missouri, likewise found nothing identifiable in her records.

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[REDACTED], Pemiscot County Credit Bureau, 305  
Carolton, Caruthersville, Missouri, likewise could find nothing  
identifiable in her records.

The current telephone directories for all cities  
located in the above-mentioned counties were searched and the  
name LOWMEYER, or any variation thereof, was not noted.

City directories for Poplar Bluff, Missouri, including  
Butler County, Kennett, Missouri, including Dunklin County, and  
for Caruthersville in Hayti, Missouri, were likewise searched  
for the name LOWMEYER or any variation thereof, and none were  
noted.

Voter Registration records were searched, and it was  
noted that Ripley County, Carter County, Wayne County, and Stoddard  
County do not maintain any voter registration records. [REDACTED]  
County Clerk, Butler County, [REDACTED] County  
Clerk, Dunklin County, and [REDACTED] Deputy County Clerk, Pemiscot  
County, made available their voter registration records, which  
were searched, and nothing identifiable with the name LOWMEYER or  
any variation thereof, was noted.

Records of the following Circuit Clerks Offices were  
searched for the name LOWMEYER or any variation thereof, and  
nothing identifiable was noted:

[REDACTED], Butler County, Poplar Bluff,  
Missouri;  
[REDACTED], Dunklin County, Kennett, Missouri;  
[REDACTED], Pemiscot County, Caruthersville,  
Missouri;  
[REDACTED], Ripley County, Doniphan, Missouri;  
[REDACTED], Carter County, Van Buren, Missouri;  
[REDACTED], Wayne County, Greenville,  
Missouri;



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[REDACTED], Stoddard County, Bloomfield,  
Missouri.

Records of respective County Sheriff's Offices were also checked for the name LOWMEYER or any variation thereof, and nothing was noted:

[REDACTED], Butler County, Poplar Bluff,  
Missouri;

[REDACTED], Dunklin County, Kennett,  
Missouri;

[REDACTED], Pemiscot County, Caruthersville,  
Missouri;

[REDACTED], Ripley County, Doniphan, Missouri;

[REDACTED], Carter County, Van Buren,  
Missouri;

[REDACTED], Wayne County, Greenville, Missouri;

[REDACTED], Stoddard County, Bloomfield, Missouri.

The records of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Troop E, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, were searched and nothing was noted.

On April 10, 1968, files of the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, and the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, were checked by IC [REDACTED] and IC [REDACTED] respectively, with the results that no record for HARVEY LOWMYER or LOWMEYER was found.

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RE: HARVEY LOHMEYER

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On April 8, 1968, the Springfield Division advised its indices disclose a reference to one HARVEY LOHMEYER, [REDACTED] 979 A, white male, age 23 in 1955, height 5'8", home address at Palmyra, Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

[REDACTED] Hannibal Court of Common Pleas, advised on April 9, 1968, Hannibal is the only city in Marion County which has a permanent registration for voters. She stated the city is under 10,000 population, are not required to and do not maintain such records. She reviewed registration records for Hannibal but no person named LOHMEYER was found.

The Hannibal City Directory and telephone directory disclose no listing for any person by that name.

[REDACTED] Retail Merchants Credit Bureau, Hannibal, Missouri, advised on April 9, 1968, a record appears in her file showing one HARVEY LOHMEYER and wife, LENORA, lived on [REDACTED] Palmyra, Missouri, between 1956 and 1958.

[REDACTED] The LOHMEYER's were shown as separated as of 1958. No other information appeared in the file.

Mrs. GEORGE HOLMES, [REDACTED] Hannibal, Missouri, advised on April 9, 1968, she and her husband had owned and lived at that address since 1958 and had rented apartments in the house, but that she had no record or recollection of any person named LOHMEYER having resided there.

A check of the records of the Hannibal, Missouri, Police Department on the same date were negative as to HARVEY or LENORA LOHMEYER.

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AT NEW LONDON, MISSOURI

On April 9, 1968, [REDACTED] County Clerk, Ralls County, New London, Missouri, checked persons who had voted in the last election in the county by precincts but no voter named LOHMEYER appeared.

AT PALMYRA, MISSOURI

Files of the Police Department, Sheriff's Offices, were checked but no record for an individual named LOHMEYER was found, as of April 9, 1968.

[REDACTED] Former Deputy Sheriff, advised that LOHMEYER is a name he associates with persons living in Quincy, Illinois, but that he was unable to recall a HARVEY LOHMEYER ever living in Palmyra area.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] owner and manager respectively of the [REDACTED] Palmyra, Missouri, advised on April 9, 1968, they had no record or recollection that any person named HARVEY LOHMEYER had ever been employed by them and they had never known a person by that name.

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MEMPHIS MOTEL CHECKS

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RE: MEMPHIS MOTEL CHECK - SUSPECT, A. J. CONSOLINO

On April 13, 1968, the Springfield Division advised of information received from the Memphis Division that A. J. CONSOLINO, [REDACTED], St. Ann, Missouri, had registered at the Holiday Inn, 4022 Thomas Street, Memphis, from April 3 to 4, 1968, driving a Ford automobile bearing Illinois license [REDACTED]. It was not possible to determine from automobile registration records whether or not this automobile was a Ford Mustang.

AT ST. ANN, MISSOURI:

On April 15, 1968, SA [REDACTED] personally observed the above automobile bearing the above license at the home of A. J. CONSOLINO, [REDACTED], St. Ann, Missouri, and determined that it is a white Ford, four-door, Galaxie automobile.

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RE: SUSPECT KENNETH E. HUNT  
MEMPHIS MOTEL CHECK

E. April 1968

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Memphis motel check indicated one KENNETH E. HUNT, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, driving automobile bearing Missouri license [REDACTED], was registered at a Memphis motel as of April 2, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

Missouri Motor Vehicle Registration records were examined on April 10, 1968, and disclosed that Missouri license plate [REDACTED] was registered to a 1963 Volkswagen owned by the Executive Leasing Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. WARREN KNAUP, Comptroller and Office Manager, Executive Leasing Company, 8844 Ladue Road, St. Louis County, Missouri, advised on April 10, 1968, that Missouri license KHL-185 had originally been placed on a 1963 Volkswagen but as of November, 1967, had been transferred to a 1968 yellow Rambler Javelin which is a daily rental car. He stated that his records disclosed that that car was not rented and had been on the company's plant lot at 4927 South Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri, as of April 2, 1968.

Mr. JOHN KOENIG, Manager of the Executive Leasing car lot at 4927 South Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri, advised on April 10, 1968, that he personally knew the company's 1968 yellow Rambler Javelin which bore Missouri license KHL-185 had been parked on the company's lot on April 2, 3, and 4, 1968. He stated that this license plate positively was on this car.

On April 10, 1968, Mr. E. B. MALKE, Vice President, Foster Spring Company, 2101 South Vandeventer, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that KENNETH E. HUNT who resides at [REDACTED] St. Louis County, Missouri, has been employed as a salesman by

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the company for the past two and one-half years. He described HUNT as being 35 years of age five feet five inches tall, weight 175 pounds, dark brown hair. He stated that his records showed HUNT had driven a Ford Econoline Van rented by the company from the Executive Leasing Company to Memphis, Tennessee, and had been in Memphis with it on April 2, 3, and 4, 1968. HUNT subsequently returned the van to the company. The van was personally examined by Mr. MALKE and found to bear Missouri license KHL-183.

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JIMMIE GARNER -  
ATLANTA ROOMING HOUSE OPERATOR



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RE: JIMMIE DELTON GARNER -

ATLANTA ROOMING HOUSE OPERATOR

The Atlanta Division on April 18, 1968, telephonically requested the Army service record for captioned individual, under Army Serial Numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], be reviewed.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on April 18, 1968, by IC [REDACTED] of the Army service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for JIMMIE DELTON GARNER disclosed that GARNER, Army Serial Number [REDACTED], was inducted and entered on active duty at the U. S. Army Field Artillery, June 6, 1942, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He reported to Camp Rucker, Alabama, on June 24, 1942, and to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on December 1, 1942, for an officers' candidate course. He was honorably discharged on May 5, 1943, as a Technician Fifth Grade at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to accept appointment as Second Lieutenant.

GARNER accepted the appointment and served in the U. S. Army May 6, 1943, to December 19, 1944, under Service Numbers [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The records further indicated JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, Army Serial Number [REDACTED] was inducted into the U. S. Army on May 26, 1945, at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and was thereafter honorably discharged on October 16, 1945, as a Private at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, by reason of demobilization and 35 years of age or over. [REDACTED]

The following background and descriptive data was obtained from his foregoing files:

Date, place of birth	March 16, 1909, at Fulton, Mississippi
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Height	72 to 73 inches
Weight	146 - 170
Race	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Blood Group	"B"
Education	Four years high school, Fulton, Mississippi; Three and one half years Hattiesburg Junior College, Mississippi
Civilian Occupation	Wholesale Salesman for L. D. Hancock Speciality Company, Tupelo, Mississippi, for six years terminating 1938; General Manager and Owner of cafe, tourist camp and service station at Fulton and Corinth, Mississippi, for four years terminating in 1942; He also listed Steward work for the Railway Express Agency and operating a restaurant, 1945, place not shown
Military Occupation	Cook; Field Artillery Unit Commander; Supply Mess; Orientation Officer; and Duty Non-Commissioned Officer
Addresses	Route 2, Fulton, Mississippi (June 1942); 232 Capitol Avenue, S.E. Atlanta, Georgia (May 1945)
Parents	IVA NORA JANE THORN GARNER and DAVID FRANKLIN GARNER, both of <del>██████████</del> Fulton, Mississippi
Friend	CLOVIS MARTIN, Clarksville, Tennessee (1944)
Qualification in arms	Expert with Carbine
Photograph	None in file
Selective Service Board	1 at Fulton, Mississippi, and Board 7 at Atlanta, Georgia
Order Number	1756

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ERIC STARVO GALT -  
KARL GALT CHECKS

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RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT  
AND KARL GALT

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following were checked for information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT and KARL GALT on the dates indicated with negative results. The second date indicates a check of the same source for JEROME WALLIS VERNON, also known as Jay Wallis Vernon:

St. Louis City, County and Telephone Directories (note Lafayette Street in St. Louis skips from Number 1907 to 2322 and from 2355 to 2605. There is no 2500 block)	SA [REDACTED]	April 10 and 12, 1968
St. Louis City and County Birth and Death Records	SA [REDACTED]	April 10, 1968
St. Louis City and County Marriage Records	SA [REDACTED]	April 10, 1968
St. Louis City and County Circuit Court Records (Divorce and civil actions)	SA JOHN O. TRETHEWEY, JR.	April 11, 1968
St. Louis City and County Boards of Election Commissioners (Voters registration)	SA HOWARD G. SLACK	April 10, 1968
St. Louis Metropolitan Area Financial Institutions Mr. WILLIAM E. KENNEDY, [REDACTED] Manchester Bank of St. Louis [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	April 10, 1968 April 11, 1968

[REDACTED]

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St. Louis Blue Cross and Blue Shield	SA [REDACTED]	April 10 and 12, 1968
Federal Records Center	IC [REDACTED]	April 10, 1968
Military Personnel Records Center	IC [REDACTED]	April 10, 1968
St. Louis City Col- lector of Revenue (City Earnings and Personal Property Tax)	SA [REDACTED]	April 10, 1968
St. Louis City Assessor (Real Property Taxes)	SA [REDACTED]	April 10, 1968
St. Louis Veterans Administration	SA [REDACTED]	April 10, 1968
Inland Boatmen's Union	SA [REDACTED]	April 10 and 12, 1968
National Maritime Union	SA [REDACTED]	April 10 and 12, 1968
Department of Labor, Wages and Hours, and Public Contracts Division, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	April 12, 1968
Department of Labor, Labor Management and Welfare Pension Reports, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	April 12, 1968
St. Louis Board of Education	SA [REDACTED]	April 10, 1968

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St. Louis Immi-  
gration and Natural-  
ization Service

SA [REDACTED]

April 10, 1968

St. Louis Internal  
Revenue Service

SA [REDACTED]

April 10, 1968

Employment Security  
Division, 5055  
Washington

SA [REDACTED]

April 11, 1968

Missouri Workmen's  
Compensation,  
7 North 7th Street

SA [REDACTED]

April 11, 1968

St. Louis, Missouri,  
and St. Louis County,  
Missouri, Police  
Departments

IC [REDACTED]

April 10 and 12,  
1968

Commercial Credit  
Rating Company

IC [REDACTED]

April 10 and 12,  
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American Insurance  
Association, 1015  
Locust, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

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Also note barge line checks on GALT and VERNON.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE:

GALT NEIGHBORHOOD  
2515 LAFAYETTE  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 10, 1968:

At the time suspect ERIC STARVO GALT rented a safety deposit box at the Birmingham Trust National Bank he listed as his nearest relative on the application KARL GALT, 2515 Lafayette Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

There is no such address as 2515 Lafayette Street, the numbers jumping from 1907 to 2323 Lafayette (the north side of Lafayette Street at this point being Lafayette Park). Thereafter, the numbers on Lafayette Street jump from 2355 to 2605 Lafayette.

Therefore, logical variations 2151 and 2155 are nonexistent.

Logical variations 1251 and 1215 Lafayette were also checked. Lafayette runs from the 1100 series to 1515 Lafayette, there being nothing between these numbers. 1515 Lafayette is the address of City Hospital #1.

Logical variations 5125, 5215, 5512 and 5521 are also nonexistent. The highest number on Lafayette is 4431. Thereafter, at Vandeventer, Lafayette becomes McRee Street.

The following investigation was conducted in the area of 2300 Lafayette:

2313 is a private house [REDACTED]

2327 and 2329 Lafayette is a roominghouse managed by R. W. LIESER. He stated to SA [REDACTED] he has been here 10 years, that nobody named GALT now lives at either of these

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addresses nor has since he has been here, and he has had no roomer who works on barges on the Mississippi.

2345 Lafayette is the German House, formerly the St. Louis House. KARL B. MUELLER, Assistant Manager for five years, and JOHN MEIGEL, Manager for 10 years, advised SA [REDACTED] they have no knowledge of anybody at that address named GALT.

2351 Lafayette is a rooming house. MARGARET ASPHIN, Manager, has been there two years and advised SA [REDACTED] she has had no tenant named GALT.

HAROLD VOGT, Manager, Kroger Store, 1700 South Jefferson, and DELORES LOEBIG, Cashier, advised SA [REDACTED] they know nobody in the neighborhood named GALT.

SA [REDACTED] contacted a barmaid who refused her name at the Ten Pen Bar, corner of Lafayette and South Jefferson. She said she knows nobody named GALT, and the only man named CARL she knows lives at the northeast corner of Whittemore and South Jefferson.

The house at that address is 2355 Whittemore, and is abandoned.

JOSEPHINE HYSOP, 2351 Whittemore, advised nobody named GALT is at that address. The house at 2355 Whittemore was occupied until the fall of 1967 when the family moved to a South Jefferson address. 2355 is owned by LEONARD BEELMAN, who has a bar on the northwest corner of Lafayette and South Jefferson. Contact was made with BEELMAN by SA BROWN, and he advised the former occupant at 2355 is JIM KIMBROUGH.

BEELMAN stated the only man he knows in the area who works on the Mississippi is JOHN CREWS, a barge captain, who lives on Lafayette about 3400 west.

The telephone directory lists a KENNETH CREWS at 3239 Lafavette. Inquiry was made there by SA [REDACTED], but no response could be obtained. It was noted there was a letter addressed to JOHN C. CREWS in the mailbox.

SA [REDACTED] made the following additional contacts: BILLIE DROWN, Manager, Carl's Grill, 1659 South Jefferson; TED RAVENOTEEN, JR., Manager, jewelry store and pawnshop, 1653 South Jefferson - both with negative results.

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RE: CONTACT WITH MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
BARGE LINE COMPANIES

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

All of the concerns operating barge and towing operations out of St. Louis were contacted to determine if they had ever employed ERIC STARVO GALT, KARL GALT, JEROME WALLIS VERNON, JAY WALLIS VERNON, or JAMES EARL RAY with all aliases. All of these checks were negative.

The following is a list of companies checked, identity of the Special Agent, and date of the investigation:

<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>CONTACTING AGENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
AL MECHLING BARGE LINES, INC.	SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68
JOHN I. HAY DIVISION		4-12-68
Foot of Gratiot Street		
St. Louis, Missouri	SA [REDACTED]	4-22-68
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]		
ALTON TRANSPORTATION CO.	SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68
Foot of Sidney Street	SA [REDACTED]	4-12-68
St. Louis, Missouri	SA [REDACTED]	4-22-68
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]		
CONTINENTAL NAVIGATION CO., INC.	SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68
5100 Oakland Avenue		4-12-68
St. Louis, Missouri		
[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	4-22-68
COOPER TERMINAL CO., INC.	SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68
Fox Terminal Dock		
Cahokia, Illinois	SA [REDACTED]	4-12-68
[REDACTED]		4-22-68
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]		

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<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>CONTACTING AGENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
EDWARDS TOWING CO. 408 Olive Street St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
FEDERAL BARGE LINES, INC., 611 E. Marceau St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-12-68 4-10-68 4-22-68
FOX TERMINAL Fox Terminal Dock Cahokia, Illinois [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
HUFFMAN TOWING CO. 10 South Brentwood Blvd. Clayton, Mo. [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68 4-22-68
INLAND BOATMENS UNION 805 Delmar St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
INLAND OIL AND TRANSPORT CO. 3858 Market Street St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-12-68 4-10-68 4-22-68
INLAND WATER WAYS, INC. 10 South Brentwood Blvd. Clayton, Missouri [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68

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<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>CONTACTING AGENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
J. S. TOWING CO., INC. (St. Louis Feed and Supply Co.) Foot of Caatiot Street St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
METEOR TOWING SERVICE 711 N. Grand St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
MISS. VALLEY BARGE LINES CO. 411 N. 7th St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
NATIONAL MARINE SERVICE 1750 S. Brentwood Blvd. St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
NATIONAL MARITIME UNION 203 1/2 N. Seventh Street St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
<p>One record for a JEROME R. VARNON, born [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Social Security Number [REDACTED], residence - Commercial, Missouri, phone [REDACTED] who had signed on 5 years ago and no record since.</p>		
NILLO BARG LINES, INC. 112 N. 4th Street St. Louis, Mo. (Suite 1530) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68

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<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>CONTACTING AGENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
NORMAN BROTHERS, INC. MC ADAMS, Highway, North Alton, Illinois	[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
NOTRE DAME FLEETING & TOWING SERVICE, INC., Foot of Sidney Street, St. Louis, Mo.	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
SEAFARERS INTER'NL UNION 805 Delmar St. Louis, Missouri	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
ST. LOUIS FUEL & SUPPLY, INC. Foot of Gratiot Street St. Louis, Missouri	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-9-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
ST. LOUIS TERMINAL CORP. # 1 Market Street St. Louis, Missouri	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-11-68 4-22-68

Located a record of a former employee names WARREN M. GALT, [REDACTED], no city or state, Social Security Number [REDACTED] in 1949. No further information. (He was located in Tampa, Fla.)

SIOUX CITY AND NEW ORLEANS BARGE LINES, INC. Foot of Gratiot Street St. Louis, Missouri	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-9-68 4-12-68 4-22-68
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<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>CONTACTING AGENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
SOUTHERN STATES TOWING DIVISION OF TRIANGLE REFINERIES, INC. 7751 Carondelet Avenue St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-9-68 4-22-68
UNIVERSAL TOWING COMPANY 45282 Broadway St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	4-10-68 4-22-68
ECONOMY BOAT STORE 301 E. Penning Wood River, Illinois [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] (telephonically)	4-12-68
ORY BROTHERS Foot of Hawthorne [REDACTED] Hartford, Illinois	SA [REDACTED] (telephonically)	4-12-68
WAYNE VALLHE 1022 E. Broadway Alton, Illinois [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] (telephonically)	4-12-68
EAGLE BOAT FUEL AND SUPPLY COMPANY Foot of Sidney Street St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] (telephonically)	4-12-68

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SUSPECT - ERIC STARVO GALT

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

SA [REDACTED], advised on April 10, 1968, that he had worked on inland barges on the Mississippi River from 1939 until 1963 and that to his knowledge American seamen working on barges never referred to themselves by the term "bargers." He stated that this term is used by Europeans who work on barges.

He was unable to recall ever having seen or known any individual's name ERIC STARVO GALT or KARL GALT.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: BARGE LINE CHECK

St. Louis files reflect that "The Waterways Journal", a weekly paper published in St. Louis is "the Bible for all employers and employees who work on major rivers".

On April 10, 1968, [REDACTED] "The Waterways Journal", [REDACTED] Chemical Building, 721 Olive Street, advised SA [REDACTED], after checking his subscription lists, that he has no subscriber named GALT.



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Re: Dancing School Check

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 15, 1968, artist's conception of ERIC STARVO GALT was exhibited to the following individuals at the schools of dancing named, by the indicated Special Agents. All advised their records failed to disclose any person named ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD had ever attended their schools, and that they were not acquainted with any persons by those names or of that appearance. On April 19, 1968, the same individuals advised they were not acquainted with and had no record concerning [REDACTED].

Alexandria's School of Ballet  
7207 Florissant Road

SA [REDACTED]

ZLEXANDRA ZAHARIAS, owner  
Ambassadors Dance Social Club  
327 North Grand, formerly  
Fred Astaire Dance Studio  
SHERRY WILLIAMS, Manager  
Arthur Murray Dance Studios  
309 North Eleventh Street  
SUE LEE

SA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

Ballet Arts Academy  
7620 Wydown

SA [REDACTED]

STANLEY HERBERT, owner  
Bauman School of the Dance  
3515 Hampton

SA [REDACTED]

DORIS WEIN, owner  
Betty Jean Dance Studio  
9705 Highway 66

SA [REDACTED]

BETTY JEAN PHELPS, owner  
Beutell School of Dance  
10674 St. Charles Rock Road  
NORMA JEAN BEUTELL

SA [REDACTED]

Blisner School of Dance  
111 West Lockwood

SA [REDACTED]

LA VERGNE BLISNER, owner  
Berman Sterling Dance Studio  
10261 Capital Drive  
STERLING BERMAN, owner

SA [REDACTED]

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Carla Joe Dance Studio  
600 Union Road  
CARLA HICKS, owner  
Carla Maessen Dance Studio  
8204 North Broadway  
CARLA MAESSEN, owner  
Charmette School of Dancing  
9975 Lin-Ferry Drive  
Mrs. JOHN CHAROW  
Cozette Dance Studio  
4026 Carson Road  
COZETTE DICKERSON, owner  
Crystal Dance Studio  
3538A Gravois  
ALBERT WEIL, owner  
Daniels Schools of Dance  
8916 Lackland Road  
KATHLEEN DANIELS, owner  
Dawe Sisters Dance Studio  
10467 Old Olive Street Road  
LAURA DAWE, co-owner  
Demmler Dance Studio  
4242 South Grand  
DRANA DEMMLER, owner  
Dillon Dance Studio  
6029 Sutherland  
CLIFFORD DILLON, owner  
Duggers School of Dance  
3535 South Grand  
ROBERT DUGGER, owner  
Fel'Dotto Dance Studio  
3556 Shenandoah  
MARIE FEL'DOTTO, owner  
Gerri's Academy of Dance  
4171 Loughborough  
GERALDINE STRETZ, owner  
Habby's School of Dance  
7870 Trenton  
Mrs. WALTER HABLUTZEL, owner  
Hein School of Dance  
7825 Olive Street Road  
CECILE HEIN, owner

SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
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SA [REDACTED]

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Virginia James Dance Studio	SA [REDACTED]
1446 Chambers Road	
VIRGINIA JAMES, owner	
Virginia's La Bell Dance	SA [REDACTED]
Academy	
12127 Bellefontaine	
VIRGINIA KARANDREW, owner	
Webster Academy of Dance	SA [REDACTED]
8715 Big Bend	
MAURINE WARD, operator	
YMCA Co-Educational Center	SA [REDACTED]
1528 Locust	
MAYBELLE TAYLOR, Instructor	

A review of current city directories for cities located within the territory covered by the Hannibal, Missouri Resident Agency were reviewed on April 15, 1968, by SA [REDACTED] which disclosed the following schools. Contact with owners listed on that date disclosed ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD were unknown to them:

Ferrell Dance Studio, Hannibal, Missouri,  
Mrs. LYNN FERRELL, owner;

Leftridge School of the Dance, Macon and Shelbina,  
Missouri, Mrs. SHIRLEY TRACEY, Shelbina, Missouri,  
Manager.

A similar review by SA [REDACTED], Mexico, Missouri Resident Agency on April 16, 1968, disclosed only the McNabb School of Dance, Mexico, Missouri, located within that territory. Contact with Mrs. JUANITA L. MC NABB, owner, by SA [REDACTED] on that date revealed the school is for children only.

A similar review on April 15, 1968, BY SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Poplar Bluff, Missouri Resident Agency, disclosed no dancing schools listed in territories covered by both the Poplar Bluff and Rolla, Missouri Resident Agencies.

Check by SA [REDACTED] of the Cape Girardeau, Missouri Resident Agency on April 15, 1968, failed to disclose any listing of dancing schools in cities covered by the Resident Agency.

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RE: ST. LOUIS GALT FAMILY

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On the first date shown, the following individuals, who were listed in the current St. Louis City, County and Telephone directories under the sir name GALT, advised ERIC STARVO GALT and KARL GALT, were unknown to them. On the second date, an artist's conception of the subject was exhibited to them, and they stated they knew no one of that appearance:

Mr. CHARLES E. GALT 6334 Washington	SA [REDACTED]	April 11 and 12, 1968
Mr. CHARLES F. GALT 4505 Pershing	SA [REDACTED]	April 11 and 12, 1968
Mr. DAVID B. GALT 34 North Clay	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	April 11, 1968 April 12, 1968
Mr. and Mrs. LESLIE GALT, Galesworth Manor, Union Avenue	SA [REDACTED]	April 11 and 12, 1968
Mrs. MARTIN E. GALT, SR., (husband deceased) 23 South Barat	SA [REDACTED]	April 11 and 12, 1968
Mr. MARTIN EPPLER GALT, JR., 8 Belle- rive County Club Grounds	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	April 11, 1968 April 15, 1968
Mrs. MARY M. GALT (widow of JACOB) 4332 Big Chief Drive	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	April 11, 1968 April 12, 1968

Mr. CHARLES E. GALT, above, stated his family tree failed to disclose any member named ERIC STARVO GALT or KARL GALT. His family is Scotch-Irish and emmigrated from Ireland. He stated that WARREN M. GALT had formerly resided at 9715 Ventura Drive, but had moved to Florida in the fall of 1967.

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He had married a French girl, PAULA, in France, following World War II. [REDACTED]

He stated WARREN M. GALT had a brother, HOMER WESLEY GALT who was formerly in the real estate business in St. Louis, but has since moved to an unknown address on the West Coast.

Mr. MARTIN EPPLER GALT, JR., above, advised his family settled in Williamsburg, Virginia, in the late 1600s and later moved to Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri. Nearly all male members of his family are named MARTIN, DAVID or CHARLES. His grandfather was born on Lafayette Street in St. Louis and several members of the family resided on that street many years ago.

Mr. DAVID B. GALT, above, advised that all members of the GALT family in St. Louis are, at least distantly, related.

Files of the Commercial Credit Rating Company, 3333 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, as examined April 10, 1968, by IC [REDACTED], disclosed no derogatory information concerning any of the above.

The St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department, and St. Louis County, Missouri, Police Department records examined on the same date by IC [REDACTED] failed to disclose identification records for them.

The St. Louis Immigration and Naturalization Service files as examined by SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 1968, disclose the only person listed in such files possessing the sir name GALT, is PAULA SIMONE GALT, number [REDACTED] whose file was transferred to Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, Florida, on November 19, 1967.

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RE: ST. LOUIS GALT FAMILY - HOMER GALT

On April 13, 1968, the Tampa Division advised WARREN MILTON GALT, Holmes Beach, Florida, had advised his mother's brother, CLAUDE SNEED, [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri, would probably be aware of the present location of HOMER GALT.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Mrs. CLAUDE SNEED [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA [REDACTED] that to the best of her knowledge her nephew, HOMER WESLEY GALT, who had been born in St. Louis, Missouri, on [REDACTED] is at [REDACTED] Santa Anita, Burbank, California.



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RE: SUSPECT ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
on April 11, 1968: Soc Sec. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Seafarers International and Inland Boatmen's Union, 805 Delmar, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that a thorough search of the records of his union failed to disclose any record for an individual named E.S. GAULT. [REDACTED] stated he was not acquainted with any person by that name. Texas

[REDACTED] the National Maritime Union, 203 1/2 North 7th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that an ERNEST S. GAULT, born [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] had been employed during the early 1950s with Inland Waterways Corporation, which was commonly referred to as the Federal Barge Lines, in the St. Louis, Missouri, area. His records disclose that ERNEST GAULT has [REDACTED]. His residence as of 1953 was indicated as [REDACTED]. No social security number for him appeared in the file. Mass

[REDACTED] stated he was not acquainted with GAULT and had no additional information concerning him.

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RE: SUSPECT ERNEST SUMPTER GALT

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on April 12, 1968, of the personnel records, National Personnel Records Center (Civilian Personnel Records), St. Louis, Missouri, by IC [REDACTED] indicated that ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT, (also shown as EARNEST), was employed on March 18, 1942, as a Hospital Attendant with the Veterans Administration, at North Little Rock, Arkansas. This employment was terminated on July 13, 1942, as a Hospital Attendant [REDACTED]

He was employed on December 5, 1947, as a Hospital Attendant (Mental) with the Veterans Administration, Veterans Administration Hospital, Ward, at North Little Rock, Arkansas. Effective October 14, 1948, [REDACTED] This employment was terminated on August 12, 1949, as a Hospital Attendant (Mental), by reason or resignation because of leaving the State of Arkansas due to illness in the family.

He was employed on December 13, 1951, as a Deckhand, when actually employed, with the Department of Commerce, Inland Waterways Corporation, Federal Barge Lines, Marine Division, St. Louis, Missouri. This employment was terminated on January 28, 1952, [REDACTED]

He was employed on March 4, 1952, as a Deckhand, when actually employed with the Department of Commerce, Inland Waterways Corporation, Federal Barge Lines, Marine Division at St. Louis, Missouri. This employment was terminated on July 21, 1952, [REDACTED]

He was employed on May 25, 1953, as a Deckhand, when actually employed, with the Department of Commerce, Inland Waterways Corporation, Federal Barge Lines, Marine Division, St. Louis, Missouri. This employment was terminated on October 19, 1953, as a Deckhand, by reason of reduction in force "Action taken because of sale of Barge Lines necessitating abolishment of all positions in commuting area in accordance with provisions of an Act of Congress..."

" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following background and descriptive information was contained in the record:

Date and place of birth [REDACTED]

Height  
Weight  
Education  
Addresses

[REDACTED]  
5'7"

145

9th grade

[REDACTED], Little Rock,  
Arkansas (March, 1942)  
(May, 1947)

[REDACTED], North  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
(October, 1947)

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[REDACTED]  
North Little Rock,  
Arkansas (December, 1951)

[REDACTED]  
Saginaw, Michigan (August,  
1949).

#### Military Service

United States Army,  
[REDACTED] 1942, to  
[REDACTED] 1946, serial  
number [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

#### Employments

DELBERT MOUDY, farmer,  
Bellville, Arkansas (1946  
to January, 1951)  
C.W. GALLAWAY, Detroit,  
Michigan (January, 1951,  
to June 1951)  
State Hospital, Little Rock,  
Arkansas (June, 1951, to  
December, 1951)  
Chevrolet Foundry, Saginaw,  
Michigan, Supervisor,  
FLOYD PARKER, April, 1946,  
to January, 1947.  
Western Union, dates and  
city unknown.  
Rainwater Grocery, city  
and dates unknown.  
Standard Ice Company,  
North Little Rock, Arkansas,  
July 12, 1941, to October 15,  
1941.

#### Relatives

Mrs. LULA "GAULD", [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], North Little Rock,  
Arkansas, December, 1951, in  
1942 he listed her maiden  
name as CAMPRELL.

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Father, W.O. GAULT, [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], Little  
 Rock, Arkansas (1942);  
 Wife, FLORENCE H. GAULT,  
 [REDACTED], North Little  
 Rock, Arkansas (December,  
 1947);  
 HARRY GAULT, United States  
 Army, 1942;  
 [REDACTED] father-in-law,  
 [REDACTED]  
 Saginaw, Michigan (1947)  
 [REDACTED] brother-in-law,  
 [REDACTED]  
 North Little Rock, Arkansas,  
 (1947):  
 [REDACTED] sister-  
 in-law, [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], Saginaw, Michigan,  
 (She stated she worked with  
 him at Consumers Power  
 Company, Milwaukee, Michigan,  
 February 8, 1947, to March 1,  
 1947, [REDACTED])

## References

B. HOLDEN, State Hospital,  
 Little Rock, Arkansas  
 (December, 1951)  
 Mr. STALEY, State Hospital,  
 Little Rock, Arkansas  
 (December, 1951)  
 LEROY GARNER, [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], Little Rock,  
 Arkansas (December, 1951)  
 JUDE SMITH, [REDACTED]  
 North Little Rock, Arkansas,  
 (May, 1947)  
 J.R. SPOON, SR., [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] North  
 Little Rock, Arkansas  
 (May, 1947)  
 None available

Photograph  
 Social Security Number [REDACTED]

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On application for Federal employment he listed employment with Camp Joseph T. Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas, April 8, 1941, to July 10, 1941, as a waiter in the mess hall, however, personnel of this center were unable to locate such a record.

The record indicated that he was a student with the National Youth Administration, June, 1939, to September, 1939, taking a course in Welding. Personnel of this center advised that they could locate no records for this and stated that he was probably employed as a youth worker and these records have been destroyed per congressional authority.

A review of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) records indicated that ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT was enrolled in the CCC on April 8, 1940, at Little Rock, Arkansas, and was assigned to a CCC Camp at Pierce, Idaho, performing Blister Rust Control Work. He was honorably discharged on September 23, 1940, at Little Rock, Arkansas, by reason of expiration of term of enrollment.

The CCC Records listed the following background and descriptive information:

Born	[REDACTED]
Height	5'10"
Weight	133
Race	Caucasian
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Relatives	WILLIAM OSCAR GAULT, father, and LULA EMMA GAULT, mother both residing [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Little Rock, Arkansas
Address	Same as parents
Employments	J.D. PIKE, as a trucker, at Little Rock, Arkansas (prior to April, 1940)
Photograph	None available

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The CCC records also indicated that he worked for a contractor at a CCC Camp in Arkansas, during November, 1939, however, no further information was shown.



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RE: SUSPECT ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review of the Army service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, on April 15, 1968, by IC [REDACTED] for ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT, Army serial number [REDACTED], disclosed he was inducted [REDACTED] 1942, at Little Rock, Arkansas, and entered on active duty on [REDACTED] 1942, at Camp Robinsin, Arkansas. He was thereafter honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks,

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Missouri, on [REDACTED] 1946. He served in the Enlisted Reserve Corps from [REDACTED] 1946, to an honorably discharge on [REDACTED] 1949. He reenlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps [REDACTED] 1949, and was called to active duty on [REDACTED] 1950.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

His description from both his civilian personnel and Army service records is as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[REDACTED]
Height	5'8"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Scars	2" scar on left forearm;
Education	9th Grade
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Veterans Administration	[REDACTED]
Claim Number	[REDACTED]
Parents	WILLIAM O. and LULA GAULT, [REDACTED] North Little Rock, Arkansas

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Sister

CLEO, residing at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] North  
Little Rock, Arkansas

He was divorced at the time of his Army entrance  
and subsequently married one [REDACTED] of Saginaw,  
Michigan, on [REDACTED] 1944, at Lawton, Oklahoma.

Father-in-Law

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Saginaw,  
Michigan

Sister-in-Law

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Saginaw,  
Michigan

Residences

1911 West 18th Street,  
North Little Rock,  
Arkansas; (1956);  
Post Office Box. 534,  
Jessups, Maryland, 1959;  
401 East Eager, Baltimore,  
Maryland, May, 1962;  
None appeared in file.

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RE: SUSPECT, ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Personnel at the Veterans Administration Records Processing Center, St. Louis, Missouri, advised IC [REDACTED] on April 15, 1968, their records failed to contain a claim file for ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT under Veterans Administration Claim # [REDACTED]

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RE: SUSPECT ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT  
[REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

By communication received April 17, 1968, the Identification Division of the FBI advised that the remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and latent impression in this case were not identical with the fingerprints of ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT, Army service number [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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RE: SUSPECT, ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 18, 1968:

Mr. J. C. GAULT, also known as JAMES C. GAULT, Mac Arthur Hotel, 100 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that he is employed as a vendor by [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, and that his Social Security Number is [REDACTED]. He stated that he has not seen or heard from his brother, ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT, since 1958, that his whereabouts at this time are unknown to him.

He stated that in 1958, his brother telephonically advised him he was a seaman shipping out of Boston, Massachusetts. He did not know where his brother was then residing or by whom he was employed.

He stated his brother spent approximately one month in St. Louis in about 1952, when he was on vacation and that he stayed at his apartment.

He stated he did not know any friends of his brother and was not aware of whether or not his brother corresponded with any of the relatives in Little Rock, Arkansas. He suggested contact with his own son, BILLY GAULT, who resides [REDACTED] in North Little Rock, Arkansas, and is employed by [REDACTED] there, for information as to the location of other members of the family.

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RE: SUSPECT JEROME WALLIS VERNON, also known as  
J. WALLIS VERNON - ARMY AND AIR FORCE RECORDS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following reviews were made by IC EARL M. RANEY  
on April 11, 1968: Soc. Sec. No. [REDACTED]

Review of the Army records on file at the Military  
Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, disclose that  
J. WALLIS VERNON, Army serial number [REDACTED] enlisted in  
the United States Army at Los Angeles, California, and served  
from [REDACTED] 1953, to [REDACTED] 1954.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

His assignments were shown as Fort Ord, California; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Camp Carson, Colorado; Fort Lewis, Washington; Las Vegas, Nevada, [REDACTED] Camp Irwin, California; Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas; Mather Air Force Base, California; and Travis Air Force Base, California.

A review on the same date of the Air Force Service Record of JEROME WALLIS VERNON, Air Force Service Number [REDACTED] disclosed he enlisted and served in the United States Air Force from [REDACTED] 1961, to [REDACTED] 1964. He was honorably discharged on the latter date as an Airman Basic [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

No associates were identified in the service record.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The following background information concerning him appeared in the files:

## Born

[REDACTED]

Height	69" - 6'
Weight	175 pounds - 190 pounds
Race	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Scars and marks	Tattoo on left arm; Mole on left cheek.

[REDACTED]

His education was shown as three years high school at John Brown High School, Solom Springs, Arizona, 1953.

## Civilian Occupations

Roofer helper for Percy F. Dennett, Whittier, California, 1950-1952  
He was also employed by Baron Brothers, 4107 Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento,

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Military Occupations

California, dates not indicated.

Light Weapons Infantryman, and Aircraft mechanic reciprocating engines

The record indicated he attended a course in reciprocating engines at Sheppard Air Force Base, September, 1961, to February, 1962.

Residence address were given at 785 North Skiland Drive, Sierra Madre (Los Angeles County), California, February, 1953; 3009 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California, September, 1954; 3103 Carly Way, Sacramento, California, August, 1961.

Relatives were listed as Father [redacted] and mother, [redacted] Sacramento, California; Brother, [redacted] Monrovia, California, August, 1963; Ex-wife, [redacted] Visalia, California, August, 1963, and [redacted] Sierra Madre, California, February, 1963; Wife, [redacted] Sacramento, California, August, 1963.

The records indicate he qualified as an expert with the M-1 rifle.

Social Security Number is [redacted] His Selective Service Number was [redacted] with Local Draft Board Number 91 at Pasadena, California.

No photograph appeared in the files.

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JAMES EARL RAY

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Re: JAMES EARL RAY  
NEIGHBORHOOD

AT EWING, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

Mr. JOHN VICKERS, retired postmaster, Ewing, Missouri, advised he recalled the RAYNES family as having drifted into this area during the depression era. Mr. JERRY RAYNES and his family lived on a farm one mile east of town. The family was large and very poor at the time. Mr. RAYNES tried to farm and did odd jobs. During the early 1940's, the family moved to Quincy, Illinois, and never returned to this town to his knowledge. Their closest neighbor and only person now living near where they lived is Mrs. JOHN LOSCHER.

Mrs. JOHN LOSCHER, [REDACTED] on April 22, 1968, advised she recalled the RAYNES family as living in a house nearby. This house has since been torn down. She stated the family of RAYNES was a large one as she recalled and very poor at that time. The father tried to farm and did odd jobs in the area. They lived here from the mid-thirties until they moved to Quincy, Illinois, during the early World War II period. She stated they did not neighbor with the RAYNES and she knows of no one who did. She stated she has not seen any of this family since they moved. She recalled that there were several small children in the family when they came here and that several more were born while the family lived here. She stated she could not recall the names of these children.

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Re: JAMES EARL RAY  
SCHOOL RECORDS

AT EWING, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

Mrs. THELMA BALL, Principal, Ewing School, Ewing, Missouri, on April 22, 1968, advised school records reflect that JIMMY RAYNS (father JERRY RAYNS), born March 10, 1928, place not given, entered the first grade at Ewing, Missouri, August, 1935. He attended until May, 1943, completing the eighth grade. Grades during last year were mostly "I"s (inferior). No record of transcript being sent anywhere.

Mrs. BALL also produced the record of the only other person with a similar name. It is the record for JACK RAYNES, parents JERRY and LUCILLE RAYNES, born February 14, 1933, place not shown, entered this school in the first grade, August 28, 1939, and attended only until May, 1940.

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JAMES EARL RAY - BACKGROUND

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 22, 1968, BOB CRABILL, [REDACTED], telephonically advised this Office his sister, Mrs. ORVILLE ROBBINS, [REDACTED], Florissant, Missouri, attended grade school with subject RAY. Mrs. ROBBINS has background information on the subject during his early years at Ewing, Missouri.

On April 22, 1968, Mrs. ORVILLE ROBBINS, [REDACTED], Florissant, Missouri, residence telephone - [REDACTED], advised Special Agent [REDACTED] between 1936 and 1943 she attended grade school with one JIMMY RAINES at Ewing, Missouri. She did not connect him with JAMES EARL RAY until her brother, MARTIN CRABILL, Ewing, Missouri, telephoned her on the night of April 21, 1968, that JIMMY RAINES was RAY.

Mrs. ROBBINS recalled that there were several children in the RAINES family but the only two members she was acquainted with was JIMMY and his younger brother, JACK. She said there were some smaller sisters but she did not know them. She had never met the mother but recalled the father, JERRY RAINES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She recalled the boys, JACK and JIMMY, as well as the girls, all went by the last name of RAINES and never knew of the name RAY.

In 1943 after JIMMY finished the eighth grade he moved with his family to Hannibal, Missouri, where she understood the father had a job with a shoe company. This was the last time she had heard from the family except some time ago her brother, MARTIN, indicated that one of JIMMY's brothers had driven off the Mississippi River Bridge at Quincy, Illinois, and had drowned.

She knew nothing further concerning the family's whereabouts and her last contact was in 1943.

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JAMES EARL RAY  
BACKGROUND-EMPLOYMENT

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

On April 22, 1968, Mr. PAUL NAEGLE, Personnel Manager, International Shoe Company, 1509 Washington, advised SA [REDACTED] the records of his company disclosed a single frame of microfilm which showed that JAMES EARL RAY, no address or Social Security Number shown, was employed, capacity not shown, from May 20, 1944, to a lay-off, December 10, 1945, from which he did not return, at the Wood River, Illinois, plant of the company. No additional information concerning him appeared in the microfilm or other records of the company.



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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY BACKGROUND -  
ARMY SERVICE RECORD

A review on September 13, 1967, by IC [REDACTED] of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for JAMES EARL RAY, Army Serial Number 16163129, indicated he enlisted in the U. S. Army on February 19, 1946, at East St. Louis, Illinois, and served on active duty until December 23, 1948, at which time he was given a general discharge as a Private First Class at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, by reason of inaptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

The records indicated he was tried and convicted by a Special Court-Martial for being drunk in quarters and breaking arrest. He was sentenced to be confined at hard labor for three months and forfeit \$45 per month for four months.

The records also indicated he received treatment for gonorrhea and syphilis while he was a member of the military.

The following background and descriptive information appeared in the record:

Date, place of birth	March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
Height	5'11"
Weight	145
Race	White
Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Military Occupation	Military Policeman
Civilian Occupation	Colormatcher
Addresses	538 Broadway, Alton, Illinois (February 1946); 215 Oak Street, Quincy, Illinois (December 1948);

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Relatives    Father  
                 Mother

Photograph

Care of Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN,  
214 Spring, Quincy, Illinois  
(July 1952)

GEORGE RAY

LUCILLE RAY, both of 538 East  
Broadway, Alton, Illinois  
(February 1946)

None available

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY  
BACKGROUND

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 22, 1968, in order to determine duty stations of JAMES EARL RAY while overseas in the U. S. Army for possible use in reconstructing his activities while there, his Army service record was reviewed by IC ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and the following overseas assignments were noted for him:

53rd Quartermaster Base Depot, APO 124, Nurenberg, Germany, one day, August 12, 1946;

626th Quartermaster Refrigeration Company (M), APO 162, Nurenberg, Germany, August to December, 1946;

Companies C and B, 382nd Military Police Battalion, APO 69, Bremerhaven, Germany, December, 1946 to April, 1948. It is noted that during this assignment he was temporarily assigned to "D/S W/Brake MP School, APO 751, Bremen, Germany", February to March, 1947;

Company B, 7892nd Infantry Regiment, APO 757, Frankfort, Germany, April to June, 1948;

Company B, 16th Infantry, APO 757, and 696 (note APO 696 was Firth), June to December, 1948;

7749th Staging Area, APO 69, Bremerhaven, Germany, December, 1948.

The foregoing was from RAY's service record serial number 16 163 129.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: JAMES EARL RAY  
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

The following investigation was conducted by  
IC [REDACTED]

On April 25, 1968, a review of the records at the Veterans Administration Record Processing Center disclosed JAMES E. RAY, born March 10, 1928, at Alton, Illinois, U. S. Army Serial Number 16163129, Veterans Administration Claim Number C-766 1340, filed a claim for education or training allowance on April 19, 1949, at the Veterans Administration Regional Office, Chicago, Illinois.

Additional details concerning this claim were not shown; however, the claim file indicated RAY's Rehabilitation and Education Folder was retired to the Federal Records Center, Chicago, Illinois, by the Veterans Administration Regional Office, Chicago, Illinois, on March 15, 1955.

RAY's claim file disclosed the following addresses:  
5050 North Broadway, Chicago, Illinois, April 1949 and 459 St. James Place, Chicago, Illinois, November 1950.

RAY's claim file failed to contain further information with the exception of miscellaneous papers verifying his military service.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

RAY EDUCATION

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 25, 1968:

Current directories contain no listing for American Television School. The 1947-48 St. Louis Directory contains a listing for American Television, Inc., 721 Olive Street, Room 1301, KENNETH K. LANDESS, District Manager of School.

KENNETH K. LANDESS, [REDACTED], advised he was formerly employed as indicated above. He stated that the actual school was located in Chicago, Illinois, and there was merely an enrollment office in St. Louis. The St. Louis office was closed in 1949 and all records are in Chicago. LANDESS advised that subject was unknown to him.

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RAY 1955 POST OFFICE MONEY ORDER ARREST

AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on April 19, 1968:

[REDACTED] Record Room, Police Department, Hannibal, Missouri, advised that JAMES EARL RAY was arrested at Hannibal, Missouri, and printed under Hannibal Police Department #40714. He was actually arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) and was brought to the Hannibal Police Department for safekeeping. He was described as a white male American, born Alton, Illinois, on March 10, 1928. He is 5'10", 170 pounds, medium build, dark brown hair, blue eyes. His parents were listed as deceased. He gave an address of 1429 Cherry (no city listed). His associates were listed as WALTER TERRY RIFE and CATHERINE BUSKIRK, Quincy, Illinois. Disposition of the arrest was released to the Postal Inspector, Kansas City, Missouri. No photograph appeared in the file.

Neither RIFE or BUSKIRK were fingerprinted and no descriptive arrest record was made at that time.

AT MACON, MISSOURI:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on April 20, 1968:

[REDACTED] MSHP, Troop "B" Headquarters, advised his records reflect JAMES EARL RAY, WALTER TERRY RIFE and CATHERINE DORIS BUSKIRK were arrested March 23, 1955, by Troopers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], near Hannibal, Missouri, and charged with uttering postal money orders taken in a burglary of the Kellerville, Illinois, Post Office. They were lodged at the Hannibal Police Department. All were released on March 24, 1955, to Postal Inspector [REDACTED] of Kansas City, Missouri.

The following description of RAY was taken at that time:

Name

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as  
JIM RAY, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES  
WALTON, W. C. HERRON

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Address	Victor Hotel, Quincy, Illinois
Sex	Male
Race	White - American
Born	March 10, 1928
Birthplace	Quincy, Illinois
Height	5'10"
Weight	165
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Laborer
Parents	Deceased
Relatives	None listed

There was no descriptive arrest data for RIFE.

CATHERINE BUSKIRK was described as follows:

Sex	Female
Race	White - American
Born	[REDACTED]
Birthplace	Quincy, Illinois
Height	5'7½" tall
Weight	128
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blonde
Complexion	Medium
Teeth	False
Occupation	Waitress
Scar	4" scar right wrist
Father	[REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois
Mother	[REDACTED] Los Angeles, California
Husband	ROBERT LEE BUSKIRK, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois
Brother	[REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois
Brother	[REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois.

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JAMES EARL RAY  
POST OFFICE ARREST - 1955

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted on April 23, 1968, by Special Agent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Postal Inspector, United States Postal Department, St. Louis, Missouri, advised the original postal office inspection reports of JAMES EARL RAY's and WALTER TERRY RIFE's postal money order passing activity in 1955 has been forwarded to the United States Post Office Department, Chief of Inspection, Washington, D. C. [REDACTED] provided a photostatic copy of the report for review by Special Agent [REDACTED]

A review of the report revealed on March 7, 1955, blank money order numbers 742, 239, 535 to 600 were stolen in a burglary of the Kellerville, Illinois, Post Office. On or about March 20, 1955, RAY and RIFE cashed eight money orders at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. RAY also cashed one postal money order at Tallahassee, Florida. Both were apprehended at Hannibal, Missouri, by the Missouri State Highway Patrol on March 23, 1955. On April 1, 1955, RAY and RIFE pleaded guilty to violating Title 18, Section 500, United States Code, for unlawful issuing, passing and uttering of stolen money order forms. RAY received a sentence of three and three-quarter years and RIFE was sentenced to three years.

The report revealed that RIFE admittedly wrote out the face side of all the money orders. The payee on the money order was WILLARD J. MC BRIDE, and the remittor on the money order was VERNON MC BRIDE. The name "WILLARD MC BRIDE" is that of a real person in St. Louis, Missouri, whose identification was purchased by RAY for use in cashing the money orders.

[REDACTED] Probation Officer, St. Louis, Missouri, advised St. Louis Postal Inspectors that JAMES EARL RAY was released from Federal custody on May 20, 1958. [REDACTED] stated RAY was



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residing with his aunt, Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN, 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri. [REDACTED] described RAY as a professional money order forger.

The following descriptive information of JAMES EARL RAY was obtained from the review of the file:

Name	JAMES EARL RAY
Date of Birth	March 10, 1928
Place of Birth	Quincy, Illinois
Height	5'10"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium
Marital Status	Single
Education	Tenth grade
Military Service	Three years in United States Army; received General Discharge under honorable conditions
Occupation	Painter.

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Re: ROY WILLIS

AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

WILLIS, an ex-Hannibal, Missouri, policeman, purchased a Lincoln car from JAMES EARL RAY after he was arrested at Hannibal, Missouri, March 23, 1955. It is recalled that RAY, after his arrest, learned that he would be removed to Kansas City by postal inspectors and wanted to sell the car in which he was arrested. Officer ROY WILLIS bought it. The then Chief of Police raised a question as to the propriety of WILLIS' actions in buying the car from a prisoner.

Chief ARLO BALDWIN, Police Department, Hannibal, Missouri, on April 22, 1968, advised that Officer ROY WILLIS resigned from this department August 1, 1957, and moved from town. Police records show that an inquiry by a prospective employer, B. F. Goodrich Company Store, 1300 North Collet Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was received December 3, 1957, No other inquiry since and it was Chief BALDWIN's recollection that he had heard WILLIS had been employed by this firm and was last known to be in Minneapolis.

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AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

RAY - ASSOCIATES

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]:

CHARLES GUNN, owner of the Alibi Tavern, Hannibal, Missouri, advised on April 25, 1968, that prior to RAY's Post Office conviction in 1955 RAY patronized his tavern occasionally but that he has not seen him since and has no information concerning him or his present whereabouts.

He could furnish no personal history or background information concerning RAY.

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RAY'S BACKGROUND

AT MONTGOMERY CITY, MISSOURI

Sheriff GARLAND BETHEL, Montgomery County, Missouri, advised SA [REDACTED] on April 25, 1968, that the Park Hotel in Montgomery City, Missouri, where RAY allegedly stayed in 1955 is no longer in operation. He had no knowledge as to whether or not records of that hotel are still in existence or if so in whose possession they might be.\*

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RE: RAY'S BACKGROUND

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 28, 1968 in regard to the facts surrounding the stolen postal money order which JAMES EARL RAY cashed at Downs Men's Shop, St. Louis, Missouri, on March 9, 1955.

CHARLES JOSEPH DALSON, Schmitt, Biermann, Spitznagel & Vogel, Accountants for Downs Men's Shop, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that all records for Downs Men's Shop are only retained ten years and all records dating before 1958 have been destroyed by Downs Men's Shop. DALSON further advised that he was the Accountant for Downs Men's Shop in 1955 and is unable to remember any circumstances concerning RAY.

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REVIEW OF UNITED STATES PROBATION OFFICE RECORDS  
CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted on April 24, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]:

The file regarding JAMES EARL RAY was made available by [REDACTED] United States Probation Officer, St. Louis, Missouri.

A review of that file reflected the following information:

JAMES EARL RAY, Federal Records Center (Kansas City, Missouri) number 811041. Date of Birth was March 10, 1928, at Alton, Illinois.

A classification study by officials of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on August 10, 1955, reflected that RAY listed his mother and father as deceased and the only other relative listed is an aunt, LUCILLE RYAN, 801 North 12th Street, Quincy, Illinois. This study further reflects that the co-defendant in the case involving Post Office money orders was WALTER TERRY RIFE. In the section of the study under the heading "Previous Employment" RAY provided the name WILLIAM MAHER, 1118 East 7th Street, Alton, Illinois, although no explanation was given regarding this name. The study also reflects that when RAY had previously been in custody at the Illinois State Prison, he had been transferred to the Honor Farm where he worked in the kitchen.

An annual review of RAY by officials at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, in October, 1956, reflected that during the previous year RAY had worked at the fire department, paint shop, and bakery where he was considered an outstanding "bench hand." This review further reflects that the only family contact with RAY was through letters from his aunt, Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN, 701½ Washington Street, Quincy, Illinois. At that time RAY indicated that when he was released he planned to go to Denver, Colorado, as he felt the climate would be "better for his health."

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On April 5, 1958, RAY was conditionally released from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and at that time lived at the Blackstone Hotel, 817 Cherry Street, Kansas City, Missouri. It is noted that a handwritten letter attached to RAY's conditional release statement, from LUCILLE RYAN, 1135 South 10th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and addressed to RAY at the Blackstone Hotel was signed "Your Aunt Lucille."

A handwritten notation by [REDACTED] United States Probation Officer, St. Louis, Missouri, indicates that on January 29, 1958, he visited LUCILLE RYAN at 1135 South 10th Street, and at that time found her living with a younger woman, who she introduced as her daughter, MELBA and an older woman whom she introduced as her mother.

Correspondence between the United States Probation Office at Kansas City, Missouri, and St. Louis, Missouri, reflects that after his release on April 5, 1958, RAY was dis-satisfied with life in Kansas City and repeatedly expressed an interest in coming to St. Louis, Missouri, so as to live with his aunt.

The following information was taken from the type-written work sheet of [REDACTED] United States Probation Officer, [REDACTED] which is set up in chronological order:

On May 7, 1958, investigation by the United States Probation Officer reflects that LUCILLE RYAN presently resides at 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri, in a rooming house which she recently purchased. Lived at that address with her are three individuals as follows:

One [REDACTED] daughter, age 19, name unknown;

One employed daughter, age 17, name unknown.

LUCILLE RYAN's mother, age 76.

On May 15, 1958, supervision of JAMES EARL RAY was officially transferred from the United States Probation Office at Kansas City, Missouri, to the office at St. Louis, Missouri.

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On May 15, 1958, [REDACTED] advised RAY to go to the bakery union in St. Louis regarding employment.

In June, 1958, the record reflects that RAY had worked as a cook's helper for one day at the Glen Echo Country Club during the preceding month and was laid off. He was otherwise unemployed during this period.

On August 4, 1958, RAY indicated that when his supervision is terminated, he plans to get a job as a baker on a ship going to South America and he indicated that his occupation is a baker not a cook. The record further reflects during the time since his last contact, he was unemployed.

On September 4, 1958, RAY indicated that he had worked for four days in August at a bakery on North 18th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, but that he was otherwise unemployed during that month. He further indicated that when his conditional release expires in October, 1958, he planned to get a job as a baker on a boat and leave the United States.

On October 2, 1958, RAY's condition release expired and supervision by the United States Probation Office was terminated. The records reflect that there was no further contact with RAY since that date.



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RE: CHECK WITH COMMERCIAL BAKERIES FOR EMPLOYMENT

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

On April 24, 1968, a check of current and previous St. Louis and St. Louis County Street Directories was conducted by SA [REDACTED] for the purpose of determining if a bakery establishment was located on North 19th Street in St. Louis, Missouri. No such firm or establishment was located.

Bakeries listed in the current St. Louis, Missouri, telephone book as commercial bakeries were contacted with the result that no record of subject's employment as a baker was found.

Name of Company and Individual Contacted	Date of Contact	Agent
Mrs. Alison's Cookies Company, 1780 Burns, ANNA MIEBERHOFF, Personnel Officer	April 24, 1968	SA [REDACTED]
American Bakeries Company, 3900 Washington Boulevard, (also has records of the Taystee Bread Company) Mrs. JANE SUNDLING, Payroll Clerk	"	"
American Bakeries Company, 4101 Cook, T. L. CALVERT, Personnel Manager. Records of this company are available for past six years only as previous records were destroyed in a fire.	"	"
The Bommarito Bakery, 1810 North 18th Street, NICK BOMMARITO	April 25, 1968	"

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Name of Company and Individual Contacted	Date of Contact	Agent
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The Continental Baking Company, 37 South Vandeventer, (also has records of the Hostess Cake Bakery) MARY ELDRIDGE, Personnel Assistant	April 24, 1968	SA [REDACTED]
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The Colonial Bread Company, 4410 Gravois, BILL DAVIS, Personnel Officer	"	"
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The Forest Park Bake Shop, 4579 Laclede, EARLINE PENNY, Employment Office	"	SA [REDACTED]
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The Freund Baking Company, 920 South Taylor, CAROL BRANT, Personnel Department	"	"
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The Haas Baking Company, 7969 Reavis Park Drive, Mrs. BETTY GRIESHAVER, Manager	"	"
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Good Taste Cookies, 4380 Olive Street, HAROLD BAILEY, Manager	April 25, 1968	"
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The Imperial Baking Company, 1514 North 22nd, JANICE KNIEST, Personnel Department. Records prior to 1958 have been lost. (Also has records of The Dolly Madison Cake Company.)	April 24, 1968	"
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Caesar Bommarito Bakery, 3737 Airport Road, Mrs. BOMMARITO	"	"
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The Lickhalter Bakery, 1309 Franklin, WILLIAM TARVER	"	SA [REDACTED]
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Name of Company and Individual Contacted	Date of Contact	Agent
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The Manchester Bakery, 4222 Manchester, WALTER LEDNER	April 24, 1968	SA [REDACTED]
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Petrofsky's Bakery, 7949 Delmar, LUCILLE COX	"	"
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Sunshine Biscuit Company, April 25, 1968 4400 Geraldine, RITA HOERR. This company has not been engaged in baking in St. Louis in over three years.		"
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The Jansen Pastry Shop, 9426 Watson Industrial Park, RUTHIE CARTER, Manager	"	"
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The Tip-Top (Ward Baking Company), 4500 Parkview Place, Mrs. TINA GREEN; Office Manager	"	"
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Rold-Gold Foods, 2445 South Wharf, SAM MEYER, Employ- ment Office	"	"
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The Shenandoah Baking Com- pany, 3135 Park, TOM MANGLIS, Owner.	"	"
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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

RAY EMPLOYMENT

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 25, 1968, [REDACTED]  
Bakers Union #4, AFL-CIO, 2615 Winnebago Street, St. Louis,  
Missouri, advised that he was unable to locate any record of  
subject having been a member of this union.

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RE: EMPLOYMENT

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

On April 26, 1968, SA [REDACTED] contacted Miss MICKEY BIERMANN, Office Manager at the Glen Echo Country Club, Lucas and Hunt Road and Natural Bridge Road, in St. Louis County. After reviewing previous employment records Miss BIERMANN found one card indicating that CHARLES E. RAY of 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Social Security #334-22-6876, had been employed at the country club for one day on May 28, 1958. There was no further information available. There was nothing to indicate who hired him, the job for which he was hired, or the reason why he worked only the one day. Miss BIERMANN stated that after checking with other employees at the club she was unable to find anyone who is employed there now who would have been with the club in May of 1958.

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JAMES EARL RAY - EMPLOYMENT

Mr. CHARLES ELLIOTT, Personnel Department, Kroger Bakery Company, Chouteau and Spring, St. Louis, Missouri, advised after a review of their personnel records that JAMES EARL RAY was never a permanent employee of the Kroger Company, St. Louis, Missouri. He further advised, however, that RAY could have worked as a jobber on a day to day basis as needed and that if RAY worked under this arrangement, there are no personnel records kept for this type of job. This interview was on April 29, 1968.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

On May 1, 1968, FRANK MOSKUS, Proprietor, Gaslight Bar, 457 North Boyle Street, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that he has operated the bar since 1965 and that subject was unknown to him. The bar was previously owned by RICHARD MUTTRUX.

On May 1, 1968, RICHARD MUTTRUX, Proprietor, Three Fountains Restaurant, 4306 Olive Street, St. Louis, advised that he originated the Gaslight Bar in 1954 and operated same until 1965. He stated that subject was unknown to him and he knew of no other Gaslight Bar in St. Louis.

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JAMES EARL RAY - ARREST - 1959

On May 6, 1968, a copy of St. Louis Police Department Summary Report of Complaint Number 222 015, was reviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED]. This report was originally prepared on October 10, 1959, by the St. Louis Police Department, Third District, regarding a hold-up which occurred on that same date at 8:45 a.m. The hold-up involved a Kroger Grocery and Baking Company at 3417 Ohio Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. DONALD SCHAEFER of [REDACTED], Ferguson, Missouri, is shown on this report as the co-manager of the store and as the complainant.

The details of this report reflect that two men appeared in the store and robbed the store of an undetermined amount of currency. The two men then fled from the store, making their escape in an old model Ford automobile, dark in color.

Later, at about 9:30 a.m. on the same date, St. Louis Patrolmen [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] placed under arrest at 2019 Park Avenue JAMES LOAMA OWENS and JAMES EARL RAY. OWENS, St. Louis Police Department LB Number [REDACTED], was described as a white male, date of birth - [REDACTED], at [REDACTED], age - forty, 5 feet 3 inches, 152 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, marital status - single, occupation - barber, address - [REDACTED].

JAMES EARL RAY was described as a white male, age - thirty, born in Illinois, marital status - single, occupation - baker, address - Room # 5, 2023 Park Avenue, St. Louis.

The above arrests were effected after Patrolmen [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], of the Seventh District, who had been originally dispatched to the scene of the robbery, obtained information that the hold-up men, after fleeing from the scene of the crime, entered an old model Ford, bearing Missouri License A13-331. The description of this automobile was broadcast to all St. Louis Police Department Units.



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Additional information was then obtained by store manager DONALD SCHAEFER which reflected that the two bandits had switched automobiles, abandoning the previously mentioned Ford at Indiana and Potomac Street, St. Louis, and then entered a 1958 Plymouth, Missouri License M83-671. The subjects were last seen in this automobile heading west on Wyoming Street in St. Louis.

This same auto was later observed by Patrolmen [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] parked in front of 2017 Park Avenue, St. Louis, headed in a westerly direction and unoccupied. Assistance was requested by these patrolmen and thereafter a white male, who entered this automobile and prepared to drive away, was placed under arrest. Upon arrest, he identified himself as JAMES LOAMA OWENS. The vehicle was then searched and no weapons were found.

Under questioning, OWENS readily acknowledge that he had committed the armed robbery, advising that his partner in crime was on the second floor of the rooming house at 2023 Park Avenue, as well as both of the guns used in the hold-up.

The investigating officers then proceeded to the second floor of this house and at the top of the stairs observed a white male coming from the bathroom at the end of a hallway. This individual was commanded to halt and to raise his hands, whereupon he turned, began cursing and ran back toward the bathroom from where he had come. RAY was overtaken by the investigating officers and placed under arrest, after a scuffle in which RAY was struck over the head with the service revolver of one of the officers.

The prisoner was then escorted to his room but broke away and began to run toward the end of the hallway where he was initially subdued. At this time Detective [REDACTED] fired one shot from a service revolver in the direction of the fleeing suspect, at which time the prisoner halted and submitted to arrest without further resistance.

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A search of the subject's room, located a .765 caliber Belgium Browning Automatic, Serial Number 57195, which contained one live cartridge in the chamber and five live cartridges in the clip. A second .38 caliber revolver, "American Double Action," five shot revolver, Serial Number 249, was also located and found to contain three live cartridges in the cylinder.

Upon questioning, JAMES EARL RAY admitted that he was the owner of these weapons and made the statement to the officers, "I guess you want me for that Kroger Store stick-up." RAY was thereafter conveyed to City Hospital for examination and found to be suffering from a laceration of the scalp, which was not considered to be serious, and with no other apparent injuries. He was thereafter conveyed to the Police Station where he was charged.

The second individual involved in the burglary, JAMES OWENS, was conveyed directly from the place of apprehension to the St. Louis Police.

The 1958 Plymouth sedan used in the commission of the robbery was determined to be the property of JAMES L. OWENS and was towed away from in front of the Park Avenue address and held in custody by local police.

When questioned further at the District Station, OWENS stated he had first become acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY about three months prior to the offense, having met him at the St. Louis Rescue Mission located at 4023 Olive Street. Both eventually began speaking to each other of financial difficulty and eventually came to an agreement to pull a hold-up.

OWENS advised that in the early p.m. of October 9, 1959, he and RAY "cased" the store, which they eventually robbed on the following day. OWENS admitted that JAMES EARL RAY had given him the snub-nose revolver which he had used in the hold-up and that he had driven RAY to a place where he let RAY out of his 1958 Plymouth automobile for the purpose of stealing a second automobile to use in the hold-up.

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Both automobiles were then driven to the intersection of Indiana and Potomac Streets in St. Louis. The stolen car, the previously mentioned Ford, was then driven to the scene of the crime, and the store was entered by both men.

RAY proceeded to a small office located in the front of the store, where he pointed the automatic pistol he was carrying at the man in the office, commanding him to open the safe. OWENS remained close to the front door where he acted as a look-out and, according to OWENS, left his revolver in his coat pocket. OWENS stated after RAY failed to get the man in the office to open the safe, he pointed the automatic pistol at a woman cashier, ordered her to step aside, and then reached into the open cash drawer, removing an unknown sum of currency. Both men then left the store and departed in the stolen Ford automobile.

A switch was thereafter made and both men then drove to RAY's home in OWENS' 1958 Plymouth.

Upon arrival, they proceeded to the bathroom of RAY's home where OWENS returned RAY's revolver and RAY gave OWENS \$60.00 in six \$10.00 bills, which constituted OWENS' share of the money taken in the robbery. OWENS then left RAY's residence and proceeded to his automobile where he was placed under arrest.

RAY, when interviewed, refused to make any statement, but OWENS later viewed RAY and positively identified him as the man who had accompanied him to the Kroger Store and assisted him in the commission of the hold-up.

Both individuals were thereafter charged with robbery with a deadly weapon and operating an automobile without the owner's consent. An additional charge of resisting arrest was placed against RAY.

The St. Louis Police Department, Bureau of Records, had no information on JAMES EARL RAY, but the report reflects

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that RAY acknowledged a 1951 robbery at Chicago, Illinois, for which he was sentenced to twenty-one months in the Pontiac Reformatory and a 1955 arrest for transportation of forged documents, for which he received a sentence of thirty-four months to the Federal Penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth.

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RE: RESIDENCE, 2023 PARK AVENUE

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] on May 7, 1968:

Mr. EDMOND HATTON, 2023 Park Avenue, advised he had purchased the building at that address in August of 1960. He has never seen JAMES EARL RAY and was not aware of his existence until recent publicity.

He stated Mr. E. C. COWLEY who lives in an upstairs room at that address was living in the building at the time RAY was arrested there in 1959. A Miss JONES, present address unknown, also resided in the building at that time. The building was previously owned by a Mrs. G. MC LAUGHLIN who still resides in the St. Louis area but whose exact address was unknown to him.

Mr. HATTON also owns an apartment building at 2021 Park Avenue. He stated that all present tenants took up residence there subsequent to 1960.

Mr. E. C. COWLEY, Room 8, 2023 Park Avenue, advised he had occupied Room 5 at that address which was adjacent to Room 6 which was occupied by RAY at the time of his 1959 Kroger robbery arrest. Mr. COWLEY had no contact with RAY. RAY had only been in the room for approximately three days at the time of the arrest. Mr. COWLEY recalled that on the morning of RAY's arrest he had observed two young men, one of whom was probably RAY, go into RAY's room just before he left for work that morning at approximately 9:00 a.m. That was the last he ever saw of RAY as he, COWLEY, had been at work at the time of the arrest.

He was unable to recall the identities of any other tenants who had resided there at the time of the arrest except for a Mrs. G. MC LAUGHLIN who was owner of the building at that time and a Miss JONES who currently resides in the neighborhood but whose address is unknown.

Mr. W. M. HOOD, 2031 Park Avenue, advised he and his wife had witnessed the policemen in the yard at the house next door at the time of RAY's arrest in 1959, although they never saw RAY. He was unable to recall the identities of any other residents of the building at that time. He never saw RAY and had no information concerning him.

Mrs. REUBEN CRAFT, 2015 Park Avenue, advised she had resided in that area for approximately the past four years; that she had never seen subject and never heard of him until recently; and that she had no information concerning him.

The current residence of Miss LORETTA JONES, who formerly resided at 2023 Park, was determined to be [REDACTED], however, repeated attempts to contact her at that address proved fruitless.

Mrs. G. MC LAUGHLIN, 3020 Hawthorn, advised she had formerly owned the building at 2023 Park Avenue. She said that RAY had resided there less than a week prior to his arrest in 1959, and that she had no prior or subsequent knowledge or information concerning him.

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RAY'S MEXICO TRIP

The following investigation was conducted at St. Louis, Missouri, by SA [REDACTED]

On April 30, 1968, RICHARD H. DIXON, [REDACTED] St. Louis, was interviewed at [REDACTED] where he is employed [REDACTED]

DIXON advised that he stayed at the Rio Hotel, Puerto Vallarto, Mexico, from October 20 to 22, 1967. He and his wife, GLORIA, flew to Puerto Vallarto from Guadalajara, Mexico, via Mexicana Air Lines. They met friends, Mr. and Mrs. BEN LAPIN of San Francisco, California, at the Rio Hotel. DIXON thinks that he and his wife occupied Room #206.

DIXON viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as depicted on FBI Wanted Flyer #442A, dated April 19, 1968. He advised that he does not recall having seen this man at the Rio Hotel. He could furnish no information concerning RAY.

On April 30, 1968, GLORIA L. (Mrs. RICHARD) DIXON, nee BRITTON, [REDACTED] St. Louis, was interviewed at [REDACTED] Affton, Missouri, where she is employed [REDACTED]

Mrs. DIXON furnished essentially the same information as her husband. She viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as depicted on FBI Wanted Flyer #442-A. She stated that she doesn't recall having seen RAY at the Rio Hotel during October, 1967, and could furnish no information concerning RAY.

Mrs. DIXON pointed out that she and her husband generally did not eat in the dining room at the Rio Hotel while residing there.

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RE: LAUNDRY MARKS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED]

On April 17, 1968, MC CAWLEY SUITS, Assistant Manager, Suits Laundry, 1400 Russell (TO 5-1494), displayed to the agent their two Thermo-seal marking machines, Serial Numbers 32760 and 32759. They utilize the first machine with three digit marks; alternating A through Z for the first character and 1 through 99 consecutively for the last two characters.

The other machine uses three numbers only, 100 through 999. They do not have machine with Serial Number 30979.

On April 17, 1968, a check of 2323 Rutger Street reflected Sunshine Laundry has been out of business for several years and all machinery and furniture in the interior has been removed.

In view of the above neither of these laundries would ever be utilizing the codes "O2B-6", "D2B-6", or "20R-3."



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RE: TWA AIRLINE CHECK

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at St. Louis, Missouri, on April 30,  
1968:

[REDACTED] Reservations Sales,  
Trans World Airlines, Inc., 440 Mansion House Center, Fourth  
Street and Washington Avenue, caused a search of his company's  
records to be made regarding TWA flights 489, 529, and 537  
which departed Atlanta, Georgia, on April 5, 6, 11, and 12,  
1968. This search failed to reveal that any passenger giving  
a name W. C. HERRON, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES  
WALTON or JAMES WALYOU rode any of these flights. An additional  
search regarding persons who made reservations and cancelled  
them was also made for the above names on the above flights  
without effecting an identification. All of the above flights  
departed as scheduled except flight 489 on April 11, 1968,  
which was cancelled because no equipment was available.

[REDACTED] Reservations Sales,  
TWA, placed stops for the names JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO  
GALT, W. C. HERRON, HARVEY LOWMYER, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES  
O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYOU, and JOHN WILLARD with  
all reservations agents employed by TWA at St. Louis, Missouri.

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Re: HIPPIE ROOMING HOUSES

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 25, 1968, Mr. PAUL PICK, formerly employed as Director of the Exit, a so-called Christian coffee house, located in Gaslight Square, St. Louis, Missouri, at Boyle and Olive Streets, now employed as [REDACTED] at St. Louis, was contacted by SAA [REDACTED] at the YMCA, Fifteenth and Locust Streets, St. Louis, where he was then teaching. He furnished the following information:

He is very well acquainted with many persons frequenting the Gaslight Square area having been employed as Director of the Exit for several years. He resided in that area during the entire time. In his opinion there are no hippie rooming houses located outside the area of McPherson Street between Boyle and Taylor. Almost all of the rooming houses located in that area are at times occupied by hippies. He estimated that there are about 100 "hardcore hippies" living in the St. Louis area, and all of them are located on McPherson Street. There are perhaps several hundred young persons who are generally known as weekend hippies or "plastic hippies", but in his opinion, these persons are attending school as students or employed in industry in this area and are not to be confused with bona fide hippies. Mr. PICK was unable to furnish any information concerning JAMES EARL RAY, whose photograph was exhibited to him as was descriptive information concerning RAY.

The following persons were contacted concerning this matter by Agents identified below on April 26, 1968, in the course of investigation to contact all hippie rooming houses located on McPherson Street, St. Louis, Missouri; none of these individuals, however, furnished any information concerning JAMES EARL RAY whose photograph was exhibited and descriptive information furnished to each of them:

SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

4303	McPherson	Mrs. NELSON
4311	"	STEVE CARVER
4323	"	Mrs. CAROLINE VOSS
4333	"	JOE WELSH

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4333	McPherson	JOE BARROW
		JAMES NEELY
4339	"	JACK WORKMAN
		SAM CRAMER
		WAYNE MISTLER
		JAMES L. FITZGERALD
		JERRY "D.C." HENNEN
		MIKE YOUNG
		JACK GRIMES
		Mr. JOHNNY CARTER
4363	"	EDGAR STONE
4367	"	RILEY PHILLIPS
4373	"	THURSTON A. GREER
4381	"	Miss ARLEE MC GHAW
4397	"	MELVIN BURKE
		NAPOLEAN JONES
4308	"	RAYMOND FLIPPIN
		JOE GENNA
4312	"	BOB DALTON, manager of the rooming house at this address
4342	"	FRED MC GUIRE

SA [REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED]

4487	McPherson	JOHN MC VICKER
		ARTHUR DABOUB
		JANE ABRAMOFF
4483	"	WILLIAM SMITH
		Mrs. ERNESTINE SMITH
4477	"	Mrs. MABEL TAYLOR
		MERLIN TAYLOR
4473	"	Mrs. DOROTHY BLANCHARD
4463	"	CARL WESTERMEYER
		HERMAN BOEDICKER
		CHARLES SCHUMACHER
		SAM MISINANY
		RONALD GILES
		ROBERT MC DONALD
4457	"	Mrs. NITA CARNEAL
		Miss LINDA CARNEAL
4453	"	Sister DELORES
		Sister VERA
		MARY LINZMEYER
		Father FRANCIS MAC NUTT

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4437	McPherson	PATRICIA KOHN WILLIAM KOHN SAMUEL WAYNE JANE WAYNE
4431	"	Mr. THOMAS BOLEN Mrs. MARY BOLEN Miss ANNE BOLEN Miss CATHERINE BOLEN
4425	"	VERONICA HIGGINS LILLIAN PARKER AARON O'NEAL (a visitor residence 1315 N. 7th)
4421	"	Mrs. MABEL CURTIS
4417	"	BABE WEINSTEIN
4411	"	WILLIAM STEVENSON
	"	ISAAC RUSSELL
4374	"	JANET PETE
	"	CLARENCE PETE
	"	JOHN D. BROWN
4362	"	ALBERTA STRINGER
4350	"	GERALD HALL (manager) PATRICIA HALL
4346	"	Mrs. BEULAH LONG
4332	"	ELIZABETH B. JACKSON Mrs. EDNA LAYTON CLARENCE MEASHER
4320	"	Mr. BERT SMITH

SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

382	Taylor	EMMA SLAUGHTER
4482	McPherson	PEARLIE HENDERSON
4480	"	WALTER MOSS
4476	"	MICHAEL HOUSTON
4476A	"	HELEN MEYERS
4478	"	Mr. LARSON RANSOM SCHWARTZ
4474	"	BILL GLADFELTER J. P. MULLHOLLAND EUGENE MOSES
4468	"	C. A. GROSS
4466A	"	HUGO F. MUSKOFF THEODORE MC GOWAN

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4466	McPherson	NAOMI SMITH
4464	"	E. K. HASBAN
		JULIE SHELDON
4464A	"	RUTH SIEGEL
4462	"	SOPHIE SHERMAN
4462A	"	MARGARET MC CLUSKEY
4456	"	DONA M. FOWLER
		RENE SANDLER
		CLEVELAND YOUNG
4452	"	LARRY BREWSTER
		MIKE BORTNICK
		FRANK FRIEMEL
		Mrs. IRA MOYERS
4448	"	Vacant
4444	"	ROBERT DAY
4438	"	CHARITY MULLINS
		THOMAS WASHINGTON
4434	"	FLORENCE GEST
4428	"	ROOSEVELT HAMM
		CLARLES HAMPTON
4426	"	ELMOS PEARSON
4424-22	"	Vacant
4402-6	"	Mrs. IONA REDMAN, Manager, Kampden Hall Apartments
4398	"	WILLIAM BUCKLEY
4396	"	SARAH BROWNE
4394	"	JAMES ATHANAS
4394A	"	EDITH HACKENBERRY
4390	"	FRANCIS G. HRABOVSKY
4388	"	ISABEL CLERVIS
4380	"	MARTIN STACK
4366	"	WESLEY RIDEOUT
4358	"	FRANK WOLFF
		MARGUERITE OLDANI (manager)
4330	"	Mrs. WILLIAM MARLOW.

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POLICE DEPARTMENTS UNIDENTIFIED LATENT COMPARISON

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 23, 1968, [REDACTED] Identification Division, St. Louis Police Department, advised SA [REDACTED] that he had compared unidentified latent fingerprints in robberies, burglaries, etc., in St. Louis against the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G, without effecting an identification.

AT ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

On April 24, 1968, [REDACTED] St. Louis County Police Department, Identification Division, conducted a similar examination with negative results.

It should be noted that the Missouri State Highway Patrol, with headquarters at Jefferson City, Missouri, handles latent fingerprint work for most smaller police departments and in rural areas of the state.

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RE: LOCAL UNIDENTIFIED LATENT SEARCH

In connection with the search of the fingerprints of subject RAY against unidentified latent fingerprints maintained in files of local law enforcement agencies, [REDACTED] St. Louis County Police Department, Identification Bureau, and [REDACTED] Identification Division, St. Louis Police Department, were contacted in an effort to ascertain the identity of departments in the metropolitan St. Louis area who would have the files of unidentified latent fingerprints. As a result of this contact, the following departments were contacted on May 2, 1968. They advised that a comparison would be made of their unidentified latent fingerprints with the fingerprints of JAMES RAY. In the event an identification is effected by any department, that department will telephonically contact the St. Louis Office.

Florissant, Missouri Police Department  
Kirkwood, Missouri Police Department  
University City, Missouri Police Department  
Clayton, Missouri Police Department  
Webster Groves, Missouri Police Department.

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RE: UNIDENTIFIED LATENT CHECKS

AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED]

Chief ARLO BALDWIN, Hannibal, Missouri Police Department, on May 6, 1968, was requested to check the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, I. O. #4182, against the unidentified latents of any unsolved cases. He later advised, May 6, 1968, his fingerprint man had made the comparisons without results.

There are no other departments which maintain files of unidentified prints. The Missouri State Highway Patrol submits all latents to Jefferson City.

The Latent Fingerprint Section has been requested to compare the unidentified latents in the Perry State Bank burglary with subject's prints.

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RAY FELLOW PRISONERS

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RE: PRISON ASSOCIATE [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 24, 1968, at St. Louis, Missouri:

[REDACTED] was contacted at his place of business [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri, at which time he advised that he is not in fact an uncle of former Missouri prison inmate, [REDACTED], however, is commonly referred to as an uncle by [REDACTED] because in the past he and his wife have made efforts to rehabilitate and befriend [REDACTED].

He stated that [REDACTED] was again released from the state penitentiary, however, since that time he [REDACTED] has made no further attempt at rehabilitation of [REDACTED]. He stated that occasionally [REDACTED] comes by his place of business, the last time being Saturday, April 20, 1968, at which time he cashed a \$10 check drawn on the State Bank and Trust Company of Wellston, Missouri.

He stated that it is his understanding since [REDACTED] release he has worked as [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], and worked subsequent to that for a few weeks on a part-time basis as a cook on a river boat, barge line name unknown. [REDACTED] stated that he has no knowledge as to his current employment or current residence address.

[REDACTED] stated that his residence may be known to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] pointed out that [REDACTED] was in touch with [REDACTED] regarding his lengthy imprisonment [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that after a number of contacts with [REDACTED] he did not feel that there was sufficient [REDACTED] in the matter to follow it any further and just left it drop. [REDACTED] stated that in his conversations with [REDACTED] as he recalls [REDACTED] was a highly intelligent individual, was not radical or an extremist in any manner with the exception of having an extremely hostile attitude toward the authorities at the various penitentiaries he has been in. [REDACTED] reiterated that [REDACTED] never displayed any racial extremism emotion. [REDACTED] advised that at no time does he ever recall [REDACTED] mentioning JAMES EARL RAY as an associate or friend in prison.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, telephone [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] resides as a roomer at this address. [REDACTED] stated that because of the newspaper publicity at the time of [REDACTED] release from prison she is aware of his background as an ex-convict. She pointed out, however, that he is extremely quiet, mannerly, and appears to be a regular working individual. He does not have associates frequenting the rooming house and although she has no knowledge of his current employment he is employed somewhere as a cook and usually arrives home around 5:00 p.m.

[REDACTED] pointed out that he has been attempting to get some type of job with the Anti-Poverty Program and she displayed a note that had been left earlier this date to [REDACTED] which indicated that he should report ready for work in connection with the poverty program at 2420 Cass Avenue at 9:00 a.m. on April 29, 1968.

On April 24, 1968, IC [REDACTED] checked the records of the St. Louis Police Department and determined that under their # [REDACTED] and FBI # [REDACTED], [REDACTED] has the following record:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Charge**

Disposition

The following description was obtained from these records:

**Name**  
**Aliases**

Sex  
Race  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Build  
Complexion  
Marital status  
Occupation

Male  
White

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Addresses

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], St. Louis, Mis-  
souri;

Wife

[REDACTED] Missouri  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri  
[REDACTED]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4-26-68

At the onset of the interview SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] identified themselves to [REDACTED] in the lobby of the rooming house where he resides. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents he stated, "I want nothing to do with you people.", and then said, "What do you want with me? I haven't done anything since I've been out."

[REDACTED] was advised that we were not investigating his activities, however, we were conducting a fugitive investigation to locate one JAMES EARL RAY, a former inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary. At this point [REDACTED] stated, "I remember Jim Ray but I don't know anything about him now and if I did know anything about him I wouldn't tell any representative of law enforcement."

It was pointed out to [REDACTED] that the agents had spoken earlier in the day to acquaintances of [REDACTED] who spoke very highly of [REDACTED] intelligence and ability in legal research and briefs. Therefore, he should have a clear understanding of the possible consequences of harboring a fugitive.

[REDACTED] stated that he had nothing to do with the escape of RAY and has not seen or heard from RAY since the Saturday before he left from behind the walls of the Missouri State Penitentiary.

At this point [REDACTED] volunteered that he knew JIM RAY approximately 10 years, the entire acquaintanceship being made and carried on in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He pointed out that he was aware of RAY planning to escape on the three occasions that he attempted to do so, however, was not aware of the details of the plans nor was he aware of the exact time that RAY planned to go. He noted that he resided in the same hall with RAY although both he and RAY were celled individually, not having cellmates. He further noted that RAY was gone approximately 30 days from the penitentiary before his escape was reported and during that 30-day period on a daily basis he was reported present in the hall when he actually had already escaped.

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On 4-24-68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775

SA [REDACTED]  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4-25-68

[REDACTED] stated that he believes that [REDACTED] was the closest associate that RAY had in the penitentiary and walked in the yard with him daily. He pointed out that RAY in effect was a loner with no one really close to him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RAY never really told him any personal information other than on one occasion he mentioned that he had an unnamed brother in Chicago, Illinois, and allegedly was raised in a small town in the State of Illinois.

[REDACTED] stated that RAY was a loner in his opinion because he felt all convicts were potential "stool pigeon material" and he did not trust any of them because he had been "done in a couple of times" by the stool pigeon system that operated in the prison. At this point [REDACTED] noted that it was his opinion that if RAY saw one of his former fellow-convicts he would immediately leave the area for fear of that individual turning "stool pigeon." He continued indicating that he felt RAY would never contact a former fellow-convict for this reason, including himself.

With regard to RAY's last escape from the penitentiary he stated that it was not as reported that RAY left in a bread box because he knew it to be a fact that RAY walked out the front door of the prison. He would not go into further details regarding this statement. When questioned as to whether or not he meant there was a bribery in connection with this escape he stated that he did not mean it in this manner, however, would not elaborate.

With regard to RAY's prior escape attempts, on one escape attempt charge he pled insanity as his defense and subsequently was sent to Fulton Mental Hospital for observation and after a short period of time was returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary, adjudged sane.

With regard to RAY's emotional feelings he stated that JIM RAY was not an extremist, he never knew him to be emotional over anything, and if JIM RAY is responsible for the death of Dr. KING he feels that he was completely out of character with the person he knew as JIM RAY in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He described RAY's demeanor as being



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that of a cynical individual, however, the cynicism always being in a humorous vane. [REDACTED] pointed out that RAY had the unique ability of being able to laugh at himself and be cynical in a humorous way about his own past mistakes.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He pointed out RAY was extremely interested in law, especially if it concerned his particular case. This interest was to the extent that RAY spent extra moneys to purchase law books and literature regarding recent court decisions.

[REDACTED] again reiterated that he felt that RAY would never contact him and doubts that RAY even knows his current location, however, he reluctantly agreed to notify the FBI if he was contacted by RAY because of the possibility of a law violation which would cause him [REDACTED] to return to prison which he does not want to do.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] indicated that he is currently employed as [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in St. Louis, however, is going to work in connection with the poverty program [REDACTED] in St. Louis noting that he is doing this at a reduced salary in an effort to help others rehabilitate themselves.

He again noted that he never knew of RAY to have any racial extremist emotions or ideas particularly pointing out that during part of the time RAY was in prison he was employed in the kitchen with many members of the Negro race and he always spoke well of anybody who held up their own end of the work regardless of their race. He never expressed any animosity toward anyone because of their color.

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RE: RAY'S PERSONAL ASSOCIATE  
[REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted on April 29, 1968, by IC [REDACTED]:

The records of the Commercial Credit Rating Company, St. Louis, Missouri, were checked and no record could be located identical with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri.

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JAMES EARL RAY -  
Former Associate  
[REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On May 9, 1968, SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] Acme Hotel, 4040 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri, in an effort to obtain information regarding [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised she does not know [REDACTED] Or [REDACTED] nor has she ever known or corresponded with anyone known by the above names.

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RE: [REDACTED]

AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

Chief ARLO BALDWIN advised on April 25, 1968, he last heard of [REDACTED] being sentenced at Alton, Illinois, in 1961 or 1962, for murder. He believes him to be presently incarcerated at Illinois State Prison.

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RE: BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON JAMES EARL RAY

On April 29, 1968, the Kansas City Office advised St. Louis that the parents of Missouri State Penitentiary inmate, [REDACTED], may have information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

On May 8, 1968, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, mother of [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] she frequently visited her son at the Missouri State Penitentiary, the last time being May 7, 1968. The last visit she specifically asked her son if he knew RAY and he indicated he became acquainted with RAY while he was at the penitentiary but did not elaborate on his association. [REDACTED] said this was the only time RAY was ever mentioned to her by her son.

[REDACTED] said she resided with her husband, [REDACTED] at this address but he was in poor health and did not visit his son at the penitentiary.

[REDACTED] said her son's ex-wife, [REDACTED], divorced her son eight years ago soon after he went to the penitentiary and re-married shortly thereafter. She does not know her current whereabouts but said her son had not heard from [REDACTED] for eight years.

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RE: BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON  
JAMES EARL RAY

X On April 29, 1968, Kansas City Office advised [REDACTED] a fellow inmate friend of JAMES EARL RAY, at Missouri State Penitentiary, was currently serving time at St. Louis County Jail.

On May 7, 1968, [REDACTED] St. Louis Circuit Court, advised SA [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was released from St. Louis City Jail on [REDACTED] 1968, after serving nine-months sentence and current whereabouts unknown.

On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA [REDACTED] that he had been resident manager at this address for six or seven years and that [REDACTED] had been dead for four years. [REDACTED] was supposedly a friend listed by [REDACTED] in records of MSP. [REDACTED] did not know [REDACTED]

The address [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri, occupied by [REDACTED] nephew, [REDACTED], has been a vacant lot for four years and no information developed in the area as to the whereabouts of [REDACTED]

Pertinent St. Louis directories negative concerning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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RE: FELLOW PRISONER [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], at St. Louis, Missouri:

On April 25, 1968, [REDACTED] St. Louis County, Missouri, advised until March, 1968, he owned and operated the [REDACTED]. He stated he had never been incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary and was not acquainted with anyone named [REDACTED]. He viewed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY without being able to identify him by his true name or known aliases and stated he has never known or met RAY.

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RE: RAY PRISON ASSOCIATES  
[REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Cape Girardeau, Missouri:

On April 24, 1968, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], residing  
in [REDACTED]  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri, advised as follows:

[REDACTED] stated that she was formerly married  
to [REDACTED] however received a divorce from him  
in early 1965 while he was still confined to the Missouri  
State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri. She stated  
she has since remarried and since her divorce from [REDACTED]  
has had no contact or communication from him.

She supposed that subsequent to his release he  
would return to St. Louis, Missouri, where his mother, [REDACTED]  
resides on [REDACTED]

She stated that in the event any contact is made  
with her by [REDACTED] she would immediately contact the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation.

She stated that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to her  
and she has no information concerning him.



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Re: BACKGROUND OF JAMES EARL RAY

AT ST.-LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 29, 1968, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, residence telephone [REDACTED] furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED]:

While an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), [REDACTED] became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY [REDACTED]

Their main association at the prison was when they got together in the prison yard and conversed while walking for exercise. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He described RAY as a "loner" and "close-mouthed", who kept his own counsel and did not even mention his planned escape which [REDACTED] later learned was an unsuccessful attempt by him to go over the wall on a ladder. RAY had very few friends, however, he mixed well with other inmates, both black and white, and had never shown any propensity for violence or appeared to be a racist.

[REDACTED] said there were several instances of racial trouble at the penitentiary, but RAY never seemed to get involved or to express his feelings in the matter one way or another.

RAY often mentioned that he could not do his twenty year sentence, but never indicated any escape plans or any contacts with outside individuals. The only member of RAY's family he referred to was his brother, JACK RAY of St. Louis. [REDACTED] recalled JACK visited his brother at prison on the average of possibly once a year. [REDACTED] vaguely recalled RAY mentioning that he had another brother who was killed in an automobile accident in northern Missouri, but did not recall RAY mentioning any other relatives. RAY did not discuss his general background, other than mentioning on several occasions he had previously done time at Menard State Prison, Chester, Illinois.

RAY was not addicted to use of drugs, however, [REDACTED] said nearly all inmates "fooled around" with anything they could get their hands on and that if RAY used any form of drugs it was unknown to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had no heard of RAY's escape and presumed he was still in prison until the recently publicity about him.

[REDACTED] regards RAY as a small-time robber, mentally incapable of planning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING without additional intelligent guidance from some other source. He believes RAY capable of being hired for this but would certainly not be alone in this matter. He is also of the opinion that whoever hired RAY, that person or group has disposed of him. He commented with the "heat" on RAY and rewards advertised, it would be extremely difficult for a fellow like RAY to hide.

[REDACTED] indicated he would cooperate in any way he could with the FBI in the event any information came to his attention regarding the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was also an inmate at the MSP and was acquainted with RAY through their association in the exercise yard. [REDACTED] and RAY all walked together on many occasions. [REDACTED] was released two years before [REDACTED] and later served time at Terre Haute Federal Prison being released in [REDACTED] 1967. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] resides with [REDACTED] at Modesta, Illinois, and is currently employed at [REDACTED] Jacksonville, Illinois.

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RE: BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING  
JAMES EARL RAY

On May 6, 1968, Little Rock advised [REDACTED]  
former inmate of Missouri State Penitentiary, contacted [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] an acquaintance at MSP, [REDACTED] at St. Louis,  
Missouri. [REDACTED]

On May 9, 1968, [REDACTED] was re-contacted by  
SA [REDACTED] and reiterated information previously furnished  
regarding background information of RAY at MSP. [REDACTED] advised he  
had not learned anything further regarding RAY. He again expressed  
a willingness to cooperate in the event he learned anything of  
value.

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Fellow Prisoner: [REDACTED]

AT MOBERLY, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 26, 1968.

Inmate [REDACTED] Number [REDACTED] Missouri Training School for Men, advised he had been incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, Missouri, at the same time as subject and knew subject slightly from going back and forth to the dining room to eat. He stated everyone in the penitentiary knew RAY by his reputation as he had attempted to escape several times. [REDACTED] stated he had reported RAY as being missing at the time of his escape on April 23, 1967, to Lieutenant BILLY "BOB" TURNER after he had heard from other inmates that RAY had escaped. [REDACTED] stated it was rumored at that time that RAY was going to go to the State of Georgia if his escape was successful. [REDACTED] was of the opinion that Major B. J. PORTER, presently at the penitentiary at Jefferson City, would be aware of the inmates who furnished information concerning RAY's intentions to go to Georgia.

[REDACTED] stated he had no knowledge or information concerning RAY following RAY's escape, and that he would be unable to make any suggestion as to where RAY might be found at this time.

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[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] at which time he advised that his last Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) number was [redacted]. [redacted] stated he first entered the MSP in [redacted] on a [redacted] sentence [redacted]. He re-entered the MSP [redacted] on a [redacted] sentence [redacted] and entered a third time in [redacted], on a [redacted] sentence [redacted]. He was released from this institution on parole to [redacted] on [redacted].

[redacted] is presently employed in [redacted] at the [redacted] but is seeking employment as an employee of [redacted]. [redacted] expects to be residing soon with his wife, [redacted] in St. Louis.

[redacted] knew subject RAY casually while they were both inmates in MSP at Jefferson City. During the period of this casual acquaintance RAY was living in K Hall while [redacted] was a resident of J Hall. Their association consisted of casual passing in the hallways of the institution, some slight association in the yard and slight association based on the fact that RAY worked on the food detail and sometimes served special dishes [redacted].

[redacted] recalled that RAY was always a neat, clean individual, but he stated he could not picture RAY as a person who would plan and carry out an assassination such as that committed on Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[redacted] stated he had never heard RAY or anyone else in the institution discuss any plans concerning the assassination of KING or anyone else for a monetary consideration. He recalled vaguely the name COOLEY (phonetic) among inmates in the MSP but could not place this individual as to race or any associates. When questioned concerning possible close associates of subject RAY while he was in the MSP, [redacted] named one [redacted] age about 40, tinner, who has returned to the St. Louis area and was recently shot in South St. Louis in a tavern brawl. He also mentioned one [redacted] employed in [redacted] in St. Louis, Missouri.

When questioned concerning any individuals in the MSP who might be capable of planning a major assassination such as that of [redacted]

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SA [redacted]  
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/6/68

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KING he named [REDACTED] current inmate of the penitentiary who is doing 30 years [REDACTED]. He also named [REDACTED] who is serving time in the penitentiary for killing a St. Louis policeman. He described the majority of the MSP inmates as small time hoodlums but advised that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] may have connections on the outside that would afford them information such as a planned assassination. He attributed political connections to [REDACTED].

He pointed out at the time of RAY's escape from the penitentiary he, [REDACTED] was not confined at Jefferson City. [REDACTED]

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RE: FELLOW PRISONERS

AT MOBERLY, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

Convict [REDACTED], Number [REDACTED], Men's Training Center, advised on May 3, 1968, he knew subject when both of them were prisoners were at Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri. He was never a close associate of RAY and last saw him in 1964. He has observed photographs in the newspaper recently and recognized them as being of the person he knew as JIM RAY.

He never heard RAY make any antagonistic remarks concerning Negroes and never heard him mention Dr. KING.

The names "COOLEY" or "COOLEY Associates" was not familiar to him. He never heard any gossip at the prison that any amount of money would be paid to anyone for the death of KING. He was unable to suggest the name of any person who would have been a close associate or confidant of subject.

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Fellow Prisoner: [REDACTED]

The Springfield Division, on April 26, 1968, requested that the Miami Division be furnished available information in St. Louis files concerning [REDACTED] for the assistance of the Miami Division in conducting an interview of [REDACTED] at his residence, [REDACTED] West Palm Beach, Florida.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review of St. Louis files on April 27, 1968, concerning [REDACTED] disclosed that [REDACTED] had been sentenced at [REDACTED], on [REDACTED], 1963. [REDACTED] He escaped on [REDACTED] 1963, by sawing the bars of the jail. Process for unlawful flight to avoid confinement was issued, and [REDACTED] was subsequently apprehended [REDACTED] 1963. He was returned to local authorities.

[REDACTED] WAS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS BECAUSE HE HAD A .22 CALIBER WEAPON.



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Fellow Prisoner: [REDACTED]

AT MOBERLY, MISSOURI

A review of the records of the Missouri Training School for Men at Moberly, Missouri, by SA [REDACTED] on April 26, 1968, failed to disclose that [REDACTED] is now, or has ever been, an inmate of that institution. Officials of the Training School advised that No. [REDACTED] is not a Moberly number.

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RE: FELLOW PRISONER

AT MOBERLY, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED].

Convict [REDACTED], Number [REDACTED], Men's Training Center, advised on May 3, 1968, he was only in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, from [REDACTED] 1962, until [REDACTED], 1963, when he was paroled. He thereafter violated his parole and was sent to the Renz Prison Farm until he was discharged on [REDACTED], 1964. He was again sentenced in [REDACTED], 1965, and sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary. Except for the thirty day processing section on each occasion he was assigned to the "L" Hall outside the walls.

He was unable to recall ever seeing or hearing anything about subject until after the assassination of KING.

[REDACTED] stated he had never heard any mention of "COOLEY" or "COOLEY Associates" in prison and he was not aware of any prison gossip to the effect that the killing of Dr. KING might be worth some money. He was unable to suggest the identity of any individual who might have been closely associated with RAY and he had no information concerning him.

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FORMER INMATES INCARCERATED WITH JAMES EARL RAY

The Jacksonville Division by communication dated April 30, 1968, advised that [REDACTED], presently at the new prison at Moberly, Missouri, was an acquaintance of JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 30, 1968:

AT MOBERLY, MISSOURI:

Mr. A. H. BALDWIN, Associate Warden, Missouri Training School for Men, Moberly, Missouri, advised from records that the only two [REDACTED] he presently has in the institution are [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED]

The institution at one time had [REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED], who was transferred from Moberly to Fordland, an honor camp, operated in the Missouri Prison System out of Jefferson City, Missouri, on [REDACTED] 1964. He came to the institution originally on [REDACTED] 1963, transferred to Moberly, [REDACTED] 1963, transferred to Fordland, [REDACTED] 1964.

Mr. BALDWIN determined by telephone from Jefferson City from [REDACTED] of the Records Office, that [REDACTED] was paroled from Fordland on [REDACTED] 1964, returned as a parole violator on [REDACTED] 1966, and released from Jefferson City on [REDACTED] 1967, upon completion of his sentence. His relatives were listed as father - [REDACTED] wife - [REDACTED]

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FORMER INMATES INCARCERATED WITH JAMES EARL RAY

The Kansas City Division by communication dated May 1, 1968, advised that [REDACTED], Missouri Corrections # [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Missouri Corrections # [REDACTED] are both incarcerated at the Missouri Training School for Men at Moberly, Missouri, and were former inmates of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on May 1, 1968:

AT MOBERLY, MISSOURI:

[REDACTED], white, male, Missouri Training School for Men # [REDACTED], advised that he was convicted and sentenced to a life term for murder on [REDACTED], 1952, [REDACTED]. He served time at Jefferson City, Missouri, from [REDACTED] 1952, through [REDACTED] 1965, when he was transferred to Moberly, Missouri. He was transferred back to Jefferson City, Missouri, during [REDACTED] 1966, and stayed there until [REDACTED] 1968, when he was transferred back to Moberly, Missouri. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He knew JAMES EARL RAY by sight and by reputation. He knows nothing personal about him and was not even a speaking acquaintance. He is the only [REDACTED] he has known either in Jefferson City or Moberly in the 15½ years that he has been there.

[REDACTED] Missouri Training School for Men, advised that they have no record of a [REDACTED] and this is not even a good number for the Missouri Training School for Men.

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RE: FELLOW PRISONER JAMES LOMA OWENS

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at St. Louis, Missouri

The records of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, reflect the last known address listed for JAMES LOMA OWENS as being in care of his wife, [REDACTED] Berkeley, Missouri.

On April 25, 1968, it was observed that [REDACTED] Berkeley, Missouri, extends only from 9336 through 9522. A review of the St. Louis City and St. Louis County Directories for the 9300 through the 9500 block of [REDACTED] listed no one named OWENS living in the area.

On April 24, 1968, IC [REDACTED] ascertained that the Commercial Credit Rating Company has no record of JAMES LOMA OWENS.

The records of the St. Louis Police Department reflect the last known address for OWENS, listed in October, 1959, as [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri. This address is now occupied by non-Caucasians.

On May 6, 1968, [REDACTED] Barbers Union #102, 2133 Hampton Avenue, advised a search of the active and inactive members of Union #102 failed to reflect any records to JAMES LOMA OWENS. She also advised that she examined the records of licenses issued to barbers who are non-members of the union and also advised these records were negative concerning OWENS. She stated Barbers Union 102 includes Jefferson, Franklin, St. Charles, and St. Louis Counties as well as the City of St. Louis, Missouri. She also advised that a convicted felon cannot receive a barber's license in the State of Missouri.

On May 7, 1968, [REDACTED] Berkeley, Missouri, advised her daughter, [REDACTED] was formerly married to JAMES LOMA OWENS. They were divorced six years ago and [REDACTED] has remarried, living somewhere in the greater St. Louis area. She advised that she was under

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the impression that OWENS was still serving a sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary. She advised she is positive that her daughter, [REDACTED], does not know the whereabouts of OWENS. [REDACTED] stated she does not know where her daughter is living since their relationship is very estranged and she, herself, had not seen her daughter in the past 18 months. She advised her daughter married an individual named [REDACTED] but she did not know any further information concerning him. [REDACTED] advised that she did not approve of her daughter's marriage to OWENS and actually knew very little concerning him or his background. She stated OWENS' mother reportedly lives in Honolulu, Hawaii, and she would venture a guess that he is most likely to be incarcerated in some penal institution since he was always breaking the law.

On May 6, 1968, [REDACTED] Missouri State Board of Pardon and Parole, 1500 Big Bend Boulevard, advised she possessed no record of JAMES LOMA OWENS as a current parolee. She advised complete records of all current and former state parolees are maintained in Jefferson City, Missouri, and records are returned to Jefferson City after a parolee becomes inactive.

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RE: PRISON INMATE LEO HOLDEN PARKER

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

The Kansas City Division advised on April 26, 1968, captioned prisoner at Missouri State Penitentiary claimed he was innocent of the crime of kidnaping for which he was being imprisoned; that the victims had identified a retouched photograph of him; and that victims claimed their kidnaper stated he had broken out of prison and needed a car. He felt he bore such a ~~physical~~ resemblance to subject RAY that RAY might actually have been responsible for the kidnaping.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 26, 1968, telephonically:

Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 5th District, St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department, advised there is no actual similarity of features or appearance between LEO HOLDEN PARKER and subject RAY. They deny that a retouched photograph had been utilized in the identification of PARKER and stated that a copy of the regular mug photograph which had been used would be available at 5th District Headquarters on the following day. They stated that comparison of that photograph with the photograph of subject RAY failed to disclose any similarities.

They advised further that PARKER is known as a "jail house lawyer" and conducted his own defense at the time of his trial. [REDACTED]

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RE: RAY LOOK-ALIKE - LEON HOLDEN PARKER

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SAs  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

On April 27, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MC QUADE, JR., [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri, advised that photograph of JAMES EARL RAY is not identical to LEO HOLDEN PARKER, the person who kidnapped them and stole their vehicle.

Mrs. MC QUADE who is the former RITA BROCKELMAN, advised that similarities in PARKER's hairline with JAMES EARL RAY, but PARKER is one who they identified as the kidnapper.

GEORGE MC QUADE advised he saw no similarity between PARKER and JAMES EARL RAY.

He advised that PARKER from his observation is a "nut," and thinks he is a legal brain, and attempted to conduct his own defense. MC QUADE advised that PARKER was identified in open court as the person who committed this local crime.

Mr. MC QUADE advised that he believes that PARKER is trying to obtain coverage in the news media and attempt to get another trial.

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RE: RAY PRISON ASSOCIATES  
[REDACTED]  
POLICE CHECK

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DISPOSITION

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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following background and descriptive data regarding [REDACTED]

Male

White

Weight

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Hair  
Eyes  
Build  
Complexion  
Tattoos

Scars  
Peculiarities  
Occupation  
FBI Number  
Addresses

Wives

Parents

Sisters

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on right upper arm,  
outer;  
[REDACTED] on right  
forearm outer;  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] left upper forearm;  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] left forearm outer  
Two inch scar right thumb  
[REDACTED]  
Laborer  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Missouri;  
[REDACTED] Iowa;  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] St. Louis;  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Missouri  
[REDACTED] nee  
[REDACTED] born in  
[REDACTED] address [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] residing [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Missouri  
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[REDACTED] Iowa,  
also shown as [REDACTED] Iowa,  
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[REDACTED] Iowa,  
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RE: RAY FELLOW PRISONERS

AT FARMINGTON, MISSOURI, AND DOE RUN, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on April 25, 1968, in order to locate [REDACTED], former inmate at the Missouri School for Men. This investigation was predicated on receipt of a communication from the Kansas City Division which advised that [REDACTED] was a fellow inmate of JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was also a fellow prisoner of RAY.

[REDACTED] Doe Run, Missouri, was interviewed at her residence and advised that she is the mother of [REDACTED], who was released from prison in [REDACTED] 1968. [REDACTED] stated she did not know her son's address but believed that he was employed in St. Louis.

[REDACTED] viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY but stated she had never seen him nor had her son mentioned his name.

On April 29, 1968, [REDACTED] advised he was in prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, from [REDACTED] 1967, to [REDACTED] 1968. He stated that he knew JAMES EARL RAY only slightly [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that he may have talked to RAY but they were not friends. [REDACTED] further advised that he did not know of any background information concerning RAY and he had no information concerning RAY's escape from the prison and did not know whether or not RAY used narcotics. [REDACTED] stated that RAY was somewhat of a loner and no one was very close to him. [REDACTED] stated that he had no idea of RAY's present whereabouts.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 8, 1968

[REDACTED], Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) # [REDACTED], was interviewed at his place of employment, [REDACTED]. His residence is in the rear of this establishment. [REDACTED] furnished information that he was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and entered the MSP [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has resided in the St. Louis area since that time.

He described RAY as one of the "nuts" or "cowboys" who according to [REDACTED] were small time hoodlums who would be involved in most any type or petty thievery or gangsterism going on inside the institution.

[REDACTED] stated he knew subject RAY only casually [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated he read some publicity concerning RAY escaping shortly after it occurred but had heard nothing indicating that subject RAY had been in St. Louis or made any contacts in the St. Louis area since that time.

He described RAY as one of the inmates who used narcotics or medicine of any kind whenever obtainable. He stated that his most frequent encounter with RAY was upon the occasions of RAY's reporting to the hospital for sick call.

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SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
by \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated 5/6/68

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Fellow Prisoner: [REDACTED]

AT MOBERLY, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 26, 1968.

Inmate [REDACTED] Number [REDACTED] Missouri Training School for Men, Moberly, Missouri, advised that he had been convicted in [REDACTED] 1951, and had been an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, from [REDACTED] 1951, through [REDACTED] 1967.

[REDACTED] stated that no one was really friendly with RAY.

[REDACTED] stated that prior to his apprehension he had jumped bond and had been in Salpillo Coahuila, Mexico. Following his apprehension, he received mail from Mexico. RAY was aware of this and asked questions of him concerning the economy in Mexico. He indicated particular interest in the Mexican Army structure. [REDACTED] explained it was generally understood by inmates that if they could get into the Mexican Army they could effectively lose their identities.

[REDACTED] stated that in his estimation the person who was most closely associated with RAY was inmate [REDACTED] who, to the best of his knowledge, is currently employed in the bread room at the Missouri State Prison in Jefferson City, Missouri.

[REDACTED] was unable to offer any suggestions as to the present whereabouts of subject.

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FELLOW PRISONERS

AT MOBERLY, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 25, 1968.

[REDACTED] inmate, Missouri Training School for Men, Moberly, Missouri, advised he had been committed to the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in [REDACTED] 1965, and had remained confined there until [REDACTED] 1966, when he was transferred to Moberly, Missouri. He was released in [REDACTED] 1967, but went back to Jefferson City as a parole violator in [REDACTED] that year. He was in the same cell with [REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED], from [REDACTED] 1967, to [REDACTED] 1968.

[REDACTED] stated he knew JAMES EARL RAY by reputation only, but did not know him personally. [REDACTED]

He said [REDACTED] mentioned that RAY, because of his escape, was the cause of prison officials cutting down the size of the boxes used to hold bread from the main kitchen. It was his belief that [REDACTED] was released in [REDACTED] 1968, and was thereafter employed by [REDACTED] in St. Louis. To his understanding, [REDACTED] is now in the Los Angeles area. He was of the opinion that [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED], might be aware of [REDACTED] current residence.

[REDACTED] stated he recalled a Negro penitentiary guard named BILLY BOB TURNER, but stated he had never heard anyone say that TURNER should be dead.

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RE: FELLOW PRISONER - [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted at St. Louis, Missouri, by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on May 3, 1968: B. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] owner of the property [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] advised that one [REDACTED] resides in an upstairs apartment at [REDACTED]. He has resided there for approximately eight or nine months and is employed as [REDACTED] Belleville, Illinois. She advised that [REDACTED] worked from about 11:00 a.m. until sometime around 8:00 p.m. but frequently did not return home until around midnight.

Efforts to interview [REDACTED] on that date were negative. Appointment was made with [REDACTED] for an interview on the morning of May 4, 1968, at the St. Louis FBI Office.



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Date 5-7-68

St. Louis,  
Missouri, was interviewed at the St. Louis Office of the FBI  
and furnished the following information:

He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as depicted on Wanted Flyer #442-A dated April 19, 1968. He advised that none of these photographs resembled RAY as he recalls him. He advised that the picture of RAY in the bow tie particularly does not resemble him. He viewed a photograph of RAY taken by the St. Louis Police Department October 10, 1959, and stated this is a very good likeness of RAY as he recalls him.

He advised that as a result of his employment as [REDACTED] he has frequently [REDACTED] regarding RAY but failed to recognize RAY as a fellow inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary until viewing his photograph in a newspaper.

He described RAY as a quiet type who was seldom noticed. RAY did not gamble, play sports, or do anything to attract attention to himself while at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He does not recall having ever spoken with RAY or having been in the same dormitory as RAY. However, he does recall RAY's face from having seen him at the penitentiary. He advised that RAY's escape attempts attracted no attention to RAY inasmuch as there were frequent such attempts by numerous inmates.

[redacted] advised that he was in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, from [redacted]

He was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary  
to serve a sentence

On 5-4-68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775

SA [REDACTED]  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5-4-68

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While at the Missouri State Penitentiary he never heard of money being offered for the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING or anyone else. He advised that it was common knowledge that anyone could "pick up a few bucks by killing guys like that." He suggested that organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan or other southern organizations commonly referred to as the Klan resisting the present integration movement might pay for the death of KING or other Negro leaders.

[REDACTED] recalls that [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED], who presently resides at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, lived in F&G Hall at the Missouri State Penitentiary with RAY. [REDACTED] believes that he has seen [REDACTED] speaking with RAY at the penitentiary. [REDACTED] has not seen [REDACTED] since he was released but has heard that [REDACTED] was released from the penitentiary approximately one month ago. He recalls [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as fellow inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He believes the true name of [REDACTED] to be [REDACTED]. He explained that [REDACTED] was nicknamed [REDACTED]. He is unaware of [REDACTED] present whereabouts.

[REDACTED] advised that the name COOLEY (phonetic) and Cooley's Organization have no meaning to him. He advised that COOLEY may apply to a Negro inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary whose true identity is unknown to him.

The following description and background information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri
Employment	[REDACTED] Belleville, Illinois
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED]
Hair	[REDACTED]
Eyes	[REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by IC [REDACTED]

On April 30, 1968, a review of the records at the Metropolitan St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, disclosed [REDACTED] St. Louis Police Department # [REDACTED], was arrested on [REDACTED] and was sentenced on [REDACTED] to serve [REDACTED] in the Missouri State Penitentiary and was subsequently sentenced on [REDACTED] to serve [REDACTED] in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The records of the Metropolitan St. Louis Police Department contained the following descriptive and background data concerning [REDACTED]:

Sex  
Race  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Height

Male  
White

Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Build  
Complexion  
Tattoos

on fingers of right  
hand; on fingers  
of left hand;  
right wrist;  
on top of left  
hand; numerous undescrib  
tattoos on both arms

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FBI No.  
Marital status  
Occupation  
Address

[REDACTED]  
Laborer

[REDACTED]  
Missouri

Relatives

On April 30, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Commercial Credit Rating Company, St. Louis, Missouri,  
made available the file concerning one [REDACTED], no age  
shown, known to that agency from September, 1964 to December,  
1967, last known to reside at [REDACTED], St. Louis,  
Missouri, and last known to be employed as [REDACTED] with  
[REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, in July, 1966. This  
file indicated [REDACTED] maintained a favorable credit rating  
and failed to disclose any derogatory information.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY ASSOCIATES  
[REDACTED]

On April 19, 1968, Officer [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, St. Louis Police Department, advised SA [REDACTED] that he had been acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY when RAY had been in St. Louis prior to his conviction for the armed robbery of a Kroger store in 1959. He stated further that one [REDACTED] St. Louis Police Department number [REDACTED], was also acquainted with RAY and in his estimation was the type of person who would offer RAY a place to stay, money, or whatever he might need to avoid apprehension. He described [REDACTED] as a gambler who formerly operated [REDACTED] in St. Louis, Missouri, and who during the middle of March 1968 moved to Portageville, Missouri, where he currently operates a [REDACTED] under the name of [REDACTED]

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RAY Associate: [REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 26, 1968, [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department, advised SA [REDACTED] that at approximately 1 AM on that date he had received a telephone call at his residence from [REDACTED] whose name he would not disclose under any circumstances and who had told him that, in his opinion, JAMES EARL RAY might be hid out by an ex-convict named [REDACTED] on a farm owned by [REDACTED] near either Portageville or Wardell, Missouri.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] indicated that JAMES EARL RAY in September, 1967, had been hid out by [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] St. Louis, which was formerly owned by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] emphasized that his identity should not be brought into this case in any manner. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] felt if [REDACTED] had anything to do with the subject he might hide him on his farm near Portageville or Wardell, Missouri.

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RAY Associate: [REDACTED]

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Sergeant [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department, was telephonically contacted by SA [REDACTED] on April 20, 1968,

[REDACTED] advised he had been in contact with an informant, identified only as [REDACTED] acquaintance known to [REDACTED]. He stated [REDACTED] had indicated that JAMES EARL RAY was well acquainted with [REDACTED] who is now residing in the area of Portageville, Missouri. [REDACTED] stated that he could not, and would not, under any circumstances reveal the identity of [REDACTED] with whom he was in contact.

He stated that [REDACTED] indicated there was a good possibility that if RAY were in the State of Missouri, he could be hiding out on [REDACTED] farm, which he felt was located in the vicinity of New Madrid or Kennett, Missouri.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] had called him at approximately 11 PM on the night of April 19, 1968, and had indicated that, although he did not know positively, he thought RAY could be hiding out on [REDACTED] farm. [REDACTED] emphasized that this was only a "connection" between RAY and [REDACTED], and that his source, [REDACTED] did not know positively that RAY was on the [REDACTED] farm. He stated [REDACTED] is well acquainted with [REDACTED] but has not talked to him in over a year and does not know RAY very well. [REDACTED] is definitely not in touch with subject RAY.

[REDACTED] stated he had given the FBI every bit of information he has learned from his [REDACTED] source, and that he would exclusively provide this office with any additional information coming to his attention which might possibly be developed pertaining to this case. He stated he had provided the Chief of the St. Louis Police Department with the same information but no other individual. He has not told anyone the identity of his [REDACTED] informant and would decline to divulge such identity to the Chief of the Department.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Re: ALLEGED ASSOCIATION OF [REDACTED]  
AND JAMES EARL RAY

On April 23, 1968, Detective Sergeant [REDACTED], Intelligence Unit, St. Louis Police Department, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED].

Detective [REDACTED] advised that he could provide no additional information which would place JAMES EARL RAY and [REDACTED] together. He said he had no other information which might be more specific with regard to any farm property that [REDACTED] might have in the Portageville area. He said that his source of information had indicated to him that there were two persons who might have additional information regarding [REDACTED] and any farm property that [REDACTED] owned.

[REDACTED] Detective [REDACTED] said that any type of information which came to his attention would be immediately provided to the St. Louis FBI Office. Every effort will be made to help in the investigation of RAY.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Re: ALLEGED ASSOCIATION OF [REDACTED]  
AND JAMES EARL RAY

Police Officer [REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, St. Louis Police Department, advised SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on April 23, 1968, that at the time of JAMES EARL RAY's escape from the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, he was assigned to the Third District, St. Louis Police Department (SLPD). This district covered the area surrounding Jefferson and Park Streets in St. Louis, the area which RAY was known to frequent.

On learning of RAY's escape, [REDACTED] stated he contacted a source of information that he thought might have some information about RAY. This source told him that "RAY had been in town for approximately a week" and [REDACTED] had been putting him up and had hid him out in the basement of [REDACTED] located on [REDACTED]

As a result of this information, he [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED], where he made a search for RAY but did not locate him. Detective [REDACTED] feels that unquestionably the information from his confidential source was accurate.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who had also been harbored by [REDACTED] a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a very close personal friend of [REDACTED] and had made his escape from the penitentiary at Jefferson City after RAY had made his escape. [REDACTED] subsequently admitted to him [REDACTED] that he had hid [REDACTED] out, had given him money, fed him and denied [REDACTED] request that he obtain him a gun.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that he would be willing to confront [REDACTED] with the above information if it would be of assistance to the FBI in their investigation in instant

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matter. He also advised that he would be glad to recontact this source in an effort to determine the identity of any persons who might have personal knowledge of any association between JAMES EARL RAY and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were boyhood friends, both coming from the Wendell, Missouri area, and it was very probable that [REDACTED] and JAMES EARL RAY served time together at the Missouri State Penitentiary, and RAY may have learned of [REDACTED] in St. Louis through [REDACTED], and in this way came to [REDACTED] for assistance after his escape.

[REDACTED] also stated that perhaps some investigation at the penitentiary at Jefferson City could throw some light on who may have assisted RAY in his escape and also determine the driver of the truck that RAY hid in when he made his escape. He stated that he thought possibly a St. Louis Police character, [REDACTED], was the driver of that truck and [REDACTED] is probably out of the penitentiary and back in St. Louis at this time.

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] had openly admitted to him and to Detective [REDACTED] of the Intelligence Unit that he had on various occasions taken whisky, cigarettes and money to the area of the honor farm at the Missouri State Penitentiary and would throw these off on the side of the road so that the convicts could pick them up and take them back into the penitentiary. [REDACTED] corresponds with [REDACTED] in the penitentiary and visited him on numerous occasions.

Officer [REDACTED] emphasized that he has not and does not say from any knowledge that he has that JAMES EARL RAY and [REDACTED] were friends or even close or that they knew each other prior to RAY's escape, but he does say that some information received by him, which he feels is reliable, indicates [REDACTED] did put RAY up when he escaped, and when he [REDACTED] denies that he knows RAY he is a "liar".

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[redacted] residing at [redacted] Portageville, Missouri, was interviewed at his place of business, [redacted] Portageville, Missouri.

He was advised of the identities of SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and the purpose of the interview.

[redacted] stated that up until about three to four weeks ago he had owned and operated [redacted] known as [redacted] at [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, and was residing at [redacted] also St. Louis, Missouri.

[redacted] stated that he cannot recall the name JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT or any of the other names as furnished to him by the interviewing agents.

[redacted] stated that within the past several days he has looked at a picture of GALT which was in the Memphis, Tennessee, newspapers and he did not recognize it as anyone he has ever known or ever seen.

[redacted] was advised by the interviewing agents of the fugitive status of JAMES EARL RAY and at this time was also advised of the provisions of the Federal harboring statute.

[redacted] at this time reiterated that he does not know JAMES EARL RAY or anyone of a similar name or description.

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by SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/23/68

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[REDACTED], Portageville, Missouri, was interviewed at his place of business, [REDACTED] Portageville. He was advised of the identities of Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and the purpose of the interview.

[REDACTED] stated he was unable to identify a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, St. Louis Police Department number 81071, as any person he has ever known or has ever seen. He displayed a cooperative attitude and related that the only escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, with whom he has ever come into contact is one [REDACTED] white male, age 39, who escaped in [REDACTED] 1967. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were childhood friends from southeast Missouri, and after his escape, [REDACTED] came to [REDACTED] for assistance. At this time, [REDACTED] 1967, [REDACTED] was operating [REDACTED] in St. Louis, Missouri.

[REDACTED], who knew [REDACTED] to be an escapee, gave him \$100 knowing he would probably use it to try to go to Chicago, Illinois, but he, [REDACTED], advised against it. In conversation with [REDACTED] he tried to convince him to turn himself in to the authorities. [REDACTED] eventually went to a brother's house in St. Louis and was later apprehended by the St. Louis Police Department.

[REDACTED] related that [REDACTED] was aware of his helping [REDACTED] and he, [REDACTED], strongly suspects that [REDACTED] probably told them that he, [REDACTED], had harbored an escapee from the Missouri Penitentiary and that this escapee was RAY. [REDACTED] also stated [REDACTED] would probably try to get him in trouble because in the past he and [REDACTED] had a violent disagreement over a "joint fleecing" they had been conducting on a victim, a retired U. S. Army Major, [REDACTED] (last name unknown), Alton, Illinois, which amounted to thousands of dollars.

This disagreement resulted in [REDACTED] hiring a small time hoodlum, [REDACTED] of Salem, Missouri, to smash windows

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in [REDACTED] business place numerous times and [REDACTED] later administered to him a severe physical beating [REDACTED] which resulted in [REDACTED] receiving a fractured jaw. [REDACTED] stated all of this is a matter of record with the St. Louis Police Department.

[REDACTED] in [REDACTED] retaliated by shooting [REDACTED] a number of times which shooting permanently paralyzed [REDACTED] in his lower limbs.

[REDACTED] emphasized he has never owned, leased, or operated any farm in southeast Missouri, or any other place, and further has never or at the present time have access to a farm through any other source.

[REDACTED] stated his wife and two children are currently engaged in operating [REDACTED] at Portageville.

[REDACTED] stated he cannot imagine any situation in which RAY would contact him, but in the event any such contact is made or he develops any information concerning him he would immediately contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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RE: RAY ASSOCIATES [REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 20, 1968:

During the period 3:20 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. a very discreet surveillance of [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri, the previous residence of [REDACTED], was conducted. This surveillance reflected that the residence in question bore a "for sale" sign which instructed prospective buyers to contact Irene Wyatt Agency, 1703 Simpson, telephone PR 2-8245.

At approximately 4:00 p.m. a physical surveillance of [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri, reflected that it was vacant and all of the furniture and fixtures had been removed.

At 4:12 p.m. a physical surveillance of [REDACTED] reflected that the residence was occupied and a young teen-age male was observed in the window.

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Re: [REDACTED]  
ALLEGED ACQUAINTANCE OF  
JAMES EARL RAY

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The current St. Louis telephone directory listed the address for [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] St. Louis, and telephone number as [REDACTED]

An effort was made to call the above number and it was determined the number had been disconnected.

[REDACTED]  
St. Louis, Missouri, on April 20, 1968, advised Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as follows:

They moved to [REDACTED] on Marcy 23, 1968, and the house was vacant at that time. [REDACTED] is employed at [REDACTED] Bridgeton, Missouri (suburb of St. Louis).

They stated the former tenant was a man named [REDACTED] who operated [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] moved, he left a black-colored German Shepherd dog at [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] took care of the dog for two or three weeks, at which time [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] (first name unknown) [REDACTED] picked up the dog and apparently took it to [REDACTED], who reportedly lives somewhere in southern Missouri.

They stated that mail addressed to [REDACTED], sent to [REDACTED] was brought to their residence by an unknown youngster in the neighborhood a couple of weeks ago and they returned this mail to the Post Office about a week ago to be returned to sender.

They stated they rented this building from a real estate agent and never knew [REDACTED]. They said no one came



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to [REDACTED] looking for [REDACTED] during the time they have resided at that address.

Visual observation of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri, determined the store room at that location is now vacant.

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[REDACTED] Wardell, Missouri, advised that she is the sister of [REDACTED] who currently owns and operates [REDACTED] that he recently purchased in Portageville, Missouri.

[REDACTED] pointed out that in addition to [REDACTED] being her brother she has two other sisters; namely, [REDACTED] who formerly resided at [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, but who recently moved and can be contacted through her daughter, [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] in Chicago, Illinois. Another sister [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri. She pointed out that both parents are deceased.

She stated that their father, [REDACTED] was a [REDACTED] for a [REDACTED] Wardell, Missouri, and they never resides on or owned a farm. She stated that she has never known her brother, [REDACTED], to own, operate or lease a farm noting that most of his life has been spent [REDACTED] in St. Louis, Missouri.

[REDACTED] pointed out that she has never heard her brother speak of JAMES EARL RAY and she has never heard him mention any persons acquainted with anyone allegedly connected with the Doctor KING assassination.

[REDACTED] pointed out that in event she should learn that [REDACTED] has any personal knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY she would immediately contact the FBI.

She also noted that she knew of no close friends or associates of [REDACTED] who lived on a farm or owned a farm in this area.

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SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Wardell, Missouri, advised that he is the brother-in-law of [REDACTED] being married to [REDACTED] sister [REDACTED]

He stated that he has known [REDACTED] since 1946, although he has not closely associated with him because until about a month ago [REDACTED] operated [REDACTED] in the St. Louis area and only infrequently visited in Wardell, Missouri.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] now operates [REDACTED] in Portageville, Missouri, and lives in that town having recently purchased this [REDACTED]

He stated that he has never known [REDACTED] to own, operate, lease, rent or visit for any length of time on a farm nor does he know of any of [REDACTED] close friends who own farms.

[REDACTED] stated that he has never heard [REDACTED] mention JAMES EARL RAY nor has he talked about the assassination of Doctor KING. [REDACTED] noted that he has seen [REDACTED] more frequently in the past month since [REDACTED] owns [REDACTED] in Portageville than he has in the past fifteen years.

[REDACTED] noted that [REDACTED] had three sisters; namely, [REDACTED] (wife), [REDACTED] of Chicago, Illinois, and [REDACTED] of St. Louis, Missouri.

[REDACTED] noted that in the event he hears any information at all that would indicate that [REDACTED] had any contact with or any personal knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY he would immediately notify the FBI.

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SA [REDACTED]  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/23/68

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RE: [REDACTED] - RELATIVES

On April 21, 1968, [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, telephone - [REDACTED], was interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and furnished the following information:

Father - [REDACTED]; Died around 1959, age about sixty-six. At the time of death he lived [REDACTED] Wardell, Missouri. [REDACTED]

This house was owned by [REDACTED], and is now [REDACTED]. It is rented to a family named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

Mother - [REDACTED]; Died about 1938, age about forty-three. At time of death lived in town of Wardell, Missouri, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

Children born to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED], about fifty, resides about three miles outside Wardell in house, but not on farm. [REDACTED] is unemployed;

2. [REDACTED], about forty-seven. They are divorced. She resides at [REDACTED], Chicago, Illinois;

3. [REDACTED], forty-three, housewife, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri. [REDACTED] is a self-employed [REDACTED] operating out of his residence;

4. [REDACTED], forty-one. Resides at [REDACTED] Portageville, Missouri. Manages [REDACTED]. Rents the house. Wife is [REDACTED]. Has been in Portageville five or six weeks. Formerly had [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED], and owned house at [REDACTED] both St. Louis, Missouri. House is now rented to family, names unknown, but who have current telephone [REDACTED]. House rented through White Realty Company. —

## Paternal relatives - [REDACTED]:

One-half brother, [REDACTED]. Age about ninety, resides in Pascola, Missouri, and now probably in a rest home for elderly;

Full sister, [REDACTED], single, sixty-three, resides at Memphis, Tennessee.

## Maternal relatives - [REDACTED]:

Brother, [REDACTED]. Resided on a farm in Rutherford, Tennessee, and now dead. His children migrated to Michigan and the Chicago area;

Sister, [REDACTED], deceased. She had three children;

Cousin - [REDACTED] believed to have [REDACTED] in Rutherford, Tennessee. This is located about sixty-five miles from Portageville, Missouri;

Cousin - [REDACTED] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) and [REDACTED] both believed to still live on the old farm of [REDACTED] in Rutherford, Tennessee.

## Regarding [REDACTED] wife's relatives:

Father - deceased;

Mother, resides in Wardell, Missouri. This is [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was married twice and is believed to have had a total of about eight children. The only ones known to [REDACTED] are the following:

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[REDACTED] wife;

[REDACTED] they reside outside Wardell, Missouri, [REDACTED] works in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - She is married and lives on a farm about two miles outside Wardell;

There is a brother, [REDACTED], last name believed to be [REDACTED], but possibly a half-brother. He lives somewhere in Indiana.

She believes there may be several other brothers, sisters and/or half-brothers and half-sisters living on farms in the Wardell area.

[REDACTED] is closest to her sister, [REDACTED] and her mother.

[REDACTED] is probably closest to his sister, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] states she has never known [REDACTED] or any of the [REDACTED] to own any farm property. [REDACTED] is not a hunter or outdoorsman. [REDACTED] has not attempted to contact [REDACTED] over the current week-end, and she last saw him about two weeks ago in Wardell. [REDACTED] she has heard [REDACTED] refer to [REDACTED] who is now dead. She has never heard [REDACTED] refer to subject RAY, says she does not know subject RAY, and was unable to identify RAY from photos appearing on the Wanted Flyers.

[REDACTED] appeared to be straightforward and very cooperative, and states she will cooperate in this matter in the event she gets any indication whatever her brother is in any way involved with the subject RAY.

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RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI

On April 21, 1968, the following persons residing in the vicinity of [REDACTED] residence at [REDACTED] Portageville, Missouri, stated they have never known [REDACTED] to own, lease, or sharecrop any farms or property in the area and they know of nothing that would identify [REDACTED] with subject, JAMES EARL RAY:

[REDACTED]  
Rural mail carrier;

[REDACTED]  
United States Post Office  
[REDACTED]

On April 20, 1968, the following business establishments all adjacent to [REDACTED] place of business, [REDACTED] advised they are only slightly acquainted with [REDACTED] as the operator of [REDACTED] for about the past three and one half to four weeks, that they know he rents a residence within the city limits of Portageville, Missouri, and they have never known him to own or lease any farms in the area:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED] owner of the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] furnished the following information relative to [REDACTED].

He stated that [REDACTED] came to his station about five weeks ago relating that he had heard an advertisement on the local radio concerning [REDACTED] being for lease or rent.

He stated [REDACTED] wife and son and daughter were along with him, that [REDACTED] mentioned having lived at Wardell, Missouri, at one time, that he wanted to return to the Boot Heel area of Missouri and for about the past six or eight years had been engaged in [REDACTED] business in St. Louis, Missouri.

He stated that they talked at length concerning the rental agreement for [REDACTED] and that about three weeks ago, after making a final agreement, [REDACTED] opened and has since that time operated [REDACTED]. He stated there are no living quarters in the building where the [REDACTED] are located. He stated that [REDACTED] rents a residence at [REDACTED] in Portageville, Missouri, and is driving a 1968 Chevrolet Impala, brown with a black vinyl top.

He stated that in addition to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] wife, that his son, age approximately 12 years, and a daughter about 16 or 17, help him [REDACTED] along with one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he has noticed nothing unusual about [REDACTED], that he has noticed no strangers being in contact with [REDACTED] and that he, [REDACTED], has seen no one that he could identify with the subject, JAMES EARL RAY.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] would have access to the following phones:

[REDACTED] phone [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
(pay phone)  
[REDACTED] residence on [REDACTED]



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On April 20, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that she is [REDACTED] employed by [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] that she has noticed nothing unusual since he took over [REDACTED] about three and one half to four weeks ago, and that she knows of nothing concerning subject, JAMES EARL RAY and any possible connection with [REDACTED].

On April 21, 1968, the following individuals residing on Highway 162, running east and west from Portageville, Missouri, advised they could furnish no information relative to [REDACTED] owning, renting or leasing any farm property in the area nor do they have any information relative to JAMES EARL RAY:



On April 22, 1968, [REDACTED] New Madrid County, Missouri, [REDACTED], advised a review of his records failed to reflect any property listed in the name of [REDACTED].

On April 22, 1968, the following officials of New Madrid County, Missouri, advised their records fail to list the name of [REDACTED] as being the owner or leasee of any property in New Madrid County, Missouri:

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Recorder, GEORGE BOONE;  
Assessor, PRESTON UTTERBACH;

During the period April 20-22, 1968, the following officers stated they have no information to indicate that [REDACTED] owns, rents or sharecrops any property in the New Madrid County, Missouri, area nor do they have any information relative to JAMES EARL RAY having any contacts or relatives within that area:

Chief of Police JOE MOORE;  
Portageville, Missouri

Chief of Police FRITZ MC KAY  
Hayti, Missouri

Trooper [REDACTED],  
Missouri State Highway Patrol,  
Hayti, Missouri

Chief of Police JOHNNY MARTIN,  
Lilbourn, Missouri

Chief of Police WILLIS WINGO,  
Gideon, Missouri

Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED]  
New Madrid County, Missouri

Sheriff CLYDE ORTON,  
Pemiscot County, Missouri

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EMM:hcv

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
and SA [REDACTED]

AT WARDELL, MISSOURI

On April 20, 1968, [REDACTED] identified himself as a childhood friend of [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] was born and raised in the Wardell, Missouri, area and left this area and went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained for over ten years. Sometime in March or April, 1968, [REDACTED] returned to this general area and is now operating [REDACTED] in Portageville, Missouri. [REDACTED] stated that he has never known [REDACTED] to own or operate any farm in this area. [REDACTED] also noted that he [REDACTED] has no relatives who are acquainted with the subject.

[REDACTED] who resides north of Wardell, Missouri, stated he is vaguely acquainted with [REDACTED] and has been advised by various persons who reside in this area that [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was born and raised in the Wardell area. [REDACTED] said about three weeks ago [REDACTED] bought [REDACTED] at Portageville, Missouri, and is operating [REDACTED] with his wife. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] has never owned or operated any farm in this area and since his return to Portageville, Missouri, resides in a house in that city.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

AT WARDELL, MISSOURI

On April 21, 1968, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that they have known [REDACTED] since his childhood and explained that he was born and raised in the Wardell, Missouri, area. [REDACTED] father was employed by these persons as a [REDACTED]. They said to the best of their knowledge [REDACTED] has never owned or operated a farm in this area. They commented that they [REDACTED] are familiar with the persons who are employed in the farming business in this county. They were unable to furnish any information concerning JAMES RAY.

They noted that [REDACTED] left the Wardell area and was in some type of business in St. Louis for many years just recently returning to Portageville, Missouri, and is currently operating [REDACTED] in that town. They have never known of any of [REDACTED] family (whose father's name was [REDACTED]) to own a farm in this area. They noted that [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] is currently married to [REDACTED] who resides on the outskirts of Wardell [REDACTED]. Neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] could furnish the current location of any other of [REDACTED] relatives noting that his parents are deceased.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
and SA [REDACTED]

AT WARDELL, MISSOURI

The following individuals were contacted on [REDACTED]  
and extended section roads from Route A in the vicinity of  
Wardell, Missouri, towards Portageville and Bragg City, Missouri,  
in an effort to establish ownerships or renters of farms in the  
area. These individuals all noted that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] are the major land owners in this area each owning  
in excess of 50,000 acres, and that they never knew [REDACTED]  
to be a renter or operator of any of the other farms or as a  
leasee of any piece of ground.

[REDACTED]



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MARTIN BRITT  
Agricultural Stabilization  
and Conservation Officer  
Dunklin County,  
Kennett, Missouri.

1Date April 24, 1968

[REDACTED] Wardell, Missouri, advised upon interview that he is approximately the same age as [REDACTED] and recalled [REDACTED] and other members of the family working intermittently on farm land operated by his father from the time they were small children until they became grown. He also worked for several years for [REDACTED] at Wardell, Missouri, where [REDACTED] father, [REDACTED] worked for a number of years until he passed away a few years ago.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] married one of the [REDACTED] girls of WARDELL and that her brother, [REDACTED] still resides in the Wardell area. Another brother, [REDACTED] reportedly resides somewhere in St. Louis. A brother-in-law of [REDACTED] one [REDACTED], presently resides north of Wardell on Highway B. A sister-in-law, [REDACTED] is also believed to still be residing in the Wardell, Missouri, area.

According to [REDACTED] he has never heard of any members of the [REDACTED] family, the [REDACTED] family, the [REDACTED] or the [REDACTED] family being land owners in the Wardell, Missouri, area.

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On 4/21/68 at Wardell, Missouri File # SL 44-775  
by SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/24/68



1Date April 24, 1968

[redacted] residing approximately two miles south of Wardell, Missouri, on County Highway B, advised upon interview that he has known the family of [redacted] since the time [redacted] was approximately five years of age. At about this time [redacted] father, [redacted] and the other members of his family began working [redacted] on land farmed by [redacted] in the vicinity of Wardell, Missouri. This type of irregular employment by the members of the [redacted] family continued intermittently until the time [redacted] quit high school and drifted out of the Wardell area. On various other occasions subsequent to this time, [redacted] would return to the Wardell area and work for a short period of time on land operated by [redacted].

According to [redacted] neither [redacted] who is deceased or any of his children have ever owned or even sharecropped any land in the Wardell area to his knowledge. During the last several years of his life, [redacted] operated [redacted] at Wardell, Missouri. He recalled that [redacted] was always considered a trouble maker and was always in some difficulty with the law in the local area and he heard that he was in similar trouble in the St. Louis area after he left Wardell.

[redacted] furnished the name of other members of the [redacted] family as being [redacted], presently residing a couple of miles north of Wardell; [redacted] and [redacted] present addresses unknown.

[redacted]

[redacted] stated he was positive that [redacted] never owned, operated or sharecropped a farm in the area of Wardell and he knew of no individuals residing on farms in the general area who were close friends of [redacted].

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On 4/21/68 at Wardell, Missouri File # SL 44-775  
by SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/24/68

1Date April 24, 1968

JAMES A. SELLERS, who resides on County Highway B, one mile north of State Route 84 in Pemiscot County, Missouri, advised he is chairman of the Pascola Township Agriculture Stabilization Committee of Pemiscot County, Missouri. In this capacity he had in his possession a Pemiscot County map reflecting the various townships of Pemiscot County with the names of the land owners written in on the land plots of the various farms within the townships of that county.

The maps of Pascola Township covering the area surrounding Pascola, Missouri; the Little River Township covering the Wardell, Missouri, area; and the Peach Orchard Township covering the Bragg City area were examined.

There were no farm owners by the name of [REDACTED] listed in any of the three above-named townships.

Mr. SELLERS advised he is 95 percent familiar with all of the land owners in the Pemiscot County area west of U.S. Highway 61 and north of State Highway 84 and there is no land owner by the name of [REDACTED] operating in that area.

He went on to state that in his capacity of township committee chairman, he is also familiar with tenants and sharecroppers in this area and he has never heard the name [REDACTED] mentioned in this capacity.

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On 4/21/68 at Rural Route, Hayti, Missouri File # SL 44-775

by SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/24/68

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Re: JAMES EARL RAY ASSOCIATES

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

[REDACTED] was contacted at his residence, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, on April 22, 1968, by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He said he is now employed as [REDACTED] out of his house and has unlisted phone number [REDACTED]. He is usually at that address from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. [REDACTED]

When contacted at his house by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 22, 1968, he appeared to be completely cooperative throughout the interview, and voluntarily accompanied the agents to the St. Louis Office where he was interviewed.

He furnished the following information:

He knows the subject. Subject frequented [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] around 1958 - 1959. At that time, subject's mother resided on Hickory Street between 18th and Mississippi and subject resided in the vicinity on LaSalle or Park.

He said [REDACTED] who has been arrested for counterfeiting and served time in Leavenworth, knows the subject. [REDACTED] now is going straight and lives with a brother. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] probably will tell what he knows about RAY.

A man named [REDACTED] operates a confectionary on Hickory about four houses west of 18th Street, north side of the street. The confectionary is in a basement. This is at about the address of RAY's mother. [REDACTED] should know the mother, whether or not she is dead, and possibly know the subject.

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[REDACTED] said he does not know WALTER TERRY RIFE. (RIFE was arrested with RAY, March 7, 1955, for the burglary of the Post Office at Kellerville, Illinois, and served time with the subject at Leavenworth.)

He said he believes a man named JACK or JOHN, who operates the Grapevine Tavern at Illinois and Arsenal, came into [REDACTED] at least once with RAY.

[REDACTED] said he gave up [REDACTED] in May, 1967. He did not see RAY after RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary in April, 1967. He heard from some source that RAY came back to St. Louis to kill a man. It was [REDACTED] recollection that the man RAY wanted to kill was responsible for RAY's arrest for the holdup resulting in RAY's sentence to the Missouri State Penitentiary in the spring of 1960.

[REDACTED] said he has heard that RAY's family had property and relatives in southeast Missouri and the Poplar Bluff area sticks in his mind.

He said he cannot recall of hearing of RAY's father, any brothers or sisters. He has heard of no attorney used by RAY, nor any bailbondsman.

[REDACTED] was then questioned as to whether he knew if RAY ever contacted [REDACTED] and stated he thinks [REDACTED] told him RAY had contacted [REDACTED] after RAY escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary. [REDACTED] said that he had known RAY for a long time. He did not know that [REDACTED] had ever helped RAY.

[REDACTED] said RAY could be with [REDACTED] in Wardell, Missouri. He said he could not figure out why [REDACTED] suddenly gave up [REDACTED] and moved to Wardell. He said [REDACTED] had fitted it up with new, expensive equipment and when [REDACTED] said he was moving and selling the house he had bought, [REDACTED] was

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very surprised and asked why. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had been inspected by a St. Louis building inspector who had found the wiring to be defective. [REDACTED] said it would cost over \$500 to have the place rewired, that the landlord had refused to undertake the necessary repairs, and because of that [REDACTED] had decided to get out and take over a tavern in Wardell, Missouri. [REDACTED] said this did not make sense to him and commented, [REDACTED] hates niggers with a passion."

On being specifically questioned, [REDACTED] admitted that he had had a falling out with [REDACTED]. His version is as follows:

[REDACTED] had been gambling with a man and had taken a couple of checks for the losses. This man then went next door to [REDACTED], started talking about it and was advised by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] could not collect on the checks if [REDACTED] pressed him because they were gambling losses. [REDACTED] learned of [REDACTED] advice to this man, got mad, and told [REDACTED] he would knock his brains out. Later, [REDACTED] apologized to [REDACTED] the matter was forgotten, and they again became friends.

When pressed upon this further, he said that the check writer in question was an Army officer from Illinois, that the reason [REDACTED] had given him such advice was because [REDACTED] was jealous [REDACTED] had found a soft touch, and that now there were no hard feelings whatever between him and [REDACTED].

When pressed further about this matter, he said that a man named [REDACTED] frequented [REDACTED] [REDACTED] learned of the officer's welching on the bet and said he would take care of him. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] he did not need any help, pointing out that he had been a former amateur and professional boxer, and that he could whip [REDACTED] with one hand tied behind him.

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He said that nevertheless, [REDACTED] took it upon himself to further the argument when he was drinking and hit [REDACTED] fracturing [REDACTED] jaw. Thereafter, [REDACTED] shot [REDACTED] in cold blood, permanently paralyzing him. [REDACTED] said he was in no way responsible for [REDACTED] action, and later told [REDACTED] so. [REDACTED] agreed to [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] could take care of [REDACTED] and need not have gotten help, and they became friends again.

To point out that their differences had been patched up, [REDACTED] pointed out that [REDACTED] had called him when [REDACTED] was leaving St. Louis for Wardell, and promised to give him his [REDACTED] address and phone number so they could keep in touch.

[REDACTED] said that upon further recollection, he remembers LUCILLE RYAN and remembered RAY's stating that RYAN was his mother, that RAY had visited her in RAY's visit to [REDACTED] in the 1958 - 1959 era. He said that LUCILLE RYAN is now dead [REDACTED] and that when she lived on Hickory Street, she was living with an uncle of JOHN, who runs the Grapevine Tavern at Illinois and Arsenal. He said this uncle is an old-time thief and is still living, and frequents the Grapevine.

This uncle is 5'9", 165 pounds, 55 to 60, unemployed, and has a criminal record. He talks very fast and around the Grapevine keeps talking of old jobs he has pulled so that a listener gets the impression the old man is crazy.

JOHN, manager of the Grapevine, has a speech impediment and will be uncooperative. He drives a white Thunderbird, 1964, or later, model.

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] definitely helped an escapee from Missouri State Penitentiary named [REDACTED]

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He denied that he has discussed this with anybody. He said he considers the lead at the Grapevine much better than a follow-up on [REDACTED]. He said that while RAY contacted [REDACTED] after RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, he does not know whether [REDACTED] actually helped RAY.

He said [REDACTED] should remember RAY's mother, LUCILLE RYAN, should know who was living with LUCILLE and whether LUCILLE is dead.

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EEB:amb AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Re: Alleged Association of JAMES EARL RAY and J. D.  
DAILEY

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On April 21, 1968, [REDACTED] advised SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that RAY visited [REDACTED] St. Louis, in the 1958-1959 period. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] then was [REDACTED] who now lives at [REDACTED] and she should remember RAY's mother, LUCILLE RYAN, now who was living with LUCILLE, and whether LUCILLE is deceased.

On April 22, 1968, SA [REDACTED] attempted to contact [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] but no response could be obtained. A note on the door for the gas man instructed him to obtain payment from the tenant at [REDACTED] by going to the rear door. Inquiry there revealed that [REDACTED] has no telephone and is now visiting a daughter somewhere in Indiana. The address of this daughter, her name, and the length of the visit was unknown. She stated she would give [REDACTED] a note to contact SA [REDACTED] at the St. Louis Office upon her return.



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Re: Alleged Association of [REDACTED] and Subject  
AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

[REDACTED] has advised that he heard, possibly from [REDACTED] himself, that subject contacted [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] operated [REDACTED], and that such contact was made shortly after subject escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary in April, 1967. At that time [REDACTED] operated [REDACTED], a few doors from the house occupied by subject's mother, known to [REDACTED] as LUCILLE. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] was [REDACTED], now residing at [REDACTED].

On April 29, 1968, [REDACTED], in response to a note left with a neighbor by SA [REDACTED], telephonically contacted the St. Louis Office and advised she had returned to St. Louis from Indiana.

On April 29, 1968, she was contacted at that address by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]. She was unable to remember the subject. She remembered LUCILLE RYAN, and stated LUCILLE lived in a rooming house operated by a woman said to be LUCILLE's mother, and who was known as "Old Mary". A number of men lived there at various times, including one of LUCILLE's sons. From data obtained, it appears that this son was subject's brother JOHN RAY. LUCILLE also lived in a rooming house on Mississippi operated by a woman now about 96 years of age. [REDACTED] believes this woman, known as "Granma" is now somewhere in a nursing home. LUCILLE moved there after leaving the house on Hickory Street. This house is on the west side of Mississippi Street, in the block south of Hickory, and is the first house north of the alley. (Observation was later made of this house, and it appears to be vacant and probably condemned.)

[REDACTED] had no information regarding an "Uncle John" who may have lived with LUCILLE on Hickory. She knows [REDACTED] but has no information connecting him with this matter.

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EEB:amb AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Re: Alleged Association of JAMES EARL RAY and

On April 21, 1968, [redacted] advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that [redacted] who has been arrested for counterfeiting and served time in Leavenworth, knows RAY. He said [redacted] is now going straight and lives with a brother [redacted]. [redacted] felt [redacted] would tell what he knows about RAY.

On April 22, 1968, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] at his place of employment, [redacted] telephone [redacted]. [redacted] owns this business and has never been arrested. He employs his brother, [redacted], who has been in Leavenworth and who occasionally refers to himself as [redacted]. [redacted] said his brother, [redacted], started on a drunk on Sunday, April 21, 1968, and his whereabouts are not known. When he goes on a drunk it usually lasts a week. He is somewhere in the vicinity but even if located would be completely incoherent until he sobers up. He will drift back to the shop in the next several days after he starts sobering up and [redacted] promised he would then notify SA [redacted] in order that he might be interviewed.

[redacted] said he never forgets a face and he feels he has somewhere, sometime, seen JAMES EARL RAY. He cannot fix the time or place but feels it was probably several years ago in the St. Louis area.

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RE: [REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

[REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] was interviewed April 23, 1968, by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and [REDACTED] were displayed to [REDACTED] who stated that he is well acquainted with [REDACTED] and he recognizes RAY as having been a customer in his tavern. He said that he has operated [REDACTED] at this location and next door for the past 17 years, that he cannot recall specifically when JAMES RAY was in [REDACTED] but presumed that it was prior to RAY's being in the penitentiary in 1960. [REDACTED] operated [REDACTED]

Prior to [REDACTED] taking over [REDACTED] approximately three years ago [REDACTED] had a place of business, [REDACTED] located near Caseyville or Collinsville, Illinois. [REDACTED] knew of this due to the fact that on one occasion approximately two years ago [REDACTED] took him in his, [REDACTED] automobile over to this place and pointed it out to him and they actually went in and had some drinks. It is noted that [REDACTED] explained that at this time [REDACTED] no longer owned this establishment but merely wanted to show it to him. [REDACTED] told him that he had had "hustling girls" at this place in Illinois, and had run into trouble with the law and apparently that was why he had moved to St. Louis. [REDACTED] has a very close friend who he visits at least once a month in Jefferson City Penitentiary whose name is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has actually been to Jefferson City and made an effort to get [REDACTED] out.

[REDACTED] further advised that when [REDACTED] escaped from the penitentiary in Jefferson City he was arrested in St. Louis, he thought, in either [REDACTED] brother's or sister's house. He said the police would have a full report on that. He further advised that [REDACTED] has a no-good brother who is a wino and alcoholic who is still around town and wanders up and down Jefferson Avenue periodically. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] said that he could not associate RAY with [REDACTED] and could not put them together. [REDACTED] said that he recalls when [REDACTED] was shot by [REDACTED] in front of [REDACTED]. He said that if anyone had ever had "it coming to him" it was [REDACTED], that [REDACTED] was nothing but a mean person who had broken his, [REDACTED] jaw and stomped on other persons, hurting them seriously and actually maiming them for life. [REDACTED] presently lives in the country and DENTON states he has heard he is still as mean as ever and actually carries a gun and a club in the wheel chair that he is confined to.

[REDACTED] girlfriend, not his wife, [REDACTED] was working for [REDACTED], as [REDACTED] at the time of this shooting. She is now married to a man named [REDACTED] whose brother is [REDACTED] and lives somewhere in the country. Her mother lives on Missouri Avenue, place unknown to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] further stated that he recalls that [REDACTED] had a friend who he thought his first name was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] apparently was a gambler who played in the card games with [REDACTED] and they would get some guy in the middle. This individual at one time drove a Chrysler automobile, was a very dapper dresser, but [REDACTED] did not know his name. [REDACTED] was recontacted and stated that [REDACTED] is currently residing in Salem, Missouri, exact address unknown, and [REDACTED] (phonetic) mother is [REDACTED] and resides on Mississippi Avenue, [REDACTED] and she could probably provide her daughter's current address.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Re: ALLEGED ASSOCIATION OF [REDACTED]  
AND JAMES EARL RAY

On April 23, 1968, [REDACTED], owner and operator of [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] as a person with whom he is acquainted through his [REDACTED] knowledge that [REDACTED] ran [REDACTED], located nextdoor to [REDACTED]. The wanted flier of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to [REDACTED] at which time he stated that to his knowledge RAY was unknown to him. [REDACTED] said he has never heard that [REDACTED] owned or had a farm. [REDACTED] did tell him, prior to his moving from the [REDACTED], that he [REDACTED] thought he had a good deal running [REDACTED] down in the country near Portageville, that he had a friend who owned [REDACTED] there and this friend had offered him the opportunity to run [REDACTED] if he cared to move to that area.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had told him that the reason he had decided to move from Jefferson Avenue was because of the fact that the City of St. Louis would not approve of the wiring in the restaurant and it would have cost him [REDACTED] approximately \$600 to make the necessary repairs to the wiring. [REDACTED] said that to the best of his recollection [REDACTED] had moved to the country approximately five or six weeks ago. He has not heard from him since. The only friend he knew about of [REDACTED] was a man who came to [REDACTED] two or three times and sometimes more a week and participated in card games with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED] apparently had a little gambling going on at [REDACTED], and this friend of [REDACTED] would participate in the game and work with [REDACTED]. Actually the friend would be playing for the house. [REDACTED] said he did not know this person's name, but the man was a white, male American, 45 to 50 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 165 to 170 pounds, medium build, grey hair - thinning on top, very well dressed with fine clothes, married - had a wife and teenage daughter. [REDACTED] said that this individual when he first came to [REDACTED] drove a Chrysler automobile which had Illinois license plates on it, thought to be about a 1964 model. This car was apparently sold and the man appeared in a new 1967 Buick automobile, a "real dark brown bottom and black vinyl top". This Buick had Missouri license plates on it.

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██████████ said that frequently when this man visited ██████████ he would come into ██████████ and have ██████████. ██████████ noted that he no longer has ██████████ and had no idea where ██████████ could be located. ██████████ further stated that this individual must have been quite close to ██████████ as he appeared there very frequently over the entire period of time that ██████████ had ██████████. ██████████ wife left ██████████ on at least one occasion and went to California after putting out the work that she was in Arkansas. ██████████ said apparently they have mended their differences and are again together.

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] moved out in the early part of March without informing him that he was moving. He stated that he moved over night possibly due to the fact that the building would have to be rewired. He said that he understands that [REDACTED] now operates [REDACTED] around Portageville, Missouri. [REDACTED] advised that he is not acquainted with any of [REDACTED] associates and knows nothing about his background or activities while in St. Louis. He said he is not acquainted with anyone named JAMES EARL RAY and the photographs of RAY are not likenesses of anyone he has ever known.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Re: ALLEGED ASSOCIATION OF [REDACTED]  
AND JAMES EARL RAY

On April 24, 1968, [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence, [REDACTED] Salem, Missouri, by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he was well acquainted with [REDACTED] but on observing the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY he stated that he did not know this man and had never seen him prior to observing RAY's photograph on television. He said that he would be glad to provide any information that he might have regarding [REDACTED] inasmuch as [REDACTED] was the cause of his being paralyzed from the waist down and confined to a wheel chair. He stated that in [REDACTED] he had been shot by [REDACTED] in front of [REDACTED] located [REDACTED] in St. Louis, Missouri. He said that from approximately 1960 to 1965 he had lived and bummed around the Jefferson-Lafayette-Park area and had become involved in several fights during that period of time. He said one of these fights was between he and [REDACTED], who he had been told by someone had been hired to shoot him. He said as a result of this fight with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had his jaw broken and he [REDACTED] was sentenced to the Workhouse. [REDACTED] had the reputation of being pretty tough and had a lot of contacts in that area and was known to have gambling going on at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has on several occasions travelled to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where he gambled some place unknown to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that the only friend that he knew who was rather close to [REDACTED] was a man named [REDACTED] who ran [REDACTED] and who he [REDACTED] thought may have made [REDACTED] bond after [REDACTED] had shot him. Also, he was aware of the fact that [REDACTED] would gamble at a place called the Cedar Inn, located on the East Side in Illinois. He also recalled that there was a bondsman with whom he was acquainted who also knew [REDACTED] quite well whose name was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that he did not know anyone by the name of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that he has not seen [REDACTED] since the shooting and was still considering prosecution in this matter.



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[REDACTED] introduced the Agents to [REDACTED] who advised that she had formerly frequented the same area as mentioned above, but could provide no additional information to that provided by her brother. She stated that her husband who had formerly resided in St. Louis County was recently murdered and his body found in a field in Salem, Missouri.

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RELATIVES

JERRY RAYNES - FATHER

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RE: RAY RELATIVES - JERRY RAYNES

AT CENTER, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 19, 1968:

Mr. JOHN RODGERS, Cashier, Center State Bank, advised that a Mr. JERRY RAYNES resided approximately 4½ miles southeast of Center, Missouri, on a small acreage he purchased at a Sheriff's Sale, September 6, 1967. He recalls having seen Mr. RAYNES at that time and described him as an elderly man. He stated the bank had an interest in the sale of the property. He has not seen Mr. RAYNES since. He suggested that Mr. HAROLD MAIDEN, next door neighbor of Mr. RAYNES would be a reliable individual to contact.

Mr. HAROLD MAIDEN, [REDACTED] Center, Missouri, advised Mr. JERRY RAYNES purchased property adjoining his in the fall of 1967. Mr. RAYNES lives alone and has two automobiles, a 1967 Nash Rambler, color tan, and a white over red, 1961 Plymouth. He stated that RAYNES is retired but has indicated he had eight children and had been married twice. It is his understanding that the mother of the children is dead. Mr. MAIDEN advised he had observed a younger woman with two small children visiting Mr. RAYNES on occasional weekends, but that no other persons have visited him to his knowledge. He states that Mr. RAYNES appeared to be approximately 69 years of age. RAYNES has telephone number [REDACTED]

These Special Agents personally observed the RAYNES property on the above date and noted it was located on a knoll next to the Center, Missouri, city dump. The house was small and appeared to have two or three rooms. One tan Nash automobile and one whiteover red Plymouth automobile were observed parked in the yard. Lights were on in the house and one male individual could be observed inside.

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Mr. JERRY RAYNES, [REDACTED] Center, Missouri, was contacted at his residence. Both interviewing agents identified themselves to him by exhibition of their credentials and he was advised by SA [REDACTED] that they desired to interview him concerning JAMES EARL RAY, who was believed to be his son. He was told of the seriousness of the investigation and of the provisions of the harboring statute by SA [REDACTED].

Mr. RAYNES stated he would willingly cooperate and conducted the agents through the bedroom and into the kitchen in order that they might see no one else was at the home.

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Mr. RAYNES stated he is 69 years of age having been born [REDACTED]. He was married to one LUCILLE MAHER, now deceased. Eight children were born to this marriage. Mr. RAYNES stated that his memory was somewhat fuzzy and that he experienced difficulty in recalling specific events. He stated [REDACTED] that JAMES EARL, who had been born in Alton, Illinois, in 1928, was his own child. He stated he knew nothing whatever of JOHN. One son, FRANKLIN, also known as "BUZZY" or "BUZZ", was killed in an accident at Quincy, Illinois, in about 1958. He has another son, JERRY, who is currently living in Chicago, Illinois. He has a daughter, CAROL PEPPER, who lives [REDACTED] in Maplewood, Missouri, and another daughter, MELBA RAY, whom he believed currently resides in Quincy, Illinois. [REDACTED]

Mr. RAYNES stated he had little contact with his children during the past 17 years, except for CAROL. To the best of his recollection he last saw JAMES EARL RAY, 17 years ago and has had no direct contact with him since. He was aware that subject had been in the penitentiary from news items and from information he had received from the children's mother, LUCILLE. He stated that she had become an alcoholic

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when the family resided in Ewing, Missouri, and later in Quincy, Illinois. They separated at Quincy, but he was unable to recall the year.

Mr. RAYNES stated he has always used the name of RAYNES but he knew that some of the children had shortened the name to RAY. He was aware that subject had used several aliases.

Mr. RAYNES stated he knew nothing concerning subject's implication in this case until he received a telephone call from his daughter, CAROL in which she stated that the FBI had contacted her concerning subject. He stated he had received two telephone calls that evening, one from CAROL, and the other from MELBA, each stating the news items indicated their brother, JAMES was involved in the KING murder. He stated he did not know how MELBA learned of his whereabouts as he had not seen her or heard from her for the past seven or eight years. She had indicated she was calling from Quincy, Illinois.

Mr. RAYNES stated that he had no knowledge or information as to subject's whereabouts. He stated he was afraid of subject and was concerned that subject might attempt to contact him. He stated he wanted no part of the subject and that he had consequently barred his doors. Mr. RAYNES stated that he would gladly cooperate with the FBI and would immediately bring to the attention of its agents any information he received concerning subject or his whereabouts.

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JERRY RAYNES advised that he is the stepfather of JAMES EARL RAY as JAMES EARL RAY was born in March of 1928 at Alton, Illinois, and Mr. RAYNES stated he married LUCILLE MAHER at Jacksonville, Florida, in the spring of 1929, 1930 or 1931. He believes he was 30 years of age at that time and that she was 23 years of age. Following their marriage, they lived in Quincy and Galesburg, Illinois, and in St. Louis and Ewing, Missouri. It was his understanding that LUCILLE was born in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

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Their son, JERRY, was born in Quincy, Illinois, date unknown, under the name JERRY RAYNES. Several of the other children were born in Ewing, Missouri. His daughter, CAROL, was born there on January 30, 1941.

*Carol Ann X Rayne X Pepper*

Mr. RAYNES stated he had received a telephone call from his son, JERRY, in Chicago, Illinois, on April 19, 1968, advising him that it appeared JAMES EARL RAY was involved in the KING assassination.

*Carol X Ray*

*Mrs. Albert X Pepper*

*Carol X Pepper*

*Carol A. X Pepper*

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

Mr. JERRY RAYNES, [REDACTED], Center, Missouri, was re-interviewed April 25, 1968. He admitted he had lived with RUBY CARPENTER, from about 1952 until 1963, off and on, as they would split up and then go back to living together.

During this period they lived in St. Louis, and Clarence, Missouri.

He could not recall the St. Louis addresses, but when 4149 West Pine was suggested to him, he stated he believes that to be the address, where RUBY and he lived from about 1952 to 1961 when they moved to a farm near Clarence, Missouri.

While in St. Louis he stated that FRANKLIN, also known as "Buzz", and CAROL lived with him, but subject never lived with him to his recollection. He stated that subject from the time they left Ewing, Missouri, did not live with him, but with Mrs. MARY MAHER, subject's grandmother.

He stated that in the late 1950s subject visited "Buzz" and he recalled subject was then employed at some bakery but he did not know which bakery. He stated if subject ever lived on Pine Street, it was news to him.

Mr. RAYNES stated that he has always been known as JERRY RAYNES, sometimes spelled RAYNS, as the former is the name his mother claims was his. He denied using the name JAMES GERALD RAY.

Mr. RAYNES also denied ever living in Des Moines, Iowa, and added he has never lived or even been in Des Moines.

He stated that when in Clarence, Missouri, he and RUBY had lived on a farm which belonged to her. He stated while there he did not go to town more than on one or two occasions, had no associates, and can not recall the names of any persons there. They lived there two years.

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After leaving Clarence, he went alone to St. Louis where he had various employments. He was employed as a service station attendant for the Site Gasoline Station on Lemay Ferry Road.

He stated he owned an old store building with sleeping rooms upstairs, that he rented, operated a second hand store, and a dry cleaning store.

He sold this property in St. Louis and bought the small acreage at Center, Missouri, last September (1967). He added he is drawing social security and is retired.

He stated that he does not approve of subject's actions, is afraid of him, and what the publicity is doing to his daughter, CAROL, and her family. He stated that if he should hear anything about the subject's whereabouts he will advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



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JERRY RAYNES

AT CENTER, MISSOURI

Mrs. HAROLD MAIDEN, next-door neighbor of JERRY RAYNES, was contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on April 24, 25, 26, 1968, and May 2, 3 and 4, 1968. She stated that RAYNES had no visitors to her knowledge and no strange cars were observed by her at the RAYNES' residence.

She stated her son works for RAYNES on Saturdays and after school when needed and that he had observed no unusual activity at the RAYNES' residence. She advised that RAYNES is more or less a recluse and rarely leaves his home. He does not visit with his neighbors but is pleasant when he meets them.

Special Agent [REDACTED] conducted spot checks of the RAYNES' residence on April 24, 25 and 26, 1968, and May 3 and 4, 1968, but noted no visitors or unusual activity.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 25, 1968:

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RAY RELATIVES

SISTER MARY CLARA, Head Sister, Catholic School of Specialized Reading, 4149 West Pine, advised that that property had been a school for approximately seven years and is owned by the Archdiocese of St. Louis who also own the property immediately to the west, known as 4151 West Pine, which is used as a convent. She advised that she had no knowledge of the former occupants of 4149 West Pine but stated that a Mrs. RADKE at 4147 West Pine and Mrs. COULTER at 4157 West Pine might have information about former occupants.

Mrs. ALICE RADKE, 4147 West Pine, advised that 4149 West Pine was formerly owned by RUDY and RUTH KRACK, who sold the property to the Roman Catholic Church about seven years ago. She recalled that the KRACKs kept roomers in her home but she did not know any of these people. She did not know the KRACKs' current address except she thought they lived in the western part of St. Louis near University City, Missouri. She examined a copy of an Identification Order #4182, and stated that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to her.

Mrs. JEWELL A. COULTER, 4157 West Pine, advised that Mr. and Mrs. RUDY KRACK lived at 4149 West Pine from the early 1940's until 1961 or 1962 when they sold their home to the Catholic Church and moved to [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. COULTER recalled that the KRACKs kept roomers in their home but she did not know any of these people. She examined a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he was unknown to her.

Mrs. RUDY KRACK, [REDACTED] advised that she could not recall anyone named JERRY RAYNES or JERRY RYAN ever having occupied an apartment in her home at 4149 West Pine. She

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stated that she and her husband purchased 4149 West Pine in 1940 and lived at that address until they sold the property in late 1961 to the Catholic Church. They moved to their present address in early 1962. Mrs. KRACK advised that she felt certain she would remember a roomer who had lived in her home for approximately eight years and she could not recall anyone ever having used the name JERRY RAYNES or RYAN. She examined a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he was unknown to her.

Mrs. WILLIE MANNING, 1731 South 11th Street, owner of 1727 and 1729 South 11th Street, recalled that a person named JERRY RYAN (not sure of last name, could have been RAYNES) lived in an apartment at 1727 South 11th Street with a teenage son and daughter around 1960. She recalled that the children were both in their late teens and that the girl was the oldest. RYAN had no wife that she knew of. These people lived at 1721 South 11th Street for several months and moved to an unknown address, she thinks, on Menard Avenue. Mrs. MANNING stated that none of the present occupants of 1727 or 1729 South 11th Street lived at those addresses in 1960. She was unable to recall the names of persons who did live at those addresses in 1960. She examined a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that he definitely was not one of the children who lived with JERRY RYAN and further that she cannot recall ever having seen him before.

Efforts to expand the neighborhood investigation in the area of 1727 South 11th Street were not determined feasible since the entire northern end of the block on the west side of the street is occupied by a truck dock and the entire eastern side of the street is the back wall of a warehouse.

Efforts to locate residents at 1135 South 10th Street met with negative results. The southern most building in the block is now known as 1133 South 10th Street and this address is occupied by the FEDERHOFER Truck, Leasing and Rental, Inc., which occupies the entire south half of the block on the west side of Tenth Street. The buildings across on the east side of the street are abandoned and ready to be razed.

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Mrs. FLORA SARR, 1012 Hickory, around the corner from 1133 South Tenth Street, recalled that the corner of Tenth and Hickory used to be occupied by a rooming house which was demolished when the present building was built about 1962. She thinks that this corner was numbered 1135 at that time. Mrs. SARR advised that the old rooming house on the corner of Tenth and Hickory was managed by a Mr. FOWLER whose first name and address she does not know. She was very sure FOWLER did not own the property but merely managed it. She stated that FOWLER was quite elderly eight years ago and may well have died by this time; in any event, she does not know his present whereabouts. She further advised that she never knew any of the occupants of the rooming house.

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Relative: JERRY RAYNES, Father

AT CLARENCE, MISSOURI

Mr. LLOYD SMITH, owner of the Smith Clothing Company, and Mr. FLOYD SCHOONOVER, President of the Clarence State Bank, advised SA [REDACTED] on April 25, 1968, that they were not acquainted with anyone named JAMES GERALD RAY or JERRY RAYNES, and that to the extent of their knowledge, no person by those names had resided in the Clarence, Missouri, area for approximately the past twenty years.

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JERRY RAYNES, aka  
Jerry Rayns

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Personnel, Military Personnel Records Center, advised IC [REDACTED] May 1, 1968, that they were unable to locate or identify a military service record for JERRY RAYNES or JERRY RAYNS, bo [REDACTED] and reportedly a veteran of World War I.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] based on a communication from the Springfield Office of the FBI concerning relatives of JAMES EARL RAY:

JACK RANDOLPH, owner of J & R Auto Sales, 5901 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, advised on April 23, 1968, that JERRY RAYNES was an employee of his approximately eight years ago as a salesman. RANDOLPH stated that RAYNES was employed by his firm for approximately one year. He stated that RAYNES was a peculiar individual who came to work and left when he pleased and was engaged in selling cars. RANDOLPH stated that he was not aware that RAYNES had a son but did know that RAYNES had a young daughter who he sometimes brought to work and left in the car. RANDOLPH viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he had never seen this individual.

RANDOLPH stated he did not know RAYNES' address while he worked for him and had no idea where RAYNES was now although he had mentioned that he wanted to go to Acapulco, Mexico.

The following neighborhood investigation was conducted at 1915 Hickory:

The Reverend PATRICIA ANN JONES, Apartment #8, advised that she has been living at that address for three months and stated that she did not know any of the previous occupants. She further advised that this address was a rooming house and people frequently moved in and out and no one in the building had been there longer than a year.

HELEN CREAMER, 1915 Hickory Street, stated that she had resided at this address for sometime but had never heard of LUCILLE RAY, LUCILLE RYAN, or LUCILLE BERNES. She stated this is a transient neighborhood and no one residing in that neighborhood would have knowledge of previous occupants at 1913 Hickory.

A neighborhood investigation conducted at 1133 South Tenth Street revealed that the only building in this block was

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Federhofer Truck Renting and Leasing Company, 1135 South Tenth Street. Inquiries in the neighborhood revealed previous buildings had been demolished.



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AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

RELATIVES

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bureau of Vital Statistics, on April 24, 1968, checked the death records for the years 1940 to 1958 for the name of JAMES GERALD RAY.

[REDACTED] stated that there was no person by the last name of RAY who died within the period mentioned above.

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LUCILLE MARY RYAN - MOTHER

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JAMES EARL RAY - RELATIVES

On April 22, 1968, [REDACTED], Bureau of Vital Statistics, Room 10, Municipal Building, St. Louis, Missouri, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] records of her Office revealed the following information concerning the death certificate of LUCILLE MARY RYAN:

Name	LUCILLE MARY RYAN
Address	1913 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri
Date of Death	January 25, 1961
Place of Death	St. Louis Ctn Hospital #1, St. Louis, Missouri
Sex	Female
Race	White
Marital Status	Married
Date of Birth	April 27, 1909
Place of Birth	Alton, Illinois
Nationality	USA
Occupation	Houseworker
Father's Name	JOHN KAMEL
Mother's Maiden Name	MARY FITZSIMONS
Name of Husband	GERALD RYAN
Cause of Death	Hepatic coma; Laennec's cirrhosis
Informant	CAROL RYAN, 1931 Rutgers
Physician	WILLIAM ELSDIE, M. D., 1115 Lafayette Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri
Date Death Certificate Signed	January 25, 1961
Burial	St. Patrick's Cemetery, Godfrey Township, Illinois
Funeral Director	THOMAS J. BURKE, JR., Alton, Illinois.

Miss RHIVES made available a photostatic copy of above death certificate and advised it need not be returned.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

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On April 21, 1968, [REDACTED] advised SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] a man named SMITH operates a confectionary on Hickory Street about four houses west of 18th Street, north side, in a basement. This should be about the address where RAY's mother lived on Hickory, and [REDACTED] felt SMITH should know the mother, whether or not she is dead, and might possibly know RAY.

On April 22, 1968, SA [REDACTED] determined that SMITH is AUBREY SMITH, 1811 Hickory. SMITH said he is familiar with newspaper publicity concerning this matter, and while RAY may have been a customer, he does not remember him nor his mother. He stated that the two best sources of information in the neighborhood would be COLLEEN TURNBOUGH, 1902 Hickory, and SOPHIE MARTIN, 1917 Hickory.

Mrs. TURNBOUGH was interviewed and it was determined she had previously been contacted on this matter by SA [REDACTED]. It was also determined SA [REDACTED] has contacted SOPHIE MARTIN. During the contact with Mrs. TURNBOUGH, however, she stated she knew LUCILLE RYAN was dead through Mrs. LLOYD BIRDSONG, who now lives at [REDACTED]. Mrs. TURNBOUGH said that she talked to LUCILLE only once, but that Mrs. BIRDSONG was a frequent visitor with LUCILLE.

On April 25, 1968, LLOYD BIRDSONG, [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED] advised that his wife is out oftown, but was expected to return during the day of April 25, 1968. He stated that since the publicity on RAY has appeared he has discussed this matter with his wife. He stated he had no independent recollection of RAY or his mother, as during that time he worked nights and slept during the day, and thus had little contact with his neighbors. He stated that his wife was not well acquainted with LUCILLE RYAN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mrs. BIRDSONG told her husband that RYAN was living with an older women believed to be RYAN's mother. She was known as "Old Mary." BIRDSONG believes that RYAN and her mother occupied the entire house and had no

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roomers [REDACTED]  
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BIRDSONG was recontacted later in the day and said that his wife's return had been delayed because of illness in the family. She is visiting with [REDACTED], Fredericktown, Missouri, phone [REDACTED]. BIRDSONG stated he had discussed RAY with his wife when she called to tell him she would not be returning on April 25, 1968, and she had no information he had not already furnished. She told her husband that she was not on friendly terms with RAY's mother [REDACTED].

BIRDSONG stated that the only persons still around who lived in the neighborhood who might be able to furnish information is a Mrs. TURNBOUGH, a Mrs. MARTIN, both of whom still live on Hickory, and SMITH, the proprietor of a basement confectionary on Hickory.

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FRANKLIN RAY - BROTHER

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JAMES EARL RAY  
DEATH OF FRANKLIN RAY, BROTHER

AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

The Hannibal Courier-Post, according to B. B. WATSON, employee, on April 22, 1968, reported the death of FRANKLIN RAY in an accident when his car ran off the west approach of the Quincy Memorial Bridge and was drowned, October 1, 1963.

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CAROL PEPPER - SISTER  
(and husband ALBERT PEPPER)



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 19681.

Mrs. HAROLD P. TOOMBS, [REDACTED], advised upon interview that the ALBERT PEPPER family had resided next door at [REDACTED] since around September, 1967. It was her understanding that the PEPPER family had probably purchased the property from the HOLTZ family who live on [REDACTED] near above addresses. She stated the WAGNERS had rented the property next door for approximately 20 years prior to the time the PEPPER family moved in.

Mrs. TOOMBS stated she had not observed any automobiles parked in front of the PEPPER home or in the drive leading to the garage other than the white fairly late model Ford automobile driven to and from work by Mr. PEPPER. She stated she had visited with Mrs. PEPPER briefly on one occasion but had not been invited inside the home. She stated the two PEPPER children, [REDACTED], had been overheard on one occasion talking about going fishing with their grandfather on a farm believed to be somewhere in out-state Missouri. She also recalled having heard Mrs. PEPPER remark on one occasion that either her brother or a brother of her husband had been helping Mr. PEPPER in fixing up the house.

A photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to Mrs. TOOMBS and she advised she had not observed anyone resembling such a person visiting the PEPPER family.

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RE: RAY RELATIVES

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], at St. Louis, Missouri, on April 22, 1968:

Mrs. FLOYD J. (ROSEMARY) SHIRLEY, JR., [REDACTED] Wellston, Missouri, advised that she formerly resided at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, where she became acquainted with CAROL and AL PEPPER, as neighbors. This was approximately three years ago. She stated that she is not related to either CAROL or AL.

Mrs. SHIRLEY stated that she visits telephonically with CAROL on occasion but has not seen her since Christmas, 1967. She said that she had met CAROL's father, who now lives somewhere in the vicinity of Troy, Missouri, and also met her brother, JACK, who operates a bar on Arsenal at Indiana or Illinois Streets, St. Louis, Missouri. She said she had never heard CAROL mention any other relatives other than a brother who was killed in an accident several years ago.

Mrs. SHIRLEY was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but stated that she had never seen this individual.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY RELATIVES

The following inquiries were conducted by SA [REDACTED] in the vicinity of [REDACTED] the former residence of ALBERT and CAROL PEPPER.

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. ERNEST (JEAN) COOK, [REDACTED] advised that ALBERT and CAROL PEPPER were neighbors of hers, having lived upstairs at that address for about three years until they moved away in approximately September 1967. Mrs. COOK recalled that the PEPPERS had two young sons - [REDACTED]

Mrs. COOK viewed photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY stating that she did not recall ever having seen this individual and she believed he had not visited the PEPPERS at any time to her knowledge. She recalled that CAROL PEPPER's brother, who she believed was named JOHN RAY, visited the PEPPER residence occasionally and Mrs. COOK had an impression he lived somewhere in St. Louis. She had an impression that JOHN RAY was married but she could not recall having seen his wife and could not advise how she gained this impression. Mrs. COOK also recalled that CAROL PEPPER's father, who apparently lived somewhere in St. Louis, was also an occasional visitor at the PEPPER residence and not long before the PEPPERS moved away CAROL PEPPER mentioned that her father had bought a farm somewhere in Missouri and Mrs. COOK believed that CAROL PEPPER mentioned this farm was located near Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Mrs. COOK recalled that CAROL PEPPER spoke of her mother as being dead. While the PEPPERS lived there CAROL PEPPER worked at a nearby school on 12th Street near Russell Avenue where she was apparently assisting in the "Headstart" school which her older boy attended. Mrs. COOK believed this work by CAROL PEPPER was probably volunteer work. Mrs. COOK understood that when the PEPPERS moved away they moved to a new address in Maplewood, Missouri.

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On April 29, 1968, Mrs. MARY JEAN GOLLUBSKE, [REDACTED] advised that she recalled ALBERT and CAROL PEPPER who formerly resided at [REDACTED] for two or three years and in approximately September 1967 when they moved to Maplewood, Missouri. Mrs. GOLLUBSKE furnished information corresponding to that previously furnished by Mrs. ERNEST COOK. She did not recognize photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY stating she had no knowledge that this person was ever a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. PEPPER. Mrs. GOLLUBSKE also recalled that the older son of the PEPPERS was actually named [REDACTED] but was called [REDACTED] which was apparently a nickname. Mrs. GOLLUBSKE also recalled that the school at which Mrs. PEPPER was apparently a volunteer worker in the "Headstart" program was a Catholic school located at 12th Street and Russell Avenue.

Both Mrs. COOK and Mrs. GOLLUBSKE stated they did not recall Mr. and Mrs. PEPPER ever having made mention of CAROL PEPPER's brother JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date April 29, 1968

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Mrs. ALBERT B. (CAROL) PEPPER, age 27, of [REDACTED] advised interviewing Agents that she had been married to ALBERT S. PEPPER for approximately six years. She stated she had not seen JAMES EARL RAY since some time prior to her marriage and that her husband had never met her brother JAMES EARL RAY.

With reference to her brothers JOHN "JACK" RAY and JERRY RAY she stated she had not seen either of these individuals since they were visiting in St. Louis around Christmas, 1967. She advised JERRY RAY resides in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, and it is her understanding that JACK RAY is residing there also.

When questioned concerning her father she stated that her father, JERRY RAY, age about 59 years, is presently residing on a farm he owns which is located in the vicinity of Hannibal, Missouri. She denied knowing the exact location of this farm stating she had never visited it. However, she had visited in the general area near Hannibal some months ago at the time her father was looking for a farm to purchase in that area. According to Mrs. PEPPER she is normally in contact with her father approximately once a week at which time he calls her by telephone, usually on Saturday morning. She denied having ever made a telephone call to her father, JERRY RAY, stating that she did not know his telephone number. When questioned specifically in this respect she stated she had not misplaced his number but had never been in possession of his telephone number. She advised that her father was retired, and that his only source of income was what he received from Social Security.

With respect to other members of the family Mrs. PEPPER furnished the following information:

SUSIE RAY, age 20, was raised by some unknown well-to-do family residing in the vicinity of Quincy, Illinois. Within the past several months SUSIE was married to some unknown band leader who works out of the vicinity of the Quincy, Illinois, area.

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A sister, MELBA RAY, age 30 and single, resides somewhere in Quincy, Illinois, [REDACTED] She volunteered the information that the last time she heard from MELBA was at Christmas last year at which time she was [REDACTED] in Quincy, Illinois.

According to Mrs. PEPPER another brother, FRANKLIN "BUZZY" RAY was killed in an automobile accident which occurred approximately four years ago on a bridge west of Quincy, Illinois. She stated when she last saw JAMES EARL RAY he was with this brother "BUZZY" in St. Louis approximately two or three years prior to the death of "BUZZY" RAY.

With respect to her mother LUCILLE RYAN, Mrs. PEPPER advised that she had died in the City Hospital at St. Louis approximately seven years ago of complications resulting from sclerosis of the liver and heart trouble.

Mrs. PEPPER emphatically denied having any knowledge or information whatever concerning the whereabouts of her brother, JAMES EARL RAY. She was specifically advised of the provisions of the harboring statute during the course of the interview.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 26, 1968

CAROL PEPPER advised that she was visiting her father, JERRY RAYNES, at Center, Missouri. She stated she had been born at Ewing, Missouri, on January 30, 1941, and that she had no additional information.

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by SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/22/68

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EEB:amb     AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE:   RAY RELATIVES

On the morning of April 22, 1968, SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attempted to interview subject's sister, CAROL PEPPER, at her residence, [REDACTED], Maplewood. She appeared at the door with two young children and refused to admit agents to the house. She stated that she and her husband are disgusted with the matter, that they are not sure they are related to the subject, and that she will not discuss the matter without her husband's consent and in his presence.



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Re: RAY RELATIVES

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Information was received that subject's sister, CAROL PEPPER, was employed on "Operation Head Start" while residing on Shenandoah Avenue, probably as a teacher at St. Joseph's Church.

On April 29, 1968, Father SPIRO ANDREJANIC, St. Joseph's Croatian Catholic Church, 2112 South Twelfth Street, after checking his records, advised SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] that ALBERT and CAROL PEPPER were not members of his parish and had not been, and that he maintained no record of teachers or other employees of a summer school session he knew as "Operation Head Start". He stated that if CAROL PEPPER was so employed a record might be maintained at the Catholic Archdiocesan Board of Education Office on Lindell Boulevard.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 19681.

ALBERT B. PEPPER, [REDACTED] Maplewood, Missouri, advised upon interview that although he has been married to his wife, CAROL PEPPER, for a period of approximately six years he has never met JAMES EARL RAY. He did admit knowing his wife's brother JOHN "JACK" RAY, present whereabouts unknown, and a brother JERRY RAY who resides in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois. He stated that the last time he had heard of these individual was at Christmas time 1967 at which time they visited briefly in the PEPPER home in Maplewood, Missouri.

PEPPER was advised of the provisions of the harboring statute and emphatically denied any information whatever which might be of value in trying to locate JAMES EARL RAY.

PEPPER advised that he and his wife were in the process of purchasing their home at that address. He further stated he was employed at [REDACTED] in St. Louis [REDACTED]

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On 4/19/68 at Maplewood, Missouri File # SL 44-775  
by SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/25/68

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RAY RELATIVES

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] on April 20, 1968:

[REDACTED]

*Al X Pepper*      *Albert X Pepper*      *Albert B X Pepper*

PEPPER,  
information:

ALBERT BENNY  
sets forth the following

*Albert Benny X Pepper*

Present Address  
(1964)

St. Louis, *Mo.*

Social Security No. [REDACTED]

Last Previous  
Address (1964)

St. Louis, Missouri

Place of Birth

Date of Birth

Height

5'7"

Weight

135

Sex

Male

U. S. Citizen

Yes

Marital Status

Married, two children

Real Estate

None

Mother's Birthplace

Father's Birthplace

[REDACTED]

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Wife's Maiden Name  
Wife's Birthplace  
Education

RYAN  
Quincy, Illinois  
2 years high school

Employment History

Regarding information that PEPPER had allegedly seen subject JAMES RAY since his escape from prison, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated they had no evidence to support this, and it was merely an "impression" since PEPPER is very close-mouthed about RAY.

Regarding information that PEPPER made a comment [REDACTED] that "his brother-in-law was arrested the same day he (PEPPER) was arrested", [REDACTED] stated he knows nothing further regarding the statement made by PEPPER, and PEPPER did not identify the brother-in-law. [REDACTED] stated it was his impression that the arrest of PEPPER was made by the Ninth District, St. Louis Police Department, and [REDACTED] may know more of that.

Above individuals were shown photographs from WF-442, but each stated that person is unknown to them. Each stated that any information regarding subject RAY or JOHN LARRY RAY which comes to their attention, will be immediately relayed to the FBI.

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RAY RELATIVES

AJR:klr

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

ALBERT PEPPER was contacted on the morning of April 22, 1968, by Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri.

PEPPER said he did not want to talk with the agents. He said he had tried to be cooperative when he was interviewed by FBI Agents at his home on the preceding Friday. He said he had nothing more which he could tell the agents and that he did not intend to cooperate any further. He said that he was at this time about to begin his daily work and that he wanted to go on about his work and not be bothered any further. He said if he continued to be bothered in connection with this investigation, he might see a lawyer and see if something could be done about it.

Inquiry was made by Special Agent [REDACTED] of PEPPER as to whether he was aware of the importance and significance of the investigation to locate JAMES EARL RAY, a Federal fugitive, and PEPPER replied that he was aware of this. Special Agent [REDACTED] advised PEPPER that there was a Federal Harboring Statute which might be applicable if PEPPER should harbor this fugitive or should withhold information concerning him. He replied he was not concerned about this because he had already supplied all the information he had at the time of a previous interview and that he was not harboring a fugitive.

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## Addresses

## Inquiries

This credit record also contained a news clipping in February 1960 reflecting a sentence of PEPPER to 30 days in the workhouse and a \$35 fine for 12 counts of traffic charges resulting from a high speed chase by the police.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 2, 1968

ALBERT B. PEPPER was interviewed at his place of employment, [REDACTED] PEPPER stated he had never seen subject RAY inasmuch as RAY was serving time in the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time he married CAROL RAY, subject's sister. He denied having any information whatsoever concerning the present whereabouts of subject or having been contacted either directly or indirectly by subject since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri.

With respect to subject's brother, JERRY RAY, presently residing in Chicago, Illinois, he stated he had not seen JERRY in a couple of months. When questioned concerning the subject's brother, JACK RAY, he stated he had not seen him in approximately one month. He further stated he did not mix with his wife's relatives and her contact with them was her own business.

When questioned specifically concerning any communication from the Missouri State Penitentiary addressed to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Company, 712a Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, PEPPER stated he and his family formerly resided at that address but he was not aware of any mail addressed to such a stationery company. In discussing this matter, he admitted that his wife might have received such a communication but denied having any information concerning this. He mentioned the possibility that if such a letter had been sent it very well could have been stolen from the mailbox and never received as they have had in the past checks stolen from the mailbox.

PEPPER was asked if he would discuss this matter with his wife CAROL and endeavor to determine whether or not she had ever received any mail or any money mailed to her addressed to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Company, 712a Shenandoah, and he agreed to do so. During the entire course of the interview, PEPPER appeared friendly, but obviously volunteered no information whatsoever.

It was pointed out to PEPPER that this matter would undoubtedly be discussed with him again at some future date and he was apparently agreeable to this suggestion.

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Records of the Commercial Credit Rating Company, as checked on April 29, 1968, by IC [REDACTED], disclosed no record in the name of CAROL PEPPER but did disclose a record of ALBERT B. PEPPER who was 17 years of age as of September 1960 and showed the following information concerning him:

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**SECRET**



This credit record also contained a news clipping in February 1960 reflecting a sentence of PEPPER to 30 days in the workhouse and a \$35 fine for 12 counts of traffic charges resulting from a high speed chase by the police.



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JOHN LARRY RAY - BROTHER

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JAMES EARL RAY  
HOTEL CLERK

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] on April 19, 1968, at the MacArthur Hotel, 100 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri:

Mr. IRVIN SHATZMAN, Manager, MacArthur Hotel, made available records pertaining to the registration of guests at the hotel which were reviewed for the period January 26, 1968, to April 19, 1968. From this review the following registration cards were located:

Registration card number 8709, reflecting that JERRY W. RAY, [REDACTED] Northbrook, Illinois, registered at 10:00 p.m., February 2, 1968, in room 501, at a rate of \$4.00 per day. He was registered for only that one date.

Registration card number 8791, reflecting that JOHN RAY, 1912 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri, registered into room 614 at 2:10 a.m., February 6, 1968, at a rate of \$4.00 per day. He was registered only that one date at that time.

Registration card number 8976, reflecting that Mr. and Mrs. JOHN RAY, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, were registered into room 1203, at 2:10 a.m., February 17, 1968, at a rate of \$6.00 per day. They were registered for only that one date.

Each of the foregoing three registration cards had initials which were identified by Mr. SHATZMAN as the initials of CHARLES BREITWEISER, Clerk at the MacArthur Hotel, signifying that BREITWEISER was the clerk on duty at the time of each registration.

The following personnel of the MacArthur Hotel were contacted on April 19, 1968, at which time the original registration cards referred to above were exhibited to them and also photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to them:

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ROMEO WARD  
Extra Bellboy

RAYMOND RILEY  
Bellboy

LOUIS ZIRKEL  
Clerk

BLOOMER A. HALL  
Clerk.

Each of the foregoing persons advised he was unable to recall any circumstances relating to the persons who were registered at the hotel as indicated by the three registration cards and each advised he could not recall having encountered or seen any person similar in appearance to the photographs of subject RAY.

Mr. SHATZMAN, the manager of the MacArthur Hotel, advised that other hotel personnel, not then on duty and not available at that time for interview, included the following bellboys and clerks:

ENOCH KIGER  
Bellboy

WILLIAM TYSON  
Bellboy

CHARLES BREITWEISER  
Clerk.

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WAB/val

Re: San Francisco - Registration Book 1 Check

LA 44-175, WAB/val

On April 21, 1950, SA [REDACTED] interviewed the following persons at the MacArthur Hotel:

CHARLES BARNETT, Clerk, whose initials appeared on the registration cards;

WILLIAM SWAN, Bell-boy;

LOUIS BIRNBAUM, Clerk;

ELSON WILSON, Bell-boy, was located and interviewed at his home, 4177 Bunker, St. Louis, Missouri.

H. A. WILSON, Desk Clerk.

None of the above recognized the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as ever being a guest at the hotel nor did they know JOHN or JAMES RAY or associate any incident at the hotel with either the names or the registration cards.

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY  
RELATIVES - NEIGHBORHOOD

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] April 19, 1968.

JOHN RAY, brother of subject, when registering at the MacArthur Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, February, 1968, showed one address at [REDACTED] and on a second registration during February, 1968, he gave his address as 1912 Hickory.

From observation it was determined that the address [REDACTED] is non-existent; that the area where this address would normally be located is the north edge of Cherokee Part, a city park in St. Louis.

TONY CREAMER, 1915 Hickory, advised that the FBI had previously talked with his mother, HELEN CREAMER, attempting to locate JAMES RAY. He indicated that while he did not know them, he understood that the RAY family previously lived at 1913 Hickory Street and that the only people in the neighborhood who have been in the area long enough to remember the RAYs were the TURNBOUGHS at 1902 Hickory and Mrs. MARTIN at 1917a Hickory.

JUNE TURNBOUGH, 1902 Hickory, and Mrs. SOPHIE MARTIN, 1917a Hickory, were both contacted at the TURNBOUGH residence, at which time Mrs. TURNBOUGH indicated she had resided in the area for 21 years, while the MARTINS had resided there for 14 years. They recalled that about 1959 or so a woman named LUCILLE, her mother, and LUCILLE's son resided in and operated a rooming house at 1913 Hickory. Mrs. TURNBOUGH recalled that LUCILLE's son, who may have been the subject, was with her son when he was walking across the roofs of the houses on Hickory Street and fell through a skylight. Mrs. TURNBOUGH and Mrs. MARTIN advised there has been a high turnover of residents in the area during past years, that there is no one else in the neighborhood that was residing there during 1959, and that neither of them have heard or seen anything of or concerning the family occupying 1913 Hickory during 1959.

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Re: Ray Relatives - JOHN RAY

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
and SA [REDACTED]

On April 20, 1968, Mr. GOERGE SVOBODA, JR., 1926 Allen Street, which is the property in the area where 2012 Mississippi Avenue would be located, was contacted. Mr. SVOBODA related that the address 2012 Mississippi does not exist. He advised that it would be the rear of his property if it did exist. He stated that his property is the Moydell Funeral Home and has been in existence for over thirty years. He advised that he has never had any person by the name of RAY employed by the company. He viewed a photograph of the subject JAMES EARL RAY and advised that this person was not familiar to him.

On April 20, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. WALTER SCHUESSLER, 2011A Mississippi Avenue, advised that he could not recall a JOHN LARRY RAY having resided at the address of 2011 or 2013 Mississippi in the last few years. He advised that he has resided at this address for the last 28 years and that he cannot recall any person by that name residing at the address.

On April 20, 1968, GEORGE CARDWELL, former owner, National Market, Russell and Mississippi Avenues, advised that he could not recall any person who resided in the vicinity of 2000 block of Mississippi Avenue who used the name of RAY. He advised that he had operated the above store for a period of 20 years and was familiar with most of the people in the neighborhood, and could not recall anyone answering the description of the subject JAMES EARL RAY either.

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RE: RAY RELATIVES

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on April 23, 1968:

Through the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kirkwood, Missouri, it was ascertained that 1968 Missouri license [REDACTED], was issued on a 1960 Ford coach, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) [REDACTED], to JOHN RAY, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri.

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Date April 23, 1968

JOHN LARRY RAY, also known as JACK, was located at the Grapevine Bar, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone Prospect 6-9417. RAY readily admitted his identity and also admitted that he is the brother of JAMES EARL RAY. He said that he had not spoken with anyone concerning the charges against his brother, and this includes other members of his family.

RAY stated that he last saw JAMES two to four years ago, when he visited his brother at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. Prior to this visit, he had not seen his brother for approximately fifteen years. On that occasion, JAMES EARL RAY had just been discharged from the United States Army and visited members of the family in Quincy, Illinois. RAY said that he has had no other contacts with his brother over these many years and has no knowledge of his whereabouts. He insisted that he has not been contacted by his brother since the latter's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1967 and, as a matter of fact, did not know of the escape.

JOHN RAY stated that he is commonly known as JACK. He said that his sister, CAROL ANN PEPPER, owns the Grapevine Bar and has operated the establishment since the fall of 1967. He claimed that he did not have any interest in the business other than to assist his sister. He said that she had had some trouble with patrons fighting and since that time he has tried to assist her in the operation of the bar.

*John Ray* JOHN RAY stated that the last time he was outside the City of St. Louis was three, four or possibly five months ago, when he went to Quincy, Illinois, to visit his sister. *Ave. St. Louis*

During the interview, the following descriptive and background information was obtained:

Name	<i>Jack Larry Ray</i>	JOHN LARRY RAY, also known as JACK RAY
Race	<i>John Ray</i>	White
Sex		Male
Date of Birth		<i>[redacted]</i>
Place of Birth		Alton, Illinois

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Height	5'10" to 5'11"
Weight	160 to 170 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Peculiarities	Slight speech impediment
Residence	[REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri (rents two rooms [REDACTED])
Marital Status	Single
Military Service	None
Criminal Record	None admitted
Automobile	1960 Ford Thunderbird, two-door, hardtop, white over blue, bearing Missouri license [REDACTED]
Relatives	
Mother	LUCILLE RAY, nee MAHER Deceased
Father	Refused to identify
Sisters	MELEA RAY, Quincy, Illinois; Mrs. CAROL ANN PEPPER [REDACTED] Maplewood, Missouri; SUSAN RAY Current address unknown
Brothers	JERRY RAY Chicago, Illinois; FRANK RAY Deceased (killed in automobile accident in 1964); [REDACTED]

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Uncle

WILLIAM MAHER  
[REDACTED]

Alton, Illinois.

It is noted that RAY was initially uncooperative and said, "What's all the excitement about? He only killed a nigger. if he had killed a white man you wouldn't be here. King should have been killed ten years ago."

Special Agent [REDACTED] informed JOHN RAY of the provisions of the Harboring Statute and cautioned him concerning withholding information concerning a Federal fugitive.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 1968

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JOHN LARRY RAY was contacted at the Grape Vine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, where he was attending bar. RAY was asked to re-iterate when he last saw his brother JAMES EARL RAY, and he said that it was several years ago at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He was asked how many times he had visited his brother in the penitentiary and on this occasion said two or three times.

RAY was reminded that the records of the penitentiary reflected that he was a visitor on at least nine occasions the last of which was on April 22, 1967, the day before the brother escaped. RAY stated that he was confident that he had only been to visit his brother in jail on three or four occasions. He did not recall the date of his last visit. He stated that he formerly had a visitor's permit issued to JOHN or JERRY RAY. He and his brother JERRY possibly used the same permit. He said that the exact number of visits he made to the penitentiary could be determined through handwriting examination of the prison records.

RAY said that he himself was released from the Menard Penitentiary, Chester, Illinois, in February, 1960. Following release he came to St. Louis where the subject was incarcerated in the City Jail. RAY visited his brother at the jail prior to his being sent to the State penitentiary. RAY pointed out that he was in the Menard Penitentiary for seven years on a larceny conviction and thus he could have had no personal contact with his brother from 1953 until 1967, other than on prison visits. RAY insisted that he knew nothing of subject's plans to escape and that he has had no contact with his brother since the escape. He added that he did not know of his brother's escape from the penitentiary until several weeks or perhaps a month after the actual escape when he heard of same on the radio. He noted that no law enforcement officers have contacted him concerning his brother other than during instant investigation.

RAY stated that after coming to St. Louis in February, 1960, he remained here for two or three months and then went to Chicago, Illinois, where he worked as a bartender. His most

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steady job was at the White Pine Golf Course, Bensonville, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago where he worked for approximately four years. He also worked briefly at the Greyhound Bus Depot, Chicago. He said that he returned to St. Louis approximately one year ago and has had various part-time jobs one of which was as a bartender at the Arena Bowl for several weeks, and another as a bartender at 901 N. Kings-highway Boulevard.

He has been working at the Grape Vine Tavern since it opened in December, 1967. He claimed that his sister, CAROL PEPPER was the owner of the tavern, but admitted that he himself had \$1,800 invested in the business.

The interview was terminated when other patrons entered the establishment and RAY had to attend bar. He indicated that the barmaid he usually has working during the day became ill and went to a hospital for treatment.

The provisions of the harboring statute were re-iterated to RAY but he insisted that he did not know the whereabouts of his brother JAMES EARL RAY.

Date May 9, 1968

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JOHN LARRY RAY interviewed in the vicinity of the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, at which time he advised that his brother, JERRY RAY, arrived here from Chicago about 9:30 AM on April 30, 1968, at which time he woke him up at his residence. He stated during the time JERRY remained in St. Louis they spent most of their time around the tavern, however, did visit their sister, CAROL PEPPER in Maplewood, Missouri.

He stated that the majority of the conversation concerned harassment of sister CAROL and brother JERRY by newspaper reporters. JOHN RAY related that JERRY indicated if the harassment in Chicago continued he would quit his job.

JOHN RAY stated that his brother JERRY left to return to Chicago driving his own automobile, a light green DeSoto, about 11:00 AM, May 1, 1968.

JOHN RAY specifically stated that during the conversation there was no indication that either JERRY or CAROL had any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY's location or contact with him directly or indirectly since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

JOHN RAY pointed out that the only one member of the family whose location would be known to JAMES EARL RAY would probably be JERRY because the rest of the family have all moved at one time or another since the escape, and JERRY RAY's address would be the only stable address known to JAMES EARL RAY.

When questioned regarding amounts of money sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary for JAMES EARL RAY, JOHN RAY stated that he would on occasion send his brother money while a prisoner at Jefferson City, however, could not specifically recall the amounts or the number of times he sent money. He stated that he did this because of the realization by himself having been a prisoner how hard it is to come by the necessities while a prisoner and also due to the fact that his brother JAMES EARL RAY had sent him money while he (JOHN RAY) was a prisoner at the Menard Penitentiary.

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With regard to his brother, JOHN RAY stated that JAMES EARL RAY appeared to be a normal person as far as he recalls until he returned from the Army in Germany when on contact subsequent to this return he gathered the opinion that JAMES EARL RAY became a narcotics user while in the Army or else had some other cause to act crazy on occasion.

JOHN RAY further pointed out that it was his belief that if his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, killed Dr. KING he was either crazy at the time or was paid for this act of violence. He conjectured that if it was a crazy act or an act while he was mentally unstable he felt that JAMES EARL RAY would never then contact any member of the family. Further, if this killing were for money he would not contact any of the family because he would not need any help financially. He indicated that it was his opinion that if he were paid by any person or group for this assassination that they in turn would kill his brother to seal his lips forever and prevent any connection between the individuals responsible for the contract and the assassination of KING.

JOHN RAY stated that he knew of no close friends of his brother, that his brother was a loner, and any friends he would make would be short term acquaintances.

JOHN RAY again emphatically denied any knowledge of, direct or indirect contact with his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary. He reiterated that in the event he should garner any knowledge concerning his brother's whereabouts he would immediately contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation inasmuch as he was well aware of the provisions of the harboring statute and does not want (himself) to return to prison over something that he could avoid.

JOHN RAY stated that he has not been contacted by anybody regarding money in connection with paying or collecting any amounts owed by or to his brother while his brother was an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary. Further, that he

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never furnished any money to an attorney, in fact did not even know the name of any attorney that might have been in previous contact with his brother, JAMES EARL RAY. He noted, however, that he vaguely recalls his brother mentioning during one visit to the penitentiary that he had an attorney either in Columbia, Missouri, or Jefferson City, Missouri, however, he was very unspecific regarding this and it may have been that he just wrote to one of those from the prison in an effort to get some brief set forth, and there would be a record of this communication in the Missouri State Penitentiary correspondence records.

With regard to correspondence JOHN RAY stated that he does not recall receiving many letters but may have received one or two letters from JAMES while one or the other of them was a prisoner, but believes that JERRY RAY may have corresponded more frequently with him.

Date May 10, 19681

JOHN LARRY RAY was contacted at his residence, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri.

He advised that his brother, JERRY RAY, arrived in St. Louis last night from Chicago driving his own car and getting to the Grapevine Tavern about 9:30 p.m.

After remaining at the tavern for a short period of time he left indicating he was tired and was going to go to a hotel (name not mentioned) and would meet tomorrow about noon at the Grapevine Tavern with JOHN.

JOHN RAY stated that JERRY indicated he wanted to get away from Chicago for awhile because of harassment from newspaper reporters and did not know how long he intended to stay in St. Louis. JOHN RAY pointed out that there was no statement made by JERRY that would lead him to believe that JERRY had any knowledge of the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

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by SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/8/68



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JERRY RAY - BROTHER

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY RELATIVES

[REDACTED] St. Louis Police Department, advised SA [REDACTED] on April 19, 1968, that information had been received from a Police Department informant, reliability unknown, that subject JAMES EARL RAY had a brother, J. RAY, residing in East St. Louis, Illinois, with telephone number [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. He stated that according to the informant this individual formerly resided at [REDACTED] East St. Louis, Illinois, but had recently moved.

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RE: SUBJECT'S RELATIVE JERRY RAY

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 30, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

At 9:54 a.m., a white over light green, four door, 1960 DeSoto automobile, bearing Illinois license [REDACTED] was parked facing north on the east side of Illinois Avenue, approximately one-third of a block south of Arsenal Street. This car had men's clothes hanging in the rear seat area behind the driver's side of the front seat.

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EEB: pdp

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY RELATIVES

At 11:15 a.m. on April 30, 1968, SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed the 1960 DeSoto bearing Illinois license [REDACTED] said to be operated by subject's brother JERRY RAY, parked in front of the residence at [REDACTED]. It was on the east side of the street, headed north. This residence is [REDACTED] owned by subject's sister CAROL PEPPER.

At 2:55 p.m. the same agents observed this vehicle parked across the street from CAROL PEPPER's residence, [REDACTED] Maplewood, Missouri.

On May 1, 1968, SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed this same vehicle parked on Illinois near the Grape Vine Tavern at 8:00 a.m. At 10:21 a.m. SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed subject's brothers JOHN and JERRY RAY arrive at the Grape Vine Tavern in JOHN's Thunderbird. Both went into the tavern.

At 10:51 a.m. JERRY RAY entered the DeSoto and proceeded west on Arsenal to Gravois, which is U. S. Highway 66, and turn northeast on Gravois. He crossed into Illinois from Missouri on the Poplar Street Bridge at 10:59 a.m. He continued in a northerly direction on U. S. Highway 66, and was last observed crossing the Madison County, Illinois, line. This observation was likewise made by SAs [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED].

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5/3/68

During the course of a check of a 1960 white over light green Desoto bearing Illinois license [REDACTED] observed at Illinois and Arsenal Street the following was noted:

7:50 a.m. auto observed parked facing north on the east side of Illinois Avenue approximately three car lengths south of Arsenal Street.

9:59 a.m. JOHN LARRY RAY and JERRY RAY were observed arriving at the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Arsenal Streets in a white over light blue Thunderbird automobile bearing Missouri license [REDACTED]. After parking this automobile they entered the Grape Vine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal Street.

10:35 a.m. Schlitz beer truck making delivery at Grape Vine Tavern.

10:46 a.m. JERRY RAY observed approaching the Desoto automobile.

10:47 a.m. checked left front tire with a tool taken from the trunk of automobile.

10:49 a.m. entered car and drove north on Illinois, west on Arsenal and north on Jefferson Street.

10:54 a.m. was observed proceeding east on Gravois to Mc Nair.

10:55 a.m. he entered Interstate 55 proceeding north from Gravois and at 10:58 a.m. entered the ramp of the Poplar Street Bridge heading east.

10:59 a.m. he crossed over the Illinois State Line marker in center of Poplar Street Bridge.

11:04 a.m. he was observed to go on Highway 66 toward Chicago, Illinois, at Madison County Line, Route 111 in Illinois.

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On 5/1/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775

SA [REDACTED]  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/1/68

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James Earl ~~Ray~~ Date May 9, 1968

JERRY RAY advised telephonically at 9:25 a.m. on May 7, 1968, that he had arrived in St. Louis on the evening of May 3, 1968, and that he had, after conferring briefly with his brother JOHN RAY, gone to the MacArthur Hotel in St. Louis where he had registered using the surname of RYAN. Ill.  
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He spent the following day with his brother, JOHN, and stayed at the St. Regis Hotel in St. Louis that night under the name of RYAN.

He spent his waking hours on Sunday, May 5, 1968, with his brother, JOHN, at his residence and the Grape Vine Tavern and that evening both he and his brother, JOHN, traveled in JERRY's automobile to the residence of their father, JERRY RAYNES, Center, Missouri, where they spent the night and returned to St. Louis on the morning of May 6, 1968.

He spent his waking hours on May 6, 1968, with his brother, JOHN, and stayed at JOHN's apartment that night.

He stated he contemplated contacting his Chicago employer telephonically later on the morning of May 7, 1968, to determine if reporters had left his employment and whether or not it might be safe for him to return. He indicated he would contact Special Agent [REDACTED] later in this regard.

He stated that, if the press was still active at his employment, he would either spend a few days with his father in Center, Missouri, or go to the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area. He is using the surname RYAN and had experienced no difficulty with reporters since leaving Chicago.

He had contacted his sister, CAROL PEPPER, telephonically but had not seen her personally up to that time. He was aware that she had visited her father in Center on Sunday, May 5, 1968, but stated she had left prior to the arrival of himself and his brother, JOHN, which he estimated was approximately 8:00 or 9:00 p.m., after dark.

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He indicated his intention of personally contacting his sister, CAROL PEPPER, on the afternoon of May 7, 1968.

He was convinced from his conversations with his father, his brother - JOHN RAY and his telephonic contact with his sister, CAROL PEPPER, that none of them had any information as to the whereabouts of the subject.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 9, 1968

JERRY RAY telephonically advised Special Agent [REDACTED] he had just called his Chicago employer and had learned no reporters had been seen in the vicinity of his employment on the previous day. This employer had indicated that he was welcome to return if he so desired.

He expressed the belief it would be desirable to remain in the St. Louis area for one additional day and that if a check with his employer showed his employment area free of reporters on May 8, 1968, he contemplated returning to Chicago on that date.

It was intention to stay with his brother, JOHN, that night.

He stated that at the time of making contact with Special Agent [REDACTED] he was en route to his sister's, CAROL PEPPER, residence to spend the afternoon with her [REDACTED]

He stated he had never lived at Lancaster, Missouri, and had never used that city as a mailing address.

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On 5/7/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL: 44-775  
by SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/8/68



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 9, 1968

JERRY RAY telephonically contacted Special Agent [REDACTED] at 6:30 p.m. on May 7, 1968, following a visit with his sister, CAROL PEPPER.

He stated she had indicated she had nothing specifically against the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) which prevented her cooperation but that she and her husband were both angry with law enforcement generally because members of the St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department had disclosed the PEPPER relationship to subject to her husband's employer who had proceeded to advise other employees with the result that her husband had been regarded with suspicion by them, particularly by Negro fellow employees.

He had assured her that the FBI had not disclosed any information concerning the relatives and that the FBI had assured him that it was interested in preventing harassment of relatives by the press. He pointed out that his own harassment by the press had not been caused by the FBI and he attributed the relative lack of press harassment experience by Missouri relatives to the FBI policy of secrecy.

She told him she and her husband had even talked seriously of selling their home and leaving the area.

She also expressed her beliefs to him that subject was not guilty of the KING assassination.

He stated that he would stay with his brother, JOHN, the night of May 7, 1968, and would recontact his Chicago employer telephonically on the morning of May 8, 1968. He stated that in the event the area surrounding his employment was free from reporters at that time it was his intention to leave St. Louis for Chicago at approximately noon on May 8, 1968. He stated he would telephonically contact Special Agent [REDACTED] prior to his departure.

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On 5/7/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL: 44-775  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/8/68

1Date May 10, 1968

JERRY RAY telephonically contacted Special Agent [REDACTED] at 1:45 PM on May 8, 1968. He stated he had decided not to return to Chicago until approximately 2:00 PM on May 9, 1968. He indicated he would be required to go to work at the club where he is employed by 9:00 PM on that date. He stated further that he would be living at a new address in Chicago as the club had obtained new living quarters for him. He was not aware of the address at that time but would determine same on his arrival in Chicago.

He stated he contemplated spending the afternoon and part of the evening at the residence of his sister, CAROL PEPPER, and that he planned on having his evening meal there.

He stated he would call Special Agent [REDACTED] between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM prior to his departure on May 9, 1968.

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by SA [REDACTED]

Date dictated 5/8/68

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RE: RAY RELATIVES

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on April 23, 1968:

JOHN J. QUINN, Excise Commissioner for the City of St. Louis, City Hall, 12th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that CAROL ANN PEPPER was issued a City Full Drink License, number 5056, on November 27, 1967, for the operation of a tavern at 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri. In her application, PEPPER indicated she was born [REDACTED], Ewing, Missouri, and resides at [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri. She indicated previous residences at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and claimed no arrest record. Her husband, ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, was born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and was employed as a [REDACTED] by [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri. PEPPER stated that she rented the premises and fixtures from SHARON M. STOCKMAN for a two-year period commencing October 1, 1967, through September 30, 1969, for \$80 per month.

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RAY RELATIVES  
PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

On April 23, 1968, Special Agent [REDACTED] State Liquor Control Office, Continental Building, Grand and Olive Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that all applications for retail liquor dealer licenses are forwarded along with the investigation regarding the application to the State Liquor Control Office, Jefferson City, Missouri, where they would be under the control of State Liquor Control Supervisor HARRY WIGGINS.

[REDACTED] pointed out that the application for retail liquor dealer license in the State of Missouri is very detailed, including questions such as residence of the owner and operator for the past 10 years and details as to where the money for the purchase or commencing of business was obtained.

[REDACTED] stated that from his limited records maintained at this office it would appear that CAROL PEPPER was issued a license under their control number 6243, doing business as Jack's Place at 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri. A notation in the file indicates that applicant's husband has a police record.

At time of application a surety bond of \$2000 is required and this bond was signed by professional bondsman HENRY GRIESEDIECK.

With regard to this tavern location, it was previously operated as a tavern by one GEORGINE AUDREY MC GUIRE, which license was issued July 1, 1966; however, was not renewed July 1, 1967, and, therefore, assumed to be discontinued as a business on or before June 30, 1967. [REDACTED] pointed out that their records indicate that this particular license of CAROL PEPPER's was applied for as "sole owner and operator" and, therefore, hidden ownership or operation by someone else under her license would be a violation of the Liquor Control Laws of the State of Missouri subjecting the license to suspension or revocation.

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RAY RELATIVES  
PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

On April 23, 1968, [REDACTED] Internal Revenue Service, Alcohol, Tobacco and Tax Unit, 200 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that Form 11 Special Tax Return must be filed with the Special Tax Unit of Internal Revenue Service prior to the issuing of a Federal Liquor Tax Stamp. [REDACTED] pointed out that in the event such return were filed under the name of one person who was merely a "front" whereas in reality another person was the true owner and the individual liable for the Special Tax Return for the operation of a tavern, then the one making the return would be liable under Title 26, Section 7206, Paragraph 2, U. S. Code, for filing a false Special Tax Return and subject to \$5000 fine and/or three years imprisonment or both.

[REDACTED] pointed out that no background information to any extent is obtained at the time of filing Form 11 merely requesting the name of the owner or partner, the trade name of the business, the address of the business and whether or not this is a new business, a renewal of tax stamp, a change of location or a change of ownership.

[REDACTED] Special Tax Unit, Internal Revenue Service, 12th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that a Form 11 Special Tax Return was filed under the name CAROL PEPPER, doing business as Jack's Place, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri. The tax was paid in the amount of \$31.50 for a retail liquor dealer class of tax. This return was signed CAROL PEPPER and under title of the individual signing this return the word owner is circled with the date being shown as November 27, 1967. The form is checked for a new business with the date of commencement shown as December 1, 1967. The date of issue is reflected as December 1, 1967, with the stamp number being reflected as 249659.

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RE: PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE

On May 7, 1968, St. Louis United States Attorney VERYL L. RIDDLE advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that pursuant to a current project undertaken by his office to determine the nature and extent of criminal ownership of liquor dispensing establishments in the St. Louis Metropolitan area, which project has no relationship to this case, he had secured the cooperation of the United States Post Office and State Liquor Control Officials. The State Liquor Control Office has mailed extensive questionnaires to all liquor licensees located in St. Louis, St. Louis County and Jefferson County, Missouri, in which detailed information is requested as to ownership and other matters. The deadline for the return of such questionnaires was originally scheduled for May 1, 1968, but returns to date have been sparse which necessitated setting up a new dead-line of June 1, 1968.

Mr. RIDDLE stated that returns are to be forwarded to the State Liquor Control Office by mail and that false answers in such returns by certain target owners may cause presentation of the matter to a Federal Grand Jury to determine if furnishing false answers to the Liquor Control Office through the mail constitutes a scheme for use of the mail in furtherance of a scheme to defraud.

Mr. RIDDLE emphasized that questionnaires had been sent to all tavern owners in the area and that no individual owner would thereby feel he had been singled out for any special attention.

Mr. RIDDLE stated that he wanted to be sure that his project would not interfere with our investigation of this case in any way. He was confidentially advised of the identities of subject's brother and sister, JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER, as well as the name and location of the Grape Vine Tavern. He was further advised it does not appear his project would interfere with the investigation of this case.

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He stated that he would take care to see that any return concerning the Grape Vine Tavern received would be placed aside and that no action would be taken regarding it without first checking with this Office. Mr. RIDDLE emphasized his desire to be of any assistance possible in our investigation of this case.



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PREVIOUS THREATS TO DR. KING

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RE: PREVIOUS THREATS TO KING -

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review of the files of the St. Louis Division concerning [REDACTED] on April 26, 1968, by Special Agent [REDACTED], disclosed that during 1965 [REDACTED] reported that while drinking in a bar in St. Louis on November 9, 1965, he was approached by a single unidentified white male who talked about the racial situation and the possibility of his assassinating Reverend KING. He alleged that the individual gave him \$50.00 and indicated that he would contact him in a few days to make more definite plans. He stated that thereafter the same man contacted him on November 11, 1965, at his residence at Elvins, Missouri, and that he told the individual that he was not interested. The Chief of Police, Elvins, Missouri, interviewed [REDACTED] wife and neighbors on November 11, 1965, and they advised that no one had visited the [REDACTED] residence on that date.

AT MOBERLY, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED] was located at the Missouri Training School for Men, Moberly, Missouri, where he is serving a three-year sentence for assault. He was originally sentenced, [REDACTED] 1967, and was received at the Training School on [REDACTED] 1967. The record indicated that during interview by prison officials on [REDACTED] 1967, he mentioned several "bizarre incidents" including an allegation that he had been contacted to assassinate KING. Prison records indicate that [REDACTED] has a history of mental illness.

He was interviewed on April 26, 1968, by Special Agent [REDACTED] at which time he advised that several months ago, while

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drinking in a bar in St. Louis two men talked to him about the racial situation and that one of them gave him \$50.00 and stated they would see him in a few days concerning the possibility of assassinating KING. Three or four days later three men in a new Buick automobile drove to his home at Elvins, Missouri, and he told them that he was not interested in their proposition. He claimed that his wife had also seen these men. He stated that shortly after the incident he had been taken to a State Mental Hospital at Farmington, Missouri.

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RE: PREVIOUS THREATS TO DR. KING -  
[REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review of St. Louis file on April 27, 1968, by Special Agent [REDACTED] disclosed receipt of information October 9, 1964, from the St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department, that captioned individual had been reported by the Police Department of Cairo, Illinois, to have threatened Dr. KING's life and to have consulted Attorney [REDACTED] Cairo, Illinois, as to what would happen to him if he killed KING. The Cairo, Illinois, Police Department indicated [REDACTED] was reported to be in Sikeston, Missouri, when foregoing information was received.

The Little Rock, Arkansas, Division advised on August 18, 1967, that captioned individual, who is also known as [REDACTED] "PREACHER," and "PROFESSOR," was described as a Negro male, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] height - 5 feet 5 inches, weight - 140 pounds, brown eyes, black hair, medium build, with a two inch vertical scar on his forehead. His listed residence was given as [REDACTED] but it was indicated he made frequent trips from there and that he had claimed to have traveled in Mexico extensively.

Files of the St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department, as examined on April 26, 1968, by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED], disclosed that [REDACTED] had been arrested by that Department on [REDACTED] 1968, and charged with the possession of marijuana. The record indicated he had been released on bail [REDACTED] 1968. At the time of the arrest he gave no St. Louis address but listed residences at [REDACTED]

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

PREVIOUS THREATS TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

By communication dated April 26, 1968, Indianapolis Office requested the St. Louis Office to furnish San Francisco a photograph of [REDACTED], a subject of a former Bureau case, and possible co-conspirator in this case.

On April 27, 1968, Special Agent [REDACTED] forwarded a 1953 photograph of [REDACTED] Federal Bureau of Investigation Number [REDACTED] to San Francisco for their investigative assistance in determining if [REDACTED] is a possible co-conspirator.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

BACKGROUND - JAMES EARL RAY

By communication dated April 25, 1968, Kansas City Office advised St. Louis that [REDACTED] Columbia, Missouri, knew an ex-convict by the name of JOHN RAY, whose wife was named LINDA. RAY at the time was under the supervision of State Parole Officer [REDACTED] at Belleville, Illinois. [REDACTED] currently employed at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri.

On April 27, 1968, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Belleville, Illinois, employed at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that he was a former State Parole Officer at Belleville, Illinois, from 1951 to 1953. He recalled LINDA RAY, a German war bride, worked under his supervision at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, about fourteen years ago but he did not know her husband or recall that he was a parolee under his supervision. He pointed out that fifteen years had elapsed since he was a Parole Officer and the names of parolees under his supervision had been forgotten.

JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to [REDACTED]



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TRANSPORTATION CHECK

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

On April 11, 1968, Mr. DAVID LEIGH, Manager, St. Louis -  
Lambert Airport, advised SA [REDACTED] no international  
flights originate or terminate at the St. Louis Airport.

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POSSIBILITY OF RAY'S RELATIVES  
IN ELSBERRY, MISSOURI

On April 24, 1968, the Bureau advised of receipt of information from one [REDACTED], to the effect he had distant cousins named RAY in the Elsberry, Missouri, area, who might be related to the subject RAY. He suggested [REDACTED] would know the identities and locations of these cousins.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 24, 1968.

[REDACTED] Butler, Missouri, advised that the only three cousins named RAY known to him in the Elsberry, Missouri, area are GUY RAY, [REDACTED] EARL RAY, [REDACTED] and, LEO RAY, [REDACTED]. He had no information that they were in any way related to the subject.

Chief of Police JOHN E. STEWARD, Elsberry, Missouri, and Sheriff IRL ELLIOTT, Troy, Missouri, advised on the same date that GUY, EARL, and LEO RAY of Elsberry, Missouri, are individuals of good character and reputation. They stated further that there have been no indications that subject was in the Elsberry area.

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Re: JAMES EARL RAY  
FAMILY

On Saturday, April 20, 1968, [REDACTED] Cape Girardeau, Missouri, telephonically contacted the Cape Girardeau Resident Agent, [REDACTED] and advised that their employee, [REDACTED], had reported to him that he, [REDACTED], had been in the Last Chance Pizza Parlor in Cape Girardeau, on Friday, April 19, 1968. While there, he overheard a person named MELVIN DECK, who stated he lived on a farm between Advance and Zalma, Missouri, state that he knew the father of JAMES EARL RAY, who was being sought for the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

AT FREDERICKTOWN, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted on April 23, 1968, by Special Agent [REDACTED]:

MELVIN E. DECK, [REDACTED] Fredericktown, Missouri, advised that he was in Cape Girardeau on Friday, April 19, 1968, at a pizza parlor and tavern and saw a photograph of the man wanted for killing Dr. KING on television, and mentioned to the bartender that he knew the father of this man. DECK then related as follows:

He used to be acquainted with BILL RAY, who he claimed to be the father of JAMES EARL RAY, and that he last saw BILL RAY about five years ago at an auction in Cottage Hills, Illinois, which is a suburb of Alton, Illinois. BILL RAY was then living at Alton and had moved to there from the Zalma, Missouri, vicinity in about 1940. BILL RAY originally married VESTA MEADORS, who he claimed to be the mother of JAMES EARL RAY. VESTA MEADORS moved to Alton with BILL RAY but then moved back to Zalma, where she lives with her mother. He did not know if VESTA MEADORS and BILL RAY were divorced or separated. The father of VESTA MEADORS was TONY MEADORS, who is now deceased. He stated that BILL RAY had two sons and two daughters that he knows of; the youngest son being named COTTON, and whom he thought was identical

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with JAMES EARL RAY, and an older son, named JOE, present location not known. In addition, the two daughters' names he could not furnish, but stated that they were married and lived in the Alton, Illinois, vicinity. Mr. DECK made his identification from the photographs contained on Identification Order number 4182. He stated that the profile photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, the one on the left, was almost an exact likeness of the son COTTON, who is the son of BILL RAY, now residing at Alton, Illinois. Further, he stated that he saw this COTTON RAY about four or five years ago with his father at the auction in Cottage Hills, Illinois.

Based on information already developed in this matter concerning the relatives of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, and the fact that JAMES EARL RAY was in the Missouri State Penitentiary four to five years ago, no further investigation was undertaken to identify or interview any other relatives of BILL RAY or BILL RAY himself, as outlined above by Mr. MELVIN E. DECK.

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RE: REVEREND FLOYD BROWER

The Little Rock Division advised on April 8, 1968, of receipt of information from [REDACTED] on that date, that she had attended services at the First Methodist Church, Senath, Missouri, on April 7, 1968, during which a Brother BROWER, a visiting minister, who is District Superintendent of the Methodist Church, residing at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, made the statement from the pulpit that he was sorry to hear of KING's death but would be even sorrier when the announcement was made identifying the person responsible. He stated this was because the assassin was from Pemiscot County, Missouri. She stated she interpreted this statement to mean that the assassin was from Pemiscot County, Missouri, but was not presently residing there.

AT POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI

On April 9, 1968, Reverend FLOYD BROWER, [REDACTED], Poplar Bluff, Missouri, advised SA [REDACTED] that the basis for his statement from the pulpit at the Senath, Missouri, Methodist Church the previous Sunday that he was sorry to hear of KING's death but would be even sorrier when the announcement was made identifying the assassin had been based on an article appearing in either the St. Louis Globe Democrat, a St. Louis Metropolitan daily newspaper, or one of the Southeast Missouri papers, which stated that the search for KING's assassin had spread to the Boot Heel area of Missouri, and that he was possibly from Pemiscot County. Reverend BROWER stated he had also heard several rumors that the assassin was from Pemiscot County. He advised he had no other basis for making the statement; had never heard anyone mention names of a possible assassin; and was now sorry he had made such a statement, from the pulpit.

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INVESTIGATIONS OF PERSONS BEARING  
PHYSICAL RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT,  
ORIGINATING IN OTHER DIVISIONS, AND  
RESOLVED BY ST. LOUIS, OR ORIGINATING  
IN ST. LOUIS, AND REFERRED TO OTHER  
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RE: [REDACTED]

Information was received April 8, 1968, from the Detroit Division that captioned individual, an extreme racist with a deep hatred for Negroes, and his father, [REDACTED], had left Benton Harbor, Michigan, by automobile during the early morning hours of April 4, 1968, and later returned on April 7, 1968. The purpose of their trip was alleged to be the funeral of [REDACTED] brother and it was indicated he had gone to [REDACTED] Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Missouri, on April 9, 1968:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] employed by the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] owner of the [REDACTED], advised that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had arrived in [REDACTED] as they best recalled on Tuesday or Wednesday, April 2 or 3, 1968. [REDACTED] was positive he had seen [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the funeral home in [REDACTED] on Thursday evening, April 4, 1968, as well as Friday, April 5, 1968. He believed that they had left [REDACTED] to return to Benton Harbor, Michigan, on Saturday, April 6, 1968.

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RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (phonetic)

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JEL/leh On April 24, 1968, the Jackson Division advised of receipt of information that [REDACTED] (phonetic) of De Soto, Missouri, might have information concerning RAY.

AT DE SOTO, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 25, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that approximately a week ago her husband deserted her and is also believed to have stolen some checks from his employer, [REDACTED] and cashed several of these checks.

She advised [REDACTED] is an alcoholic. She also advised that [REDACTED] did not mention that he had known JAMES EARL RAY who was identified as the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

She stated [REDACTED] has served time at the Federal Penitentiary, El Reno, Oklahoma, and at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

She has no knowledge of his receiving a sentence in the State of Michigan and has no knowledge of his being wanted in that state.

She related [REDACTED] has left her on several occasions and been gone for a month or so at a time. She believes he will probably keep going now that he stole the check from his employer.

Chief of Police LLOYD DAVIS, DeSoto, Missouri, Police Department, advised that sometime on the weekend of April 20, 1968, [REDACTED] cashed two checks both for over \$100.00 in the DeSoto, Missouri, area and [REDACTED] claims they were stolen from his checkbook and other checks maybe missing.

Chief DAVIS described [REDACTED] as a confirmed alcoholic, that he spent the majority of his time, when not working, drinking.



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He advised he had no record on [REDACTED] but understands he did time for cashing stolen Federal money orders or bonds. He believes the state's charges were for forgery.

He advised he would be alert for [REDACTED] return.

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RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On May 3, 1968, [REDACTED] One-Hour Martinizing Cleaners, 5631 Delmar, St. Louis, Missouri, telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] that a customer had entered the shop on that date who met the description of the subject in this case. She stated he was wearing a dark suit with a white or light blue shirt with a necktie. She stated he gave the name [REDACTED] and was driving a 1964 Chevrolet, bearing 1968 Missouri license [REDACTED].

A license check disclosed that license was issued to [REDACTED] Columbia, Missouri.

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Suspects: [REDACTED]

On April 26, 1968, the Bureau furnished a copy of a letter received from [REDACTED] Ellington, Missouri, in which she stated she had seen the slayers of Dr. KING and that they were two women named [REDACTED], of Oakland, California, and [REDACTED] of Overland, California.

AT ELLINGTON, MISSOURI

*Informant*

[REDACTED] Ellington, Missouri, was contacted on May 1, 1968, by SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated she had a direct communication with God and He had told her the killers of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING were [REDACTED] of Oakland, California, and [REDACTED] of Overland, California, and that she should notify the FBI. She stated she had never heard of these two individuals before; that she knows nothing of their backgrounds or occupations; and, that she was unable to furnish any additional information concerning them.

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RE: LOOK ALIKE  
JAMES EUGENE GAULT

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at St. Louis, Missouri:

On April 17, 1968, the Kansas City Division advised that a check of Missouri driver's license records, Jefferson City, Missouri, disclosed that one JAMES EUGENE GAULT, born July 21, 1931, which is the same date of birth given by suspect ERIC STARVO GALT, has been issued a Missouri driver's license. This individual listed his residence as [REDACTED] High Ridge, Missouri, and his employer as [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri.

On April 17, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that JAMES E. GAULT, Social Security number [REDACTED], residing at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, was employed intermittently from 1959 to February 1, 1967. [REDACTED] stated that he mailed the W-2 form of GAULT for his 1967 earnings to [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri.

On April 17, 1968, Mrs. IRVIN GOZA, [REDACTED] advised that she is the aunt of JAMES EUGENE GAULT. She stated that her nephew moved to Florida in February, 1967, but she did not know his address. She did, however, furnish the address of GAULT's mother, who resides in St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. GOZA stated that her nephew does not, in any way, resemble photographs of ERIC GALT, which she had previously viewed in local newspapers.

On April 17, 1968, Mrs. FRANK (IDA DOROTHY) DAECH, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, advised that she is the mother of JAMES EUGENE GAULT. She stated that her son resides in Miami, Florida, and exhibited a letter from him postmarked April 4, 1968, at Miami, bearing a return address of [REDACTED] Miami, Florida. Mrs. DAECH stated that her son was not identical with ERIC STARVO GALT, whose photograph has appeared in local newspapers.

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She described her son as follows:

Name	JAMES EUGENE GAULT
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'1"
Weight	155 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Date of Birth	July 20, 1931
Place of Birth	St. Louis, Missouri
Education	Completed four years high school, Cleveland High School, St. Louis, Missouri
Occupation	Carpenter
Military Service	Served in U. S. Marine Corps, Receiving honorable discharge
Father	JAMES E. GAULT <del>REDACTED</del> Tampa, Florida.

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SUSPECT - [REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 7, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who stated he had observed an artist's conception of the killer of Dr. KING in one of the St. Louis newspapers and was of the opinion that the artist's conception resembled BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GIBSON, Imperial Wizard of the Ozark Klan, National Knights of the Klu Klux Klan. [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, who resides at [REDACTED] Belleville, Illinois, telephonically advised that his foreman on the mid-watch at the company, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GIBSON had been at work every day, Monday through Friday, during the previous week (April 1 through April 5, 1968). He stated that GIBSON's normal hours are from 11:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Copies of GIBSON's photographs were furnished the Memphis Division on April 7, 1968.

The Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., advised on April 7, 1968, that the remaining unidentified latent fingerprints in this case were not identical with fingerprints of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GIBSON, [REDACTED]

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: LOOK-ALIKE  
INDIVIDUAL ON GREYHOUND BUS  
COLUMBUS, OHIO TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

The Cincinnati Division advised telephonically and by teletype to the Director, April 19, 1968, that an individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY should be arriving at St. Louis Greyhound Bus Depot at 2:20 p.m. on bus 4472 arriving from Columbus, Ohio, same date.

SAs [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were dispatched to meet bus 4472 at the Greyhound Bus Depot where all passengers alighting from the bus were carefully observed and the interior of the bus immediately inspected. However, no person identifiable with individual described by Cincinnati was observed departing bus or on empty bus. The bus terminal was checked before and after departure of the bus without success.

The only male person on the bus remotely resembling subject's appearance and the description furnished by Cincinnati was [REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] who was en route from Holyoke, Massachusetts, to a Veterans Hospital near Abilene, Texas. However, [REDACTED] is definitely not identical to the subject. The driver of bus 4472, WAYNE LESTER WILLIAMS, Greyhound Bus Lines, 801 North Broadway, residence [REDACTED] Wanamaker, Indiana, advised SA [REDACTED] that he drove bus 4472 from Indianapolis to St. Louis arriving at 2:20 p.m. on April 19, 1968. He stated that he had only 12 passengers from Indianapolis to St. Louis, several of whom were Negroes and females, but that he does not know the destination of any of the passengers nor is it normal procedure to check their tickets. WILLIAMS viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that no one of that description was among his passengers. He did, however, recall one individual who sat in the right front seat of the bus who was about 30 years of age, 5'8" to 5'9" tall, weighing

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150 pounds, who appeared to be intoxicated and who was en route from Massachusetts to Texas. He recalled that he had observed FBI Agents interviewing this individual. He could recall no other person in any way meeting the description in question and did not believe this individual was identical with the subject.



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RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]  
LOOK-ALIKE

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on April 22, 1968: *B. Agency*

JOHN MUELLER, owner and operator of the Meramec Motel, 458 South Highway 66, advised that according to his records an individual using the name of [REDACTED] Nashville, Tennessee, registered in cabin number 6 on April 16, 1968. He stated this individual stayed there on the night of April 16 and April 17 and left sometime during the day of April 18, 1968. MUELLER stated that although he did not see [REDACTED] he understands that he was accompanied by a woman and a small child. MUELLER stated that he understands that [REDACTED] is a well known western country star who sings in Nashville, Tennessee, and has made records and radio and television appearances. He stated that he doubts that the individual in cabin number 6 was actually [REDACTED] but was probably someone impersonating him.

MUELLER stated that according to the registration card [REDACTED] was driving an automobile bearing Tennessee license plate [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

GILBERT MC PEEK advised that he works at the Meramec Motel and also at the eating place located next door. He said that he recalls an individual using the name of [REDACTED] registering at the motel on Tuesday, April 16, 1968.

He stated that this individual was driving a 1964 Chevrolet automobile painted dark green which had been hit on one side. He stated that [REDACTED] was accompanied by a woman who claimed to be [REDACTED], who is a singer of western songs and known in Nashville, Tennessee. He stated that he doubts that the individual posing as [REDACTED] or the individual posing as [REDACTED] were actually the well known singing stars from Nashville, Tennessee.

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He said that [REDACTED] was a white male, about 35-38 years of age, about 5'8½" tall, 180-190 pounds, husky build, blond wavy hair. He stated that the woman who represented herself to be [REDACTED] was about 45 and quite heavy. He said he understands that [REDACTED] could play the guitar and sing quite well and did sing one evening at the Red Pony Lounge located about a mile east of the motel on Highway 66. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mr. MC PEEK and he stated that he does not resemble [REDACTED] in any way.

Mrs. GLADYS MC PEEK, wife of GILBERT MC PEEK, advised she also works at the Meramec Motel and had occasion to see the individual using the name of [REDACTED] around the motel and eating place next door on April 16 and April 17, 1968. She stated that [REDACTED] was accompanied by a woman who claimed to be [REDACTED] and who appeared to be 40 years old and very heavy. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. MC PEEK and she stated that he does not resemble the individual using the name of [REDACTED]

NELDA DALTON, waitress at the Red Pony Lounge, 650 South Highway Drive advised that she recalls an individual giving the name of [REDACTED] accompanied by a woman who sang and played the guitar at the Red Pony Lounge on the night of April 17, 1968. She said this individual claimed to be [REDACTED] who is a well known country western star but she said that she and most of the other individuals in the lounge did not believe that he was actually this individual. She said, however, that he was a very good singer and guitar player and received excellent attention from the people in the lounge. She described [REDACTED] as a white male, around 38-39 years of age, 190 pounds, blond hair, husky build.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to her and she said that she is positive that the individual who sang in the Red Pony Lounge was not identical to RAY.

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RE: [REDACTED] Army Serial Number

On April 9, 1968, the Bureau advised the Dallas Division had received an anonymous call from a female to the effect that the subject of this case had Army Serial Number [REDACTED] and that Army sources had advised that serial number was assigned to one [REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on April 10, 1968, of the Army service record for [REDACTED] Army Serial Number [REDACTED] on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, by IC [REDACTED] disclosed that [REDACTED] had served in the U. S. Army on active duty from [REDACTED] 1958, at Montgomery, Alabama, to honorably discharged from active duty and transferred to the reserves at Oakland, California, [REDACTED] 1961. He thereafter entered on active duty in the Army at Montgomery, Alabama, on [REDACTED] 1963, and served until honorably discharged due to hardship at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, [REDACTED] 1965. Rank at time of discharge was Specialist 4th Grade. He also had inactive service in the Alabama National Guard [REDACTED] 1955, to [REDACTED] 1958, and [REDACTED] 1962, to [REDACTED] 1962. He served in the inactive U. S. Army Reserve from [REDACTED] 1961, to [REDACTED] 1962.

His military occupation was listed as communications center specialist. His civilian occupation was listed as welder, farmer, and musician (singing and guitar).

The following description appeared in the files:

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Race White  
Sex Male  
Height 6'2"  
Weight 235  
Hair Brown  
Eyes Blue  
Born [REDACTED]

Relatives

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[REDACTED]

Throughout his service his home address is listed as [REDACTED] Alabama. In 1963, an address of [REDACTED] Houston, Texas, appeared and his address at the time of final discharge was listed as [REDACTED] Houston, Texas.

He has blood group "O". He received an Expert's Badge in the M-1 carbine. He had foreign service of one year, eight months, and fifteen days in the Pacific Theater.

[REDACTED]

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RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]

The El Paso Office advised on April 18, 1968, of receipt of information from one [REDACTED] that the captioned individual called her on that date from New Orleans, indicating he was in trouble and was coming to see her. She believed he might be implicated in this case.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on April 18, 1968, at Military Personnel Records Center, disclosed the following, by IC [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED] Serial Number [REDACTED] served in the United States Army, [REDACTED] 1951, to [REDACTED] 1957. Honorably discharged by reason of early release of overseas returnee.

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[REDACTED]

Army records for [REDACTED] failed to disclose any treatment for mental or nervous disorders.

No record of specialized training in demolition or explosives was noted.

The following background and descriptive information was contained in the record:

Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	131 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Addresses	[REDACTED]

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Relatives

Outstanding Characteristics Wears glasses for  
astigmatism and near-  
sightedness

Photograph None available  
Selective Service Number  
Local Draft Board

Employment

Education

Civilian Occupation  
Military Occupation

Personnel Management Special-  
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was assigned  
(GERMANY) during 1955.

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SUSPECT - [REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

On April 8, 1968, Reverend OLIVER W. GIBSON, Parish Temple, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 800 North Union, St. Louis, Missouri, advised he had been Master of Ceremonies in a memorial to Dr. KING on that date and following the evening services in his church, at approximately 9:00 p.m., he was told a white man desired to see him. This individual gave his name only as "COLLINS". Reverend GIBSON described him as being 5 feet 8½ inches tall, 155 to 160 pounds, ruddy complexion, blond straight hair, scar on the right cheek and scar on the left hand. He was well dressed in a dark green business suit with a shirt and tie. He wore a watch with a black face on his left hand and there was a ring on his right ring finger with the initial "H."

At the conclusion of the interview the individual admitted to Reverend GIBSON his real name was [REDACTED]. He then told Reverend GIBSON he was not a beggar but a thief and a murderer. He claimed to possess \$10,000.00 in counterfeit checks in an attache case he was carrying, together with several credit cards. He claimed he had come to St. Louis from Chicago on the morning of April 7, 1968, but did not indicate the method of his transportation. He stated that he desired to find peace and claimed that he had recently been in Atlant, Georgia, and had met with Dr. KING who had befriended him. He stated he had told KING he had but one year to live due to a brain tumor. He was in possession of a card bearing KING's name and his home and office telephone numbers.

[REDACTED] did not so state but gave the impression to GIBSON he was the assassin of KING by stating he had ordered



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someone killed. He wondered if he should turn himself in. He stated he had studied psychology, had been in the military and had won both bronze and silver stars. He admitted to having used narcotics. He wanted GIBSON to help him find peace. He had only \$.18 in cash and GIBSON gave him \$5.00. He stated he wanted GIBSON to help him and stated he would meet GIBSON at the church at 10:30 on the following morning (April 8, 1968).

He claimed that he was wanted both by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Mafia but stated "they can't catch me."

The files of the St. Louis Division disclose that [REDACTED] has suicidal tendencies, once was a narcotics user, is a mental case and a drifter and has numerous arrests.

Information was received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., telephonically on April 8, 1968, that [REDACTED] was not wanted by the FBI.

On April 8, 1968, Reverend GIBSON stated that [REDACTED] had failed to keep his appointment with him on that date and that [REDACTED] whereabouts were unknown.

Reverend GIBSON recalled that during the original contact by [REDACTED] had indicated he has always experienced trouble with his parents and that he had first noticed this difficulty at the age of ten when he has sworn at his mother, whose name was [REDACTED]. He had stated he rebelled against authority. He further claimed to have been in Atlanta, New Orleans, Texas, California, Colorado (where he had relatives) and that he had flown from Chicago to St. Louis. He stated that he had been in jail much of the time.

Reverend GIBSON stated he was confused as to the purpose of [REDACTED] visit and was fearful of being alone with him due to his alleged wanted status. He stated he did not desire to spend more time with [REDACTED] due to the late hour and circumstances under which he had been originally contacted. He stated he could only account for the contact by assuming that [REDACTED] had been in the crowd at the KING Memorial where the location of GIBSON's

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church was announced. He felt this visitor was the same as [REDACTED]

On April 9, 1968, the Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., advised that the remaining unidentified latent prints in this case were not identical with the fingerprints of [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

On April 8, 1968, Reverend CLYDE OSTER, First Baptist Church, 6136 Garfield, Berkeley, Missouri, advised that at 12:55 p.m. on that date he had received a telephone call from a man who had identified himself as [REDACTED] (phonetic), who advised him he was at Lambert-St. Louis Airport and that he had a serious problem which he desired to discuss with a minister.

Reverend OSTER proceeded to the Airport to counsel [REDACTED]. He described [REDACTED] and the story [REDACTED] gave him the same as [REDACTED] was described by Reverend GIESON, as set out previously herein. At the conclusion of Reverend OSTER's conversation with [REDACTED] requested that he drive him into St. Louis. Reverend OSTER thereafter drove [REDACTED] to Ogden and Easton Avenues, where [REDACTED] left the automobile at 4:30 p.m.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE:

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On April 11, 1968, the Milwaukee Office advised that information had been received that [REDACTED] of Hayti, Missouri, had stated that one [REDACTED] of that city had been out of town on April 4, 1968, but had returned on the evening of that date in the possession of a large unknown amount of cash. She had stated that his mother had asked him if he had killed Dr. KING but that he had not replied but had merely smiled.

AT HAYTI, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 12, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that she is employed [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] of Hayti, Missouri. [REDACTED] sometimes known as [REDACTED], is the son of [REDACTED] and resides at [REDACTED] Memphis, Tennessee, and is employed by the [REDACTED]. He is a white male, 5'8" tall, 30 years of age, reddish-brown wavy hair, 160 pounds, stocky build.

He was in Hayti, Missouri, on April 5, 1968, [REDACTED]. He was driving a yellow Ford Mustang automobile on this trip.

[REDACTED] stated that she overheard some conversation between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 5, 1968, concerning Dr. KING. She was unable to recall the exact words but stated that [REDACTED] jokingly asked her son if he had been the one who killed Dr. KING. She had no reason to believe that [REDACTED] had anything to do with the assassination.

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RE: DANCE SCHOOL PROJECT - SUSPECT, [REDACTED]

The Jackson Division telephonically requested review of captioned individual's Army service record on April 15, 1968:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

A review on April 17, 1968, by IC [REDACTED] of the Army service record on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for [REDACTED] Army Serial Number [REDACTED] disclosed he enlisted in the U. S. Army on [REDACTED], 1955, at Jackson, Mississippi. He was thereafter honorably discharged and transferred in the rank of SP3(T) from the U. S. Regular Army Signal Corps from active service to the U. S. Army Reserve, Mississippi Military District, on [REDACTED] 1957, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C. Discharge was at the convenience of the Government. The terminal date of his reserve obligation was shown as [REDACTED] 1962. He was promoted to the rank of SP4(E4) in the U. S. Army Reserve on [REDACTED] 1958. It was further indicated he had previous service of 11 months 15 days in the 154th Infantry Battalion, Mississippi National Guard (no active Federal service). He had one year, 11 months, 21 days foreign service. He received the Sharpshooter Medal for the M-1 rifle and carbine. *Mass. Ga.*

His military occupation was listed as Morse interceptor. [REDACTED]

There was no record of courts-martial or absence without official leave.

His residence both at enlistment and discharge was listed as [REDACTED] Mississippi.

His date and place of birth were listed as [REDACTED]

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A background investigation was completed [REDACTED]  
1955, by the Third Army, Dossier # [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The following descriptive data appeared in the file:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Height	5'11"
Weight	145
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Gray (physical examination on enlistment showed right eye hazel and the left eye green, resulting from congenital heterochromic right iris)
Marital status	Single
Selective Service #	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

It was indicated he had four years high school and  
one semester at Southwestern Mississippi Junior College, Summit,  
Mississippi, [REDACTED]

His permanent address as of December 13, 1959, was  
[REDACTED] Atlanta, Georgia.

His parents were listed as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. Mention was  
made in the file of a brother but no name was given. At the  
time of his separation it was noted he suffered a partial  
deafness, perceptive type, very mild, possibly due to acoustic  
trauma. He claimed he had suffered from whooping cough, running  
ears, hayfever, asthma, and frequent indigestion.

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RAY LOOK ALIKE

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on May 2, 1968:

AT SENATH, MISSOURI:

After an unsuccessful attempt to contact [REDACTED] on April 29, 1968, she was contacted at her home, [REDACTED] Senath, Missouri, on May 2, 1968.

[REDACTED] advised that the information furnished by her in her letter to J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, contained everything that she could possibly think of in regard to the incident which she related in the letter.

She stated that after arriving at her home in Senath on April 11, 1968, she and her daughter and son-in-law, [REDACTED], re-hashed the incident and the question of a license plate on the white Cadillac had come up. At that time none of them could remember having noted the license plate and she could think of nothing else concerning this car which would be of any assistance in identifying it. She again stated that the individual she saw driving this car bore a resemblance to the side photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, particularly the hair-line contour. She again stated that the individual was wearing dark glasses. After she and her daughter and son-in-law had pulled off of the highway at the pecan candy store, the Cadillac continued on down the road and once it was out of sight, they continued on their trip and saw it no longer.

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SUSPECT - [REDACTED]

On April 11, 1968, the Springfield Office advised that captioned individual was a passenger on Illinois Central Railroad Train Number 6, bound for St. Louis, as of that date and was in the opinion of railroad personnel of an appearance similar to an artist's conception of the assassin of KING. It was indicated that [REDACTED] was coming to St. Louis to be examined at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Veterans Administration Hospital, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, advised on April 11, 1968, that [REDACTED] had been examined as an out-patient and had departed the hospital prior to the time of interview. To the best of his knowledge, [REDACTED] had returned home.

[REDACTED] stated that according to records of the Veterans Administration Hospital, [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and has served in the United States Air Force, Serial Number [REDACTED], from [REDACTED] 1954, to [REDACTED] 1955.

He was a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital in St. Louis from [REDACTED] 1958, to [REDACTED] 1958, receiving tubercular and neuropsychiatric treatment. He was transferred to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and thereafter to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on [REDACTED] 1959. His current residence was listed as [REDACTED] Michie, Tennessee, and, according to [REDACTED] best knowledge, [REDACTED] is still under the supervision of the Veterans Administration Hospital at Murfreesboro.

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SUSPECT - [REDACTED]

On April 12, 1968, the Washington Field Division advised that [REDACTED] had been suggested as a suspect in this case and requested that his Navy records be reviewed.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following review was conducted by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]:

A review of the United States Navy records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for [REDACTED] Navy Serial Number [REDACTED], on April 13, 1968, disclosed that he enlisted in the United States Navy on [REDACTED], 1959, at Birmingham, Alabama, and served on active duty until [REDACTED], 1963, when he was honorably released from active duty as a Radioman, Third Class, at Key West, Florida, and transferred to the United States Naval Reserve where he served inactively until [REDACTED] 1965, when he was honorably discharged.

No record of mental or nervous disorders or specialized training in demolitions or explosives located in the file.

[REDACTED]

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The following background appeared in the record:

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Height

Weight

Race Caucasian

Hair Soc. Sec. No.

Eyes 417-52-9941

Marks

Caucasian

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Tattoo

on left

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Education

Two years high school

Military Occupation

Radioman

Civilian Occupation

Addresses

Alabama

Relatives

Father

Mother

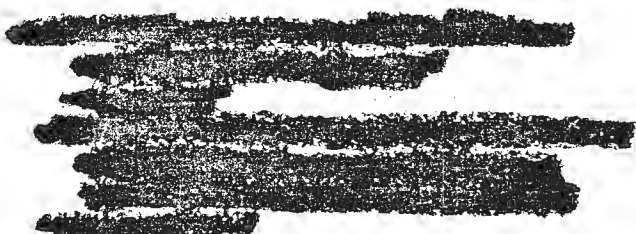
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Photograph



None available.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 23, 19681

[REDACTED] Congress Airport Inn, 3433 North Lindbergh Boulevard, advised that she had never knowingly seen guest JAMES RAY, who occupied Room #114 at the motel as of about 5:08 PM on April 18, 1968; however, during the mid-morning hours on April 19, 1968, she, at the motel switchboard, received an incoming call from an unknown male who asked for RAY and she referred the call to Room #114, the room occupied by RAY.

[REDACTED] also recalled having recorded two twenty-cent outgoing local calls on the local call slip for RAY's room, however, such calls are not otherwise recorded at the motel and guest JAMES RAY left the motel on April 19, 1968, without settling for such calls.

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On 4/20/68 at St. Louis County, Missouri File # SL 44-775  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/22/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WALTER L. BROOKS, Manager, Congress Airport Inn,  
3433 North Lindbergh Boulevard, advised as follows.

At 5:08 PM on April 18, 1968, a male guest registered at the motel under the name of "JAMES RAY, Allstate Ins. Co., Columbia, Ill." in a 1967 Plymouth bearing license ~~for~~ or ~~XXXXXX~~. The guest executed a Guest Registration card for either IVA TRACER or SHERYL CARRIGER, clerks on duty at the time.

BROOKS saw this individual, who was assigned to Room #114 at the motel, during the early evening hours of April 18, 1967, when he was in the lobby of the motel. BROOKS did not engage the man in conversation but merely observed him in the lobby and noticed that the man was driving a 1967 green Plymouth, four-door sedan, since BROOKS, upon first observing the car, had believed that a friend of his who drives a similar type car was visiting BROOKS at the motel. BROOKS described the man as a white male, age in late thirties, 5' 10", 160 - 170 pounds, slender build, dark hair, wearing an unrecalled sport shirt, a light sport coat, possibly blue checked, dark trousers, with no tie and no hat.

Upon arriving at the motel at about 10:30 AM on April 19, 1968, BROOKS noted that the 1967 green Plymouth was still parked in front of Room #114, however, at about noon on April 19, 1968, BROOKS noted that the car was gone from that location and it has since been learned that the man who occupied Room #114 on the night of April 18, 1968, left the motel without checking out shortly before 12 Noon on April 19, 1968. Upon registering the man had paid \$9.79 in cash, in advance, for the room fee and tax. This transaction is identified as transaction #8018 on the cash machine tape for the motel for April 18, 1968.

Once a guest completes the Guest Registration card, the clerk at the motel then executes a ledger card from the information on the Guest Registration card.

A review of the records of the motel reflected that on April 18, 1968, two local telephone calls were made from Room #114, however, the motel does not record the numbers called since the guest may dial directly from his room.

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/22/68

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~~REDACTED~~ on the morning of April 20, 1968, called BROOKS' attention to the close resemblance between the above-styled motel guest of April 18-19, 1968, and JAMES EARL RAY, whose photograph appeared in the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat" of April 19-20, 1968.

BROOKS reviewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 492 G, and stated, from his brief contact with guest JAMES RAY on the evening of April 18, 1968, he believed that these were one and the same person.

BROOKS advised that Room #114 was subsequently thoroughly cleaned shortly after noon on April 19, 1968, and has been subsequently rented to another guest.

BROOKS furnished the original Guest Registration card #5737 for JAMES RAY, described above, dated April 18, 1968, for investigative use.

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Date April 24, 19681.

Miss IVA TRACER, Terris Ann Motor Court, Bridgeton, Missouri, who can be reached at telephone number [REDACTED] a clerk at the Congress Airport Inn, 3433 North Lindbergh Boulevard, advised as follows:

At about 5:08 PM on April 18, 1968, a white male, age in late 30's, 5'8" to 5'10", 165 pounds, with a short-cut dark hair style, approached the desk and executed motel guest registration card as "JAMES RAY, Allstate Ins. Co., Columbia, Mo." TRACER did not notice the make or model of the car that the guest was driving but it appeared to be a dark green auto, nor did she notice the license plate on the car. The guest was assigned Room #114 and paid \$9.79 room fee and tax in advance. It is not recalled whether or not the guest had any luggage.

The guest wore a white shirt, no tie, a light-colored sport coat, dark trousers, and spoke with his head bowed and eyes cast downward.

TRACER viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, and stated that the photograph of RAY and the appearance of JAMES RAY, the guest in Room #114 at the motel on April 18, 1968, appear to her to be those of the same person.

TRACER did not see RAY again and her fellow clerk, SHERYL CARRIGER, was not in the motel office when the said guest appeared to register.

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by SA (A) [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/23/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 19681.


HARVEY MINK, Night Auditor, Congress Airport Inn, 3433 North Lindbergh, advised as follows:

Sometime during the late year 1967, exact date not recalled, a white male registered at the said motel under the name of JAMES RAY, Allstate Insurance Company, St. Louis, Missouri, and left without paying his bill. MINK checked with the Allstate Insurance Company at St. Louis and was unable to identify this man as an employee.

During the night of April 18, 1968, while going through the motel guest list, MINK noticed the name of JAMES RAY as a guest in Room #114 at the motel. He also noted that the said guest in Room #114 had paid \$9.79 in advance, but he called Room #114 in an effort to obtain a further room advance, but got no answer to such a call.

MINK noted from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of April 20-21, 1968, that one JAMES EARL RAY was wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and he advised WALTER L. BROOKS, Manager of the motel of the above circumstances regarding the former guest in Room #114.

MINK did not see the guest in Room #114 for April 18, 1968, nor did he see the car that the guest was driving. He could not describe the guest who registered as JAMES RAY, Allstate Insurance Company, St. Louis, Missouri, in late 1967, and who "skipped" on his bill and a search of motel records by MINK failed to locate any such record.



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Date April 24, 19681.

NAOMI HAWKINS, Housekeeper, Congress Airport Inn, 3433 North Lindbergh, advised that when she came to work on the morning of April 19, 1968, a green colored car was parked in front of motel Room #114. The car bore Missouri license plates, number unknown.

Upon checking the premises later in the day at shortly before Noon, she noticed that the car was gone from in front of Room #114 and the room was vacant so she thereupon cleaned the room for the next tenant.

Nothing unusual was noted in cleaning the room and the only items left were sheets of newspaper from the floor which she threw in the trash can.

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The following investigation was conducted at St. Louis, Missouri, by SA (A) [REDACTED] on April 20, 1968:

A check of the Missouri State License Directory failed to reflect a listing for [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], it being noted that Missouri licenses contain only six digits, whereas such numbers contain seven digits. Derivations of such numbers, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] although listed, had no apparent connection with a JAMES RAY or a 1967 Plymouth.

Miss SHERYL CARRIGER, [REDACTED], a registration clerk at Congress Airport Inn, 3433 North Lindbergh Boulevard, advised that she was not on duty at about 5:08 PM on April 18, 1968, and had no knowingly seen the guest in Room #114 at the motel, nor his automobile, at any time.

Miss MARY LOU BEACHLER, Secretary, Allstate Insurance Company, Claim Department, 9231 West Florissant Avenue, advised that she is a long-time employee of the firm and that the firm has never employed a JAMES RAY as an agent in the St. Louis, Missouri, area. She remarked that the Allstate Insurance Company is represented in Columbia, Missouri, by an unrecalled independent agent at the Sears, Roebuck and Company store at Columbia, Missouri.

Kansas City was requested on April 20, 1968, to conduct logical investigation at Columbia, Missouri, to identify JAMES RAY, Allstate Insurance Company, and the Kansas City Office subsequently advised on April 20, 1968, that investigation at Columbia, Missouri, had failed to identify RAY as an employee of Allstate Insurance Company.

The Bureau advised on April 22, 1968, that comparison of the handwriting on the motel registration in this instance with known specimens of subject's handwriting resulted in the conclusion that subject had not executed the motel registration.

On April 25, 1968, the Bureau advised latent fingerprints developed on above registration card were not identical with the fingerprints of subject.

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SUSPECT - [REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 8, 1968, [REDACTED], who requested that his identity be kept confidential so far as the individual regarding whom he furnished information might be concerned, of Sikeston, Missouri, telephone [REDACTED], telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] of the St. Louis Division that he is acquainted with an individual named [REDACTED] who lives in Memphis, Tennessee, and is employed at [REDACTED] there. [REDACTED] said he last saw [REDACTED] in Sikeston, Missouri, approximately two months ago at which time [REDACTED] stated he had recently purchased a 30-6 rifle to kill Doctor KING. He stated [REDACTED] was last known to be driving a white Mustang automobile, year unknown.

[REDACTED] was of the opinion that [REDACTED] has a prior arrest record with the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, for assault.

He had no knowledge or information as to [REDACTED] present whereabouts but described him as being a white male, age 23, medium height and build, light brown hair, green eyes, and having a "silly grin."

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Re: Suspect [REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 28, 1968, the Los Angeles Office advised that one [REDACTED], who resembled subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G, was aboard TWA Flight #174, which left Los Angeles at 8:21 a.m. and was due to arrive at St. Louis, Missouri, on April 28, 1968, at 1:40 p.m. [REDACTED] was described as wearing a white shirt with buttoned down collar and a yellow cardigan sweater, carrying a blue flight bag and sitting in the coach section of the aircraft, midway on the right side. He had made inquiry about connections to Marion, Ohio, via Ozark Airlines and had checked two pieces of luggage.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on April 28, 1968:

At 1:30 p.m. a white male, later identified as [REDACTED], was observed as he alighted from TWA Flight #174 which arrived at St. Louis Municipal Airport at 1:28 p.m. The said flight was determined to have been a non-stop flight from Los Angeles, California. [REDACTED] was dressed in a white, buttoned-down shirt, no hat or tie, and wearing a yellow button-front cardigan sweater and black trousers.

Upon interview, [REDACTED] identified himself by producing Illinois State Drivers License [REDACTED], a white male, born [REDACTED], at [REDACTED], his residence. [REDACTED] is further described as being 5 feet 8 inches, 155 pounds, brown-grey hair, crew cut, blue eyes and having false upper front teeth. He has Selective Service Number [REDACTED].

It was noted that [REDACTED] bore little resemblance to subject RAY. [REDACTED] left index finger was examined and, from the Identification Order on subject RAY, was determined not identical to that of subject RAY.

[REDACTED] stated that he resided in [REDACTED] and had travelled to Los Angeles in an unsuccessful search for employment. He remarked that he had a three to four hour layover at St. Louis, Missouri, in order to connect with an Ozark Airlines flight toward his home in [REDACTED].

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RE: [REDACTED]  
LOOK-ALIKE

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 8, 1968, [REDACTED] Volkswagen Corporation, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA [REDACTED] that approximately two months ago, an individual named [REDACTED] came to his office to discuss a claims settlement. [REDACTED] had an extensive conversation with [REDACTED] at that time during which [REDACTED] stated he would take drastic action if Negroes rioted in Nashville, Tennessee. He displayed a revolver which he wore on his hip and also exhibited vials of what he termed was "mace" and a blackjack.

[REDACTED] stated that a [REDACTED] Nashville, Tennessee, had advised him he had observed an arsenal of guns in [REDACTED] car as well as dynamite. He stated that [REDACTED] had described [REDACTED] as being emotionally unstable and that he had threatened to blow up the Superior Motor Company in Nashville, Tennessee, if his claim was not settled.

[REDACTED] viewed an artist's conception of the KING assassin and stated it closely resembled [REDACTED]. He described [REDACTED] as a white male, in his early 30s, 6' tall, weighing 150-165 pounds, slender build, brown hair, thin face, prominent nose, "funny smile," very talkative, owns [REDACTED]

On April 17, 1968, the Memphis Division advised that investigation in Nashville, Tennessee, had revealed [REDACTED] to be a gun collector and somewhat of a "mental case" in that he had frequently boasted he could get people killed. It was indicated [REDACTED] owns [REDACTED] in Nashville and had been observed with firearms in his possession in the past.

St. Louis was requested to attempt to obtain a photograph of [REDACTED] from his Army service record.

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Personnel at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, advised on April 23, 1968, they had been unable to locate a service record for [REDACTED] in the absence of his serial number or date and place of birth.

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Suspect: [REDACTED]

On April 12, 1968, the Newark Division advised of receipt of information from a source to the effect that one [REDACTED] bore a physical resemblance to subject RAY.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI [REDACTED]

A review of the Marine Corps service record on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, by IC [REDACTED] on April 13, 1968, for [REDACTED] disclosed he had Marine Corps Serial Number [REDACTED]. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on [REDACTED] 1955, at Cleveland, Ohio, and served on active duty until [REDACTED] 1959, when he was honorably released from active duty as a Corporal at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and was transferred to the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve. He thereafter served inactively until [REDACTED] 1963, when he was honorably discharged. His recruit training was at Paris Island, South Carolina.

No record appeared of disciplinary actions, mental or nervous disorders, or specialized training in demolitions or explosives. [REDACTED]

The following background information appeared in the record:

Born	[REDACTED]
Height	Six feet one inch
Weight	185 pounds
Race	Caucasian
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Scars and Marks	Four-inch scar left ankle; tattoo of panther head on left arm
Education	Four years high school
Military Occupation	Rifleman and Property Sergeant and Supply Man, Prison Chaser, Embarkation Assistant, Administrative Clerk, and Mess Man

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Residence Address [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Relatives were listed as his father, [REDACTED], and mother, [REDACTED] of the same address as of November, 1955. One [REDACTED] was listed, but the relationship was not shown. His address was [REDACTED] Toledo, Ohio, as of November, 1957. His Social Security Number was listed as [REDACTED] His photograph appeared in the file.

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RE: SUSPECT, JOHN RUFUS WILLARD, [REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

By letter received April 12, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, Police  
Department, furnished a photograph and copies of the finger-  
prints and FBI Identification Record of one JOHN RUFUS WILLARD,  
white male, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED],  
as possibly being the JOHN WILLARD wanted in this case.

The FBI Identification Division advised on April  
12, 1968, that the remaining unidentified latent fingerprints  
and the latent impressions in this case were not identical  
with the fingerprints of JOHN RUFUS WILLARD, [REDACTED]



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EMR/pjh On April 25, 1968, the Phoenix Division requested review of the Army record for [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

A review on April 25, 1968 of the U. S. Army service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center (MPRC), St. Louis, Missouri, for [REDACTED] Serial Number [REDACTED] indicated he enlisted in the U. S. Army on [REDACTED] 1950, and entered on active duty the following date at Knoxville, Tennessee. He served on active duty until [REDACTED] 1952, when he was given a general discharge as a Private at Fort McPherson, Georgia, [REDACTED]

U. S. Army records failed to contain any specific details regarding [REDACTED] reason for discharge, however, records contained a neuropsychiatric examination dated April 2, 1952, wherein he received a diagnosis of "Emotional Instability Reaction", moderate to severe, with four months combat duty in Korea, and severe environmental difficulty since. His condition was characterized by strong, uncontrollable tendencies to ward regression, furor attacks, pathological dependency on his family and wife, depressiveness, intolerance to anxiety, and rejection of his intrepyschie stress into family affairs. He went absent without official leave (AWOL) because of nervousness and because of the emotional demands being made on him by his wife and parents. He gave a history of crying when treated roughly or having temper tantrums or furor attacks and of being emotionally tense at all times.

It was further noted his condition was not amenable to hospitalization, treatment, disciplinary action, training, transfer to another station, or reclassification. He was considered to be not insane, possessed sufficient mental capacity to know the difference between right and wrong, and was considered to be mentally responsible for his acts.

It was further noted he showed a straight-forward maturity reaction, and that this constitutional psychopathic was not considered a medical disease and was not a condition for which he would receive treatment in military institutions. It was the psychiatrist's opinion that considerable leniency was desirable in dealing with [REDACTED] since the origin of his troubles began with a battle-incurred wound and his final illness had some of the nuisances of battle fatigue. It was then

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recommended that he be separated from the military service due to unsuitability.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Records indicated [REDACTED] is assigned Veterans Administration (VA) Claim Number [REDACTED], Veterans Administration, St. Petersburg, Florida, October 7, 1958, with disability shown as gunshot wound, nervous condition and wounds, etcetera. Medical records for [REDACTED] were forwarded to the VA at St. Petersburg on November 3, 1958.

It was further noted that additional medical records for [REDACTED] were furnished to the VA Regional Office (VARO), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 12, 1953. Medical records for [REDACTED] have not been returned to date.

Records contained a letter dated September 21, 1967, from [REDACTED] parents who requested a complete copy of his service record which was forwarded to them on October 26, 1967, to [REDACTED], Dade City, Florida.

Army records for [REDACTED] failed to indicate that he received any specialized training in the field of demolitions or explosives.

The following is background and descriptive data concerning [REDACTED]

Born	[REDACTED]
Birthplace	[REDACTED]
Height	6'3"
Weight	150 pounds

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Race  
Hair  
Eyes  
Blood Group  
Education  
Civilian Occupation  
Military Occupation  
Home Addresses

Relatives

Employment

VA Claim Number  
Local Draft Board  
Photograph

Male  
White  
Brown  
Gray  
"A"  
8 years grammar

Light Weapons Infantryman

Cedar Falls, Iowa

Father -

Mother

Wife -

None available.

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RE: INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT AT LIQUOR  
STORE BETWEEN STEELE, MISSOURI, AND BLYTHEVILLE,  
ARKANSAS

The Memphis Division advised on April 11, 1968, of receipt of information from [REDACTED] of Decatur, Alabama, that he had observed an individual who resembled the artist's sketch of subject at a liquor store on old highway 61 between Steele, Missouri, and Blytheville, Arkansas, on March 30, 1968, at 1:30 p.m.

AT STEELE, MISSOURI:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 18, 1968:

[REDACTED] (protect), advised that from Steele, Missouri, south to the Arkansas border on Old Highway 61, there are only three places where liquor or beer are sold, and only two of these are packaged stores, the third one being a private bottle club. The first, located in Steele, is EDDIE's Tobacco Store, operated by EDDIE RINEHART at 136 South Walnut. The second is the Rendevous, a private bottle club which does not sell packaged liquor, operated by JACKIE PERRY at Holland, Missouri, three miles south of Steele on U. S. Highway 61. The third is the B & H Tobacco Store, operated by CLEATUS BAILEY, this being located right on the Arkansas - Missouri State Line on U. S. Highway 61 approximately ten miles south of Steele.

EDDIE RINEHART, Proprietor of EDDIE's Tobacco Store, 136 South Walnut, Steele, Missouri, was contacted. It is noted that RINEHART bears a resemblance to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT as shown in the right-hand photograph of I. O. #4182. This resemblance comes from the hairline, the dark-colored hair, the forehead and the full facial features. RINEHART does not have the long or obviously pointed nose that is shown on the photographs of I. O. 4182. RINEHART described himself as being born on [REDACTED], 5'7" tall, weighing approximately 215 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair. RINEHART advised he wears glasses all the time and has recently been in the U. S. Army. RINEHART advised that the only other persons employed at his store are his mother and father, both of whom are somewhat elderly, and bear no resemblance whatsoever to the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

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CLEATUS BAILEY, Proprietor of the B & H Tobacco Store, Route One, Steele, Missouri, advised that he is the sole proprietor of this store, runs the place virtually single-handed, but on occasion has employed persons from the Steele vicinity to help him. None of these have been young people and he has never seen anyone in his place which would bear the resemblance of JAMES EARL RAY.

JACKIE PERRY, Operator of the Rendevous Club, advised that his establishment is generally not open until late in the afternoon. He does not sell packaged liquor and was not familiar with anyone who bore any resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY.

Visual observation of U. S. Highway 61, from the Arkansas border through Steele, Missouri, and on north to Hayti, which is approximately 20 miles north, disclosed no additional packaged liquor stores.

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PERSON BELIEVED TO BE ERIC STARVO GALT IN  
LOBBY OF MIAMI INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, MIAMI,  
FLORIDA

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 18, 1968, [REDACTED]  
St. Louis, Missouri, advised Special Agent [REDACTED]  
that at 1:00 p.m. on April 11, 1968, she had observed an  
individual seated in the dark part of the lobby of the  
Miami International Hotel in Miami, Florida, who she was  
convinced was the subject of this case.

She stated that this individual's description was  
the same as published descriptions of subject GALT and that  
when she saw him he was wearing dark trousers and a white  
shirt opened at the collar. She stated that he appeared  
uneasy and weary and that he slept for a short time on a  
bench. He thereafter left the hotel between 1:30 and 1:45  
p.m.

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RE: LOOK-A-LIKE WITH TENNESSEE  
AUTO LICENSE [REDACTED]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 22, 1968, a letter was received from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri, in  
which she stated that on April 5, 1968, in the vicinity of  
Harlansville, Kentucky, she had observed an individual who had  
a startling resemblance to subject JAMES EARL RAY driving an  
automobile make and model of which was unknown to her but which  
had Tennessee license plate [REDACTED]

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UNKNOWN MALE, with  
Tenn. Auto License [REDACTED]  
RE: LOOK ALIKE JAMES EARL RAY

AT KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI

On May 2, 1968, [REDACTED],  
Missouri, advised SA [REDACTED] telephonically that between  
April 22 and April 26, 1968, she observed a white male with a  
short crew cut driving on U. S. Highway 244 going east, who  
resembled JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED] advised that the automobile  
was a small light-colored American model bearing Tennessee  
License number [REDACTED]

Memphis advised Tennessee License Plates have two  
letter prefixes followed by four numbered digits. On May 3,  
1968, [REDACTED] recontacted. [REDACTED] consulted original notes  
and she concluded a mistake was made in listing. [REDACTED] further  
advised she had no way of determining correct number now.



NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
KLAVERN #14,  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A source advised that [REDACTED] at a meeting of the National States Rights Party of Missouri, a speaker identified himself as a member of, and organizer for, the Klan and requested all persons interested in joining the Klan to see him after the meeting that [REDACTED] the first organizational meeting of Klavern #14 was held at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri; that on [REDACTED] William Lon Lockhart announced at a meeting held at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, that he had been commissioned by the Grand Dragon of the State of Missouri, and was granted a charter to institute a new klavern in St. Louis, Missouri by James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. [REDACTED] the klavern was called Klavern #14 and currently holds its initiations and meetings at rented halls in St. Louis, Missouri.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(NKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unit of effort and activities to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order".

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

The third source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

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CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 35

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Date: 5/10/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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RE: The Local Swinger, P.O. Box 3802  
Downey, California

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is a U. S. Post Office Form 1583 (Application for Delivery of Mail Through Agent), dated February 1, 1968, executed by ERIC S. GALT.

The Laboratory is requested to examine enclosure for any latent fingerprints which may be identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY and handwriting examination with other material previously submitted in this matter.

The enclosed was furnished to SA [REDACTED] on 5/10/68 by Postal Inspector [REDACTED] who advised that this form has been handled by postal employees and [REDACTED] agent who received mail for GALT.

[REDACTED] has advised previously that he had received a telephonic inquiry regarding his services from ERIC GALT and it was explained to him that the service would cost \$3 per month; in addition, the subscriber to this mail forwarding service would have to pay all postage.

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[REDACTED] stated that he forwarded all this information to GALT, c/o St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California. GALT in return sent the amount of \$3 in cash and asked to be a subscriber from February 1, 1968 to March 1, 1968, and wanted all mail forwarded to the St. Francis Hotel in the name of ERIC S. GALT, ERIC S. or E.S.G. In addition, he was mailed Post Office Form 1583 to be completed by GALT so that [REDACTED] was authorized to act as GALT's agent. [REDACTED] stated that he has advertisements in the Los Angeles Free Press, avant-garde newspaper. It is to be noted that GALT also placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press. A review of postal records resulted in the receipt of the U. S. Post Office Form 1583 which is enclosed.

It is requested that enclosure be returned to the Los Angeles Office for return to Inspector [REDACTED] per his request for completion of his files.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/10/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/5 - 5/3/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO #4182 WF #442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>laj</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

REFERENCES: Bureau telephone call dated 4/5/68.  
Bureau teletype to all Continental SACs dated 4/7/68.

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## LEADS

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, MILWAUKEE, MOBILE, NEWARK, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS and SPRINGFIELD-(INFORMATION)

An information copy of this report has been designated for the above listed offices in view of investigation conducted by these divisions and in anticipation of subsequent investigation.

There are no leads set out in this report since all investigation requested to locate the subject is being set forth by telephone and teletype.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED <b>None</b>						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:  PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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ADMINISTRATIVE

In the interest of brevity and economy, the investigation surrounding the elimination of numerous individuals reported to the Chicago Division as being identical with the subject is not being set forth but is being maintained in the B) Section of this file. This report does contain elimination of individuals believed to be the subject wherein the investigation was not entirely within the Chicago Division. Also prior to the identification of JAMES EARL RAY as subject in captioned case, numerous suspects were investigated and eliminated by the Chicago Division through teletype communications with other offices and investigation within the Chicago Division. The identity of these individuals is also being maintained appropriately in the file and will not be listed in this report for the above reason.

Prior to the identification of the subject, all credit bureaus, major police departments, Immigration and Naturalization Service records, public sources, financial institutions, maritime unions, mail order houses, electronics firms, dancing schools, cooking schools, bakers' unions, and other sources were contacted in an effort to further identify GALT under all names known at that time. The results of these contacts are being maintained in the B) Section of the file.

Prior to the information being received from the Los Angeles Division as to the location of the laundry utilized by the subject in that area, extensive contact was had with the distributor of the marking machine and expeditious inquiry with laundry companies suggested by him was immediately instituted.

Interviews conducted of members of the GALT family and resulting investigation therefrom is not being set forth but being maintained appropriately. As requested in Bureau teletype of May 1, 1968, full coverage of the relatives of the subject residing in the Chicago territory has been affected.

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On April 12, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at locations indicated:

[REDACTED] Dixon Police Department, Dixon, Illinois, advised his records indicated GINGER L. NANCE, [REDACTED] Dixon, Illinois, described as a white female, black hair, brown eyes, 5'7" tall, 185 pounds, stocky build. [REDACTED]

On April 12, 1968, [REDACTED] Lee County Sheriff's Office, advised that GINGER CUNNINGHAM, also known as GINGER DAY and GINGER NANCE, described as a white female, born [REDACTED], 5'7" tall, 220 pounds, heavy build, fair complexion, dark brown hair, brown eyes. [REDACTED] Mendota, Illinois, [REDACTED]

He further advised that GINGER CUNNINGHAM's relatives resided at [REDACTED], East Mendota, Illinois, and that their last name is probably either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

He is further in possession of information that prior to [REDACTED] June, 1967, she had just returned from California. [REDACTED] stated that possibly around April 1, 1967, NANCE went to California in a 1961 tan four-door Rambler sedan bearing 1967 Illinois license [REDACTED]

He further advised that ANITA KATZWYNKEL who is a friend of NANCE at one time resided at [REDACTED] Mendota, Illinois.

On April 12, 1968, W. J. MARNION, Owner, Kakusha Motel, Mendota, Illinois, advised his records reflect Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS FLIKEID, [REDACTED] Hollywood, California, had registered at his motel on this date driving a Thunderbird bearing California registration [REDACTED] and that they had made plans to spend the week. The FLIKEIDS are presently residing at Cottage 10 and were visiting Mrs. FLIKEID's mother, PATRICIA HARRIS, [REDACTED], Mendota, Illinois.

A review of the telephone directories from Mendota and telephone directories and police records of Dixon, Illinois, failed to reflect a listing for a ERIC S. GALT or KENNETH NANCE. CHARLES DAY reportedly residing at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Dixon, Illinois, telephone [REDACTED].

It was physically determined that the address of 314 South Galena was no longer in existence as a new gas station had been built at this address.

On April 12, 1968, the following 1968 Tennessee license tags were observed on a beige Mustang parked in the area of the employment for KENNETH C. NANCE, SR., and that this license was from Franklin County, Tennessee, [REDACTED]

On April 13, 1968, it was determined that Mrs. JUANITA YOHN resided at [REDACTED], Dixon, Illinois.

It was determined Tennessee License [REDACTED] was issued to a [REDACTED], Cowan, Tennessee, on a 1966 Ford two-door. No stolen report.

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KENNETH C. NANCE, SR., [REDACTED], advised he is married to GINGER CUNNINGHAM, that they have been married approximately three years and that he has two children by her, a girl 3 and a boy 18 months. According to NANCE, he last saw GINGER CUNNINGHAM on Saturday, April 6, 1968, when she and her mother came by his residence and obtained their daughter.

NANCE unable to furnish information as to present whereabouts of his wife other than she is employed by [REDACTED] Dixon, Illinois, and that she is possibly living with her mother, JUANITA YOHN, exact address unknown, Dixon, Illinois. Mother is employed by [REDACTED] Dixon, Illinois. NANCE stated that his wife frequents Walt's Tap, First Street, Dixon, Illinois, and owns no automobile but her mother has a 1962 blue Buick four-door, license unknown.

NANCE stated that to the best of his recollection, ANITA KATZWINKEL and his wife went to California possibly around March of 1967, and returned [REDACTED]

His wife has a father living in California, present whereabouts unknown, (First Name Unknown) CUNNINGHAM, who is originally from Kewanee, Illinois.

NANCE stated that the name of ERIC S. GALT is unknown to him.

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by SA [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/18/68

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SUSAN LEE FLIKEID, nee HARRIS, was interviewed at the Faber Hotel, Room 360, and she advised that they are presently moving from their former address of [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, and have not settled in a permanent location; however, will settle possibly in the Los Angeles area. FLIKEID stated that she and her husband are presently on a vacation touring the Midwest.

*Susan Harris Flikeid*

FLIKEID stated that ANITA KATZWINKEL and GINGER CUNNINGHAM NANCE are known to her and that she last saw ANITA KATZWINKEL approximately three months ago when she was employed at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California.

*Mrs. Norma Martin Flikeid*

According to FLIKEID, GINGER CUNNINGHAM NANCE and ANITA KATZWINKEL arrived in California possibly around May 5th through the 10th, 1967, and stayed at the same hotel she was residing at at this time which was the Palm Apartments, 5435 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California. FLIKEID advised that from information she received from KATZWINKEL and NANCE, they had driven from Illinois to an unknown location in Oklahoma when the car they were using broke down. They then hitched a ride with two individuals who drove them then to San Diego, California, where the girls were met by GINGER NANCE's father, BRIAR CUNNINGHAM (phonetic), exact address unknown either Bellflower or Bell Gardens, California. Mr. CUNNINGHAM then transported the girls to Los Angeles.

GINGER NANCE dated two unknown males while in California and that she does not recall the identity of these individuals at this time and cannot recall the types of automobiles these individuals operated.

FLIKEID further advised that to the best of her recollection at this time, ANITA KATZWINKEL also dated two different unknown individuals while in California; however,

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she cannot recall their identities at this time and can furnish no background information.

FLIKEID further stated that NANCE and KATZWINKEL stayed at the Palm Apartments approximately two or three weeks then moved right around the corner from the Palm Apartments to an apartment complex on Serreno which is located between Hollywood and Sunset, east of Western, Hollywood, California.

GINGER NANCE, while in California, to the best of FLIKEID's recollection was not employed and that the only employment she knows for KATZWINKEL was the employment she has previously furnished.

FLIKEID stated that NANCE departed California two or three weeks after taking up residence in the apartment located on Serreno to return to Dixon, Illinois, and that when she left, she was hitchhiking to meet her boyfriend, name unknown, someplace in Wyoming. FLIKEID stated that when NANCE left, the only belonging she knows that NANCE took with her was her "record player."

FLIKEID stated that the name of ERIC S. GALT is unknown to her as any associate of KATZWINKEL or NANCE and that to the best of her recollection, she has never heard this name.

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GINGER LEE NANCE, nee CUNNINGHAM, [REDACTED] advised that she is presently employed by [REDACTED] Dixon, Illinois, telephone number [REDACTED]

She further advised that she has been previously married to a CHARLES DAY whom she is presently divorced from.

NANCE stated that she and ANITA KATZWINKEL left Dixon, Illinois, possibly on the first Saturday or Sunday of May at approximately 3:00 a.m. in a 1961 Rambler, which was the property of her former husband, CHARLES DAY. NANCE further advised that she is not exactly positive of the date she left Illinois in the 1961 Rambler and stated it could have possibly been also sometime in March, 1967. NANCE and KATZWINKEL drove this car as far as Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, when the car broke down outside of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at a tollgate. She believes that when this car broke down, it was on a Sunday night at approximately 10:30 or 11:00 p.m.; however, she cannot recall this date. NANCE stated that the car had radiator trouble and that they had been experiencing this difficulty for approximately 15 miles prior to the car's breaking down and that during this period of time, they had met two white males driving a 1957 or 1959 blue and white Ford station wagon bearing unknown California tags. NANCE stated that when the car subsequently experienced mechanical difficulty and it was apparent they could not drive it any farther, they left the car at this tollgate in Oklahoma and continued on to California with the two white males in the Ford station wagon.

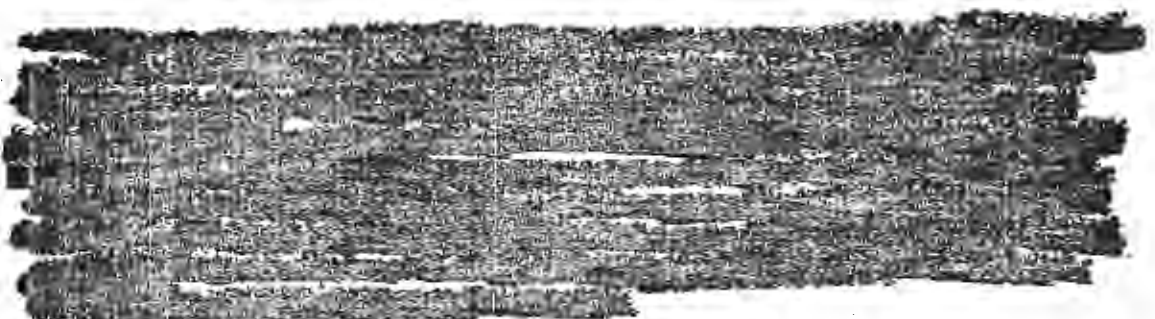
NANCE stated that one of the two white males was known as MAX, last name unrecalled, and is described as approximately 35 years of age, 5'7" tall, 175 pounds, light colored hair possibly worn short, having unknown tattoos possibly on both arms.

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NANCE stated that the other individual traveling in this Ford station wagon was identified as the brother of MAX, who is described as approximately 5'10" tall, 30-35 years of age, younger than MAX, black hair, approximately 140 pounds, smaller in stature than his brother, hair worn straight back, cannot recall whether or not it was parted. NANCE stated that she believes the brother was from an unknown community in Wisconsin. NANCE stated that in her estimation, MAX's brother was rather good-looking and that it was her understanding that he had had domestic problems with his wife and this was possibly the reason they were going to California.

NANCE stated that she had very limited conversation with these two individuals and that generally the conversation was between MAX and his brother. NANCE stated that she does recall that MAX told her he was employed as "a patrol cop" in San Diego, California; however, she observed no guns or badges. However, she did see a hat which was blue in color which had a badge attached to it which was silver. The Federal Bureau of Investigation shield was displayed to NANCE and she advised that except for the color and the eagle appearing on the top of this badge, the shape of the shield appears similar to what she observed on this hat. NANCE stated that they traveled straight through to California only stopping for gas and that they generally stopped at gas stations which she believes to be known as White Rock. NANCE estimated that they arrived in California possibly around 11:00 p.m. Tuesday night, date unrecalled, and that after arriving in California, she called her father, BRIAR CUNNINGHAM, [REDACTED], Bellflower, California, at possibly telephone number [REDACTED]. She does not feel that this number is presently operating. NANCE stated that her grandmother, MARY BLACKWELL, resides at [REDACTED], Bellflower, California, telephone number [REDACTED]. NANCE's father then met NANCE and KATZWINKEL at an unknown bus station possibly the Greyhound Bus Station in San Diego, California. According to NANCE, this was the last time they saw MAX and his brother and that she does not know where they resided in San Diego and that she did not furnish them her name and address in either California or Illinois.



Concerning the coverage of the subject's brother JERRY RAY, it should be noted that prior to his leaving Chicago for St. Louis on May 3, 1968, JERRY was in telephonic contact with the case agent daily and was physically contacted at his employment by SA [REDACTED] also on a daily basis. His employer and the Sportsman's Country Club manager completely cooperative and have promised to advise of any unusual activity on JERRY's part. In addition, the security guard service for the country club makes hourly checks during the evening to determine whether or not JERRY is at work.

The Bureau is requested to note that JERRY is employed as a maintenance man for the Sportsman's Country Club from 11:00 p.m. until he is finished the next morning, usually 8:00 a.m. He, therefore, has access to four private phones with numerous extensions and seven pay phones located on the country club premises. The pay phone in the cottage where JERRY resides is utilized by all other members of the cottage. Also note that in a letter JERRY wrote to MARJORIE FETTERS, Camden, New Jersey, JERRY indicates that a pay phone was used during contact with her. The feasibility of continuing checks on the toll calls from the above mentioned phone at the country club is being discussed with [REDACTED] who is of the opinion that due to the extensive number of calls involved, Illinois Bell Telephone may not be able to honor this request.

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JERRY RAY, although friendly with the employees at the country club, has only two close associates, both employees. One is single residing in the same cottage with JERRY at the country club and the other is married residing in Mount Prospect, Illinois. The latter individual was requested by JERRY on the evening of May 2, 1968, to hide him out at his residence due to the extensive news media convergence at the country club. This individual refused to become involved. According to his ex-wife, JERRY did not develop any acquaintances or associates among her friends or relatives during their brief marriage.

The foregoing teletype also requested that associates and individuals making frequent contacts with the relatives be contacted. The information concerning JERRY is set forth immediately previous; however, SUSAN DONIAN [REDACTED] and her husband very apprehensive of connection with subject becoming known. Also due to information set forth in "Life" Magazine, her husband is very concerned over possible loss of business from resulting notoriety since his contacts are on a personal basis. Accordingly, no direct contact with DONIANs' associates, Chicago, will be made pending additional investigation which could develop any association or possibility subject aware of SUSAN's location.

All unsolved bank robbery violations, Chicago Division, which occurred after April 23, 1967, have been thoroughly reviewed and there is no indication that RAY could be considered a logical suspect in any of those violations. The Chicago Division Bank Robbery Squad is intimately aware of RAY's background and description. He will be considered a suspect in all future violations.

Continuing contact is being maintained with all of the various news media in the Chicago Division in an attempt to obtain the widest public display of the subject's photo and appropriate publicity in an effort to develop his present whereabouts.

A separate report will be submitted on the individuals who made threats against the life of KING as obtained from file review, Chicago Division.

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INFORMANTS

All informants of the Chicago Division were contacted in an effort to develop any information concerning the identity of the murderer of KING. When RAY was developed as the perpetrator, informants were again recontacted in an effort to develop any information in their possession concerning RAY or his present whereabouts. These contacts met with negative results.

On April 15, 1968, [REDACTED], long distance operator, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] that in her job capacity she had overheard a conversation of a Caucasian male, talking to a person in Memphis, asking for BILL. The caller stated that he was BILL's driver, but would not leave a name, and instructed the other party to advise BILL that he would be in Toledo, Ohio, and for BILL not to divulge his location should he be contacted by anyone looking for him.

The Memphis telephone number called was [REDACTED], while no Chicago number was obtained.

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On April 21, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who requested that her identity be protected,  
advised that CARPENTER is a white male, born [REDACTED], and is  
believed to be presently incarcerated in the Missouri State  
Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri, for the murder of an unknown  
male Negro in 1961 at St. Louis, Missouri. [REDACTED]  
advised that CARPENTER was a long-time friend and associate  
of the subject. She noted that CARPENTER may already be  
paroled.

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## Copy to:

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Title:

JAMES EARL RAY  
IO NUMBER 4182  
WF NUMBER 442-A  
TOP TEN FUGITIVE;  
DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis:

GINGER LEE NANCE stated she and ANITA KATZWINKEL resided in Apt. 6, 1535 Serrano Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., during June, 1967. No recollection of writing her own and KATZWINKEL's name on a torn portion of a Kleenex boxtop. When shown photograph of same, stated handwriting thereon looks like hers but could not recall any surrounding circumstances. FBI Lab concludes NANCE was the writer. SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID stated friendly with ANITA and GINGER. Verified stay in Los Angeles. GINGER NANCE, SUSAN and THOMAS FLIKEID advised ERIC STARVO GALT not known to them by name, description or photograph.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Records Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, revealed correspondence with ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, who purchased \$337.24 worth of camera equipment shipped 10/67. GALT returned substitute camera shipped and refund check mailed to GALT at his request to Hotel Rio, Jalisco, Mexico, 11/30/67. Records above firm's bank show GALT paid for above by money order purchased Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, and refund check not yet returned. Advertising media utilized by film company obtained, subscription lists checked negative. FBI Lab advises signatures on letters to film company were prepared by writer of signatures this name appearing on items previously

submitted, typewritten impressions appearing on film company correspondence were found to be the same style of type without sufficient identifying defects but no significant differences noted from other submissions, and that the Prinz air shutter release purchased is in all respects like air shutter cable found in abandoned Mustang, Atlanta, Georgia. No serial numbers maintained for projector purchased either at film company or distributor. Brother JERRY WILLIAM RAY, [REDACTED] interviewed daily 4/19-5/2/68. States last saw subject outside prison 1951, last seen in prison 1964, has no info as to brother's present whereabouts, who aided him in escape and can offer no reason for subject's commission instant crime. Gave word to cooperate. Sister SUSAN DONIAN states last saw subject when she was in first grade and strongly believes subject has no idea of her present whereabouts. Background info obtained from review of Chicago PD, Cook County Jail, and Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, records set out. Arrested 5/6/52 for armed robbery cab driver, shot in arm resisting arrest and sentenced to 1-2 years, served at Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois..Neighborhood, previous employments investigation and other sources Chicago negative due to passage of time, since subject last known to be in Chicago 1952. Fellow inmates located and interviewed furnished no pertinent info. Background info re 3/23/55 arrest with WALTER TERRY RIFE for passing stolen postal money orders various southeastern states set out. Sentenced 7/1/55 to 3 3/4 years. Investigation conducted in "hippie" areas Chicago and extensive investigation concerning individuals with same name or aliases and other inquiries Chicago Division negative. All country clubs, Chicago Division, personally contacted and alerted to possibility subject might contact for employment. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

INVESTIGATION BASED ON PIECE OF PAPER FOUND  
IN RAY'S MUSTANG

Re: GINGER DAY, Also Known As  
NANCE and SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID

Found in a search of the 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, located abandoned in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 9, 1968, was a torn portion of the top of a Kleenex box, which had the following information handwritten thereon:

"Ginger Day + Anita Katzwinkel  
1535 Serrano Apartment 6"

Also on the same portion were written the words "Olkahombe" and "Broult". On the other side were written the words "At Pool".

It should also be noted that GALT occupied apartment 6, 1535 Serrano Blvd., Los Angeles, California, during November and until January 18, 1968.

On April 12, 1968, the Los Angeles Division advised that [REDACTED] stated that SUE FLIKEID is her neice and that she and her husband were en route to Mendota, Illinois. She further advised that ANITA KATZWINKEL, SUE and a girl, possibly named GINGER CUNNINGHAM, all come from Mendota, Illinois, and were part of a rather wild crowd who used to work with migrant farm workers around Mendota during summer vacations.



NANCE stated that her father then drove them to her residence where they spent the night and subsequently, transported them to Los Angeles, California, the next morning.

According to NANCE, they took up residence at the Palms Apartment, exact address unknown, Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, Los Angeles, California. NANCE stated that the reason she went to this location was that she and KATZWINKEL knew that a friend of theirs from Illinois, SUE HARRIS, was residing at this address. NANCE and KATZWINKEL obtained their own room at this apartment the number of which she cannot recall at this time and she estimated that she stayed at this apartment approximately three weeks.

NANCE stated that she and KATZWINKEL then moved to 1535 Serrano; however, she cannot recall the apartment number at this time and that she estimates she resided at this apartment approximately 1½ months. NANCE stated that she believes she departed California in June of 1967, sometime around her birthday which is June 5 and that she left this apartment, possibly leaving behind some of her personal effects. She stated that she hitchhiked from Los Angeles to a truck stop known as "Little America, which is 75 miles outside of Cheyenne, Wyoming, where Routes 88 and 33 intersect." She stated that she met her boyfriend, JIM LEEHY, of Dixon, Illinois, at this truck stop and that they continued to hitchhike together from here to Dixon, Illinois. She estimated that they had eight separate rides, none over 300 miles, mostly with truck drivers in their vehicles. She cannot recall at this time riding in a Mustang. NANCE definitely stated she never wrote her name and address on any paper and furnished this to any individual she met while traveling to Dixon, Illinois.

NANCE stated that while she was in California, she dated a VINCE (Last Name Unknown), exact address unrecalled, Los Angeles, California, telephone [REDACTED], Extension [REDACTED]. She stated that this is possibly a hotel but she does not know for certain. She believes this individual was an IBM operator, employment unknown. According to NANCE, she met this individual at the Vagas Club during the period of time she lived at the Palms Apartment and that this Vagas Club was in the immediate area where she resided. NANCE described

this person as a white male, approximately 30 years of age, 5'5" tall, 130 pounds, dark hair and eyes, hair worn straight back and believed to be of Italian extraction. NANCE stated that she has never written her name and address and given it to this individual.

NANCE also advised that while in California, she also dated a second individual known only to her as "RED" whom she also met at the Vagas Club, Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California, and that she met this person at the time she was residing at the apartments on Serrano. She described this person as a white male, approximately 28 years of age, 6' tall, 170 pounds, red hair worn short, straight back but in a crewcut. She stated that he resided at an unknown apartment house in Los Angeles at telephone number [REDACTED] and that he is possibly employed as an electrician at an unknown factory. NANCE stated that she also did not give her name and address to this individual.

NANCE stated that the only person she can recall at this time that KATZWINKEL dated is a TOMMY HUNTER, [REDACTED] Hollywood, California, and that she did not date him.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NANCE stated that the name of ERIC S. GALT is unknown to her.

NANCE stated that upon reflection, she believes that KATZWINKEL had one date at their apartment at Serrano and that this unknown individual owned a dry cleaning store on Sunset Boulevard in the "hippie" area. This individual is described as a white male, approximately 6' tall, 200 pounds, 35-40 years of age, black hair with grey, hair worn straight back and wore a small mustache. KATZWINKEL was believed to have had two dates with this individual and that this individual operated a white Ford van type truck.

NANCE stated that the word "Oklahombe" sounds familiar to her as a nickname for a Negro male who worked at the bar at the Vagas Club and that this individual played the guitar in this band. He is described as a Negro male, approximately 5'9" tall, 140 pounds, 25-27 years of age, and that he worked the 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. shift. NANCE stated that she believes she would recognize this individual if she ever saw him again.

She also advised that KATZWINKEL met a Negro male who owned a convertible Mustang, possibly white in color, and that the top of this Mustang was definitely white. She believes KATZWINKEL gave him their name and address and that she only saw him on two occasions. She believes they met this unknown individual at a bowling alley on Serrano and Sunset several weeks prior to her departure in June from California.

NANCE stated that to the best of her recollection, she does not recall writing her name and KATZWINKEL's name on a Kleenex box.

NANCE voluntarily furnished samples of her handwriting to interviewing Agents.

The following is a description of GINGER LEE CUNNINGHAM NANCE as obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED]
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Height	5'7" tall
Weight	210 pounds
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Fair
Scars and Marks	Scar on left ring finger and on right little finger
Marital Status	Separated
Relatives	
Mother	JUANITA YOHN [REDACTED] Dixon, Illinois [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Arrests Admitted	

GINGER LEE NANCE was furnished an Advice of Rights Form by SA [REDACTED] which she read and upon questioning, she stated she understood and signed.

Later, on April 13, 1968, GINGER NANCE was re-interviewed and that she does now recall residing at Apartment 6, 1535 Serrano, Hollywood, Los Angeles, California. She advised that based on the description furnished to her by interviewing Agents for ERIC S. GALT, there was an unknown person who lived at a hotel, possibly the St. Francis which is also in the area where they resided, whom they met. She believes that they met this individual while they were residing at the Palms Apartment and possibly met him two weeks after arriving in California. She stated that she and KATZWINKEL moved into Apartment 6, Serrano, during the fourth week and that she recalls now arriving in California in the early part of May, 1967.

She stated that in reference to the unknown person whom she believed resided at the St. Francis Hotel, this

party dated ANITA and that he drove a light colored Volkswagen camper which appeared fairly new. She advised that to the best of her recollection, she was never in this automobile. NANCE stated that she believes this individual was interested in hunting and fishing as he made mention of the fact that he was going on camping trips and was planning to go to Mexico with an unknown person whom he never identified. NANCE stated that to the best of her recollection, she never gave him her name and address or KATZWINKEL's name on a Kleenex box.

NANCE stated in reference to the trip to Mexico this unknown individual mentioned, she does not know for a fact that he actually took this trip. NANCE stated that to the best of her recollection, she has never met any of his friends or associates and that she never went to his room in the motel and knows nothing concerning any camera equipment he may have been in possession of. NANCE stated that she believes she only saw him on three occasions and has no information as to where he came from. NANCE stated that she has no information of persons who would know of this individual's present whereabouts. NANCE met this person through KATZWINKEL and does not know the circumstances under which KATZWINKEL met this party. NANCE does not know of any information which would connect this person with anyone in the hippie area of Los Angeles.

This individual is described by NANCE as a white male, approximately 5'9" tall, 145-150 pounds, 30-32 years of age, hair dark brown with gray, hair cut short.

NANCE at this time furnished interviewing Agents with fingerprints and photographs of herself

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JAMES WAYNE LEEHY, [REDACTED] Dixon, Illinois, telephone [REDACTED], advised that he is the boyfriend of GINGER NANCE. LEEHY advised that in June of 1967, he hitchhiked from Illinois to Wyoming where he met NANCE at the "Little America" Truck Stop outside of Cheyenne, Wyoming. He stated that they then hitchhiked from Wyoming to Illinois and that the only Mustang he can recall traveling in was a red Mustang. He advised that while they were in Missouri possibly outside of St. Louis near an Army base, either Fort Leonard Wood or Fort Crowder, they obtained a ride from an unknown male driving a red Mustang bearing unrecalled Ohio tags. According to the conversation he had with this individual, he believes he had just purchased this automobile and that he was returning to Ohio after having been discharged from the military. LEEHY stated that this individual drove them to Sandodol, Illinois, where Routes 50 and 51 intersect.

This individual driving the red Mustang is described as a white male, approximately 5'8"-5'9" tall, 156-157 pounds, approximately 27 years of age, as this was the age furnished to him by this driver, hair auburn and parted on the side. LEEHY stated that this individual possibly worked at Carthage, Missouri, at an unknown job. LEEHY stated that he could probably recognize this individual if he were to see him again.

LEEHY advised that after meeting NANCE in Wyoming, they traveled to Oklahoma where he repaired the automobile left at Oklahoma City by NANCE; however, this automobile again subsequently experienced mechanical difficulty and they left the automobile.

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by SA [REDACTED] &  
SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/18/68

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SUSAN LEE FLIKEID, nee HARRIS, was furnished an Advice of Rights Form by SA [REDACTED] which she read and upon questioning, stated she understood and signed. FLIKEID advised that she and THOMAS FLIKEID have not taken up permanent residency in California at this time; however, plan on taking up residence in the Hollywood, California, area and that they will rent an apartment. FLIKEID advised that their furniture is presently in storage, Brattners (phonetic), Hollywood, California, and that they are planning on spending three weeks this month touring the Midwest.

FLIKEID stated that she was last employed as a barmaid during November of 1966, at a lounge called "The Barn" that has subsequently changed its name to the "Blue Bongo," 5300 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California.

FLIKEID advised that she has been in California since 1962, and that she returned to Illinois in March of 1963, subsequently returning to California in September of 1964 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She advised that [REDACTED] she has met a LOU TOMENY, exact address unknown, last known to have been residing on [REDACTED], Hollywood, California. FLIKEID advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] she has been maintaining an addressbook [REDACTED] since January of 1967, and that part of these records are in storage in California and that one book is presently with her in Illinois.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FLIKEID advised [REDACTED] that she does not know the present whereabouts of TOMENY but believes that [REDACTED] would probably know of her present whereabouts. According to FLIKEID, TOMENY does not know GINGER NANCE or ANITA KATZWINKEL.

FLIKEID stated that in September of 1967, LOU TOMENY [REDACTED] possibly had just met [REDACTED] whose name she cannot recall at this time, owned a dry cleaning business. According to FLIKEID, [REDACTED] TOMENY only gave her his dry cleaning card; however, she cannot at this time recall the whereabouts of this card other than to state it was probably in her personal effects in California. TOMMENY, according to FLIKEID, originally came from New Orleans.

[REDACTED]

FLIKEID advised that the name of ERIC S. GALT and his description are unknown to her [REDACTED]. The word "Oklahombe" also means nothing to her except that she does know GINGER NANCE at one time was married to a CHARLES DAY. FLIKEID was unable to recall any of her customers who operated a white Mustang. FLIKEID advised that to the best of her recollection, she has never furnished anyone with the names and addresses of GINGER NANCE or ANITA KATZWINKEL on a Kleenex box.

FLIKEID stated that in November, 1967, to March 17, 1968, she did not reside at the St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, California; however, she did reside at this hotel for one week during 1965, with a BARBARA DEGUZMA who has subsequently died and a SHERRY QUESSNBERRY [REDACTED] FLIKEID



does not know the present whereabouts of QUESSENBERRY.

SUE FLIKEID also advised that the names RAY, RICHARD GALT and RILEY were unknown to her.

FLIKEID furnished to interviewing Agents the address book [REDACTED] which was comprehensively, completely and thoroughly reviewed with her as to each individual, date and name. She could not recall any individual who would answer the description of GALT.

FLIKEID freely and voluntarily furnished samples of her handwriting, fingerprints and photograph.

[REDACTED]

The following description of SUE LEE HARRIS FLIKEID was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex	Female
Race	White
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED]
Hair	Black
Height	5'6" tall
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Arrests Admitted	[REDACTED]

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*Thomas Martin Flikeid*  
THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID advised that the name  
and description of ERIC S. GALT are unknown to him.

*CPH*

[REDACTED]

FLIKEID freely and voluntarily furnished finger-  
prints and handwriting samples.

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On April 19, 1968, Mr. MARION, Owner, Kakusha Motel, Mendota, Illinois, advised THOMAS FLIKEID checked out of the Kakusha Motel on Tuesday morning, April 16, 1968, destination unknown.

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. PATRICIA HARRIS advised her daughter, SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID was not in Mendota, Illinois, and as far as she knew, was in Chicago staying at a motel formerly known as the Sahara Motel.

On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED] Dixon, Illinois, telephone number [REDACTED] advised SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that GINGER NANCE is employed by his firm; however, she left at 12:30 that day indicating she had a toothache.

On April 19, 1968, the Identification Division, FBI Laboratory, advised that the latent prints previously reported on the Mustang recovered in Atlanta are not identical with the major case prints of SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID, THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID or GINGER NANCE.

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GINGER NANCE was interviewed at her residence, [REDACTED], Dixon, Illinois. GINGER NANCE was shown a group of photographs which included the following individuals:

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department IR # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department IR # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department IR # [REDACTED]

ERIC STARVO GALT

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department IR # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
FBI # [REDACTED]

NANCE advised none of the individuals above looked familiar to her. However, she did state she recognized the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT as being identical to a photograph she had seen in one of the Chicago papers within the past couple of days. NANCE stated that although she recognizes the photograph as the same as the one in the paper, this person still did not look at all familiar to her.

GINGER NANCE was shown two color photographs of handwriting which appear on a portion of a Kleenex box. When she viewed the photograph of the handwriting which starts "Ginger Day", she immediately stated, "Gee, that looks like mine," however, she could not recall writing these words and specifically could not recall writing anything on a portion of a Kleenex box. NANCE stated the only reason she could say why the writing would be on a Kleenex box, is she probably could not find any paper. NANCE could

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not recall giving anyone a Kleenex box or a portion of a Kleenex box with or without writing at any time.

GINGER NANCE stated that she could not recall using the name of DAY while she was in California, however, it was possible that she did use this name since she was at one time married to CHARLIE DAY.

NANCE looked at the word "Olkahombe". She advised she could not recall writing this word. The word meant nothing to her and she was not sure that word was written by her.

Upon observing the photograph of the words "At Pool", she advised this did not mean anything to her and she was not sure if those words were in her writing.

  
GINGER NANCE advised she only had two boyfriends while she was in California. These individuals have been previously described to the FBI. One, VINCE, is definitely not ERIC STARVO GALT. VINCE did not drink at all and liked to attend movies. The other, "RED", is definitely not ERIC STARVO GALT. "RED" liked to play pool. He also liked to listen to country and Western records. She advised "RED" drank beer.

NANCE advised she is a beer drinker. She prefers Schlitz and Falstaff, and while in Los Angeles, she was drinking vodka and Squirt. She also stated she likes to listen to country and Western music. GINGER NANCE advised when she left the apartment on Serrano Boulevard, she took a suitcase with her. She took a radio and record player to a hock shop on Hollywood Boulevard and left phonograph records,

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a jacket, dresses and shoes in the apartment. She also left anything that was in the apartment's kitchen. She could not recall specifically leaving a Kleenex box behind.

The name JAMES EARL RAY did not mean anything to GINGER NANCE.

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Date 4/25/68

SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID was interviewed in Room 244, Southwest Inn Motel, 4501 South Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. FLIKEID was shown a group of photographs which included the following:

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department IR # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department IR # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department IR # [REDACTED]

ERIC STARVO GALT

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department IR # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
FBI # [REDACTED]

SUSAN FLIKEID stated none of these individuals looked familiar to her.

In regard to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, she stated she could not think of anyone who looked like this individual, however, after some thought, she advised this individual bore some resemblance to BILL (LNU) who is the husband of JUANITA (LNU) who is a waitress at the Rabbit's Foot Bar located at Hollywood and Gramercy, Hollywood, California. FLIKEID described BILL (LNU) as a white male, 38-45, 5'8", 185-200 pounds, well-built, hair brown, employed as a troubleshooter for a big oil company.

SUSAN FLIKEID advised in regard to LOU TOMENY she has not been particularly close to LOU TOMENY since [REDACTED] April 27, 1967. She advised

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she does see LOU TOMENY occasionally. She stated [REDACTED] the only photography work she has done with LOU TOMENY involved posing for some still pictures which were for magazines. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FLIKEID advised LOU TOMENY's boyfriend's name is JOHNNY BONNELI.

[REDACTED]



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THOMAS FLIKEID was interviewed at Room 244, Southwest Inn Motel, 4501 South Cicero, Chicago, Illinois. FLIKEID was shown a group of photographs which included the following individuals:

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department IR # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department IR # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department IR # [REDACTED]

ERIC STARVO GALT

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department IR # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
FBI # [REDACTED]

FLIKEID stated none of these individuals looked familiar to him. In regard to the photograph of ERIC GALT, he stated this person did not look at all familiar to him.

[REDACTED]

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

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Lab. No. D-560922 JK

OO: Memphis

Specimens received 4/16/68

K60 Six handwriting sample forms bearing known hand-  
writing of THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEIDK61 Eight handwriting sample forms bearing known hand-  
writing of SUSAN L. HARRIS FLIKEIDALSO SUBMITTED: Major case prints of SUSAN L. HARRIS  
FLIKEID, and THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID,  
and GINGER NANCE

## Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q118 (portion of "Kleenex box") were not prepared by either THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID, K60, or SUSAN L. HARRIS FLIKEID, K61.

The submitted material has been retained.

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Lab. No. D-560919 JK  
D-560789 JK

Specimens received 4/16/68, from FBI, Newark

Q215 White envelope postmarked "Montreal, P.Q., VII, 1967," bearing return address "Eric S. Galt 2589 - Rue Notre Dame Est. Montreal, Canada, Quebec" and hand printed address [REDACTED]

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Chicago

K35 Nine sheets of paper bearing known handwriting and hand printing of GINGER NANCE

## Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on the Q215 envelope was prepared by the individual responsible for the preparation of the hand printing on [REDACTED] the Superior Bulk Film Company order blank which were previously submitted in this matter.

No significant indented impressions were noted on this envelope.

Except for the word "broult" it was concluded that the questioned writings on Q118 (torn "Kleenex box") were prepared by GINGER NANCE, K35. Similarities were also noted between the word "broult" and the known writings of NANCE but the lack of known writing precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

The submitted items have been retained. Photographs were made.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/23/68RE: SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY

[REDACTED] United States Post Office, Chicago, Illinois, turned over to SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], the business file of the Superior Bulk Film Company (Superior) which he received this day from [REDACTED]. This file contained the following correspondence:

Superior order blank from ERIC S. GALT; 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, listing camera equipment valued at \$337.24. On the reverse side several inquiries were made concerning camera equipment.

Superior invoice #179530, dated October 3, 1967.

Typewritten note dated October 5, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT indicating a return of a camera to Superior.

Superior Invoice # 179530, dated October 18, 1967.

Typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, showing address Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, Hotel Rio, Apartado Postal #23.

Returned goods report dated November 2, listing E. S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama - credit and refund.

Memo from Superior indicating back order of Kodak Model M8 zoom camera.

Typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT. listing address 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California.

Superior message to ERIC S. GALT dated November 30, 1967, indicating refund check #32338, re-mailed to GALT's Mexican address.

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Postal Department Form 3877A, listing sender as Superior, dated October 3, 1967, listing two articles, #6712968, and 6712969, sent to GALT, Birmingham, Alabama, in addition to numerous others.

Same type form dated October 18, 1967, bearing #6712586, addressee GALT, Birmingham, Alabama, among others.

[REDACTED] advised he located this file by tracing back on the number of an insured package which number he received from the Birmingham, Alabama, Post Office. The block of numbers containing the number he received from Birmingham, had been issued to Superior. By going to the Superior Company he reviewed their records and located the above described file on GALT. He stated this is the only record maintained by the Post Office of insured parcels handled.

The foregoing file was received from SA [REDACTED], by SA [REDACTED], and personally hand delivered to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., where it was turned over to JAMES H. MORTIMER, Document Examiner.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/23/68

RE: SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY

[REDACTED] Superior Bulk Film Company (Superior), 442-450 North Wells, Chicago, advised that on April 12, 1968, he had given Postal Inspector [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, all original copies of the file concerning business transactions with ERIC STARVO GALT.

The file consisted of the following:

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These forms are records of insured packages handled by the Post Office with the Superior Company.



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[REDACTED] Merchandise National Bank of Chicago, made available a photocopy of a draft which was deposited at the bank on October 2, 1967, to the account of Superior Bulk Film Company, #1-54310.

The draft is described as follows:

Exchange Security Bank check # 04012 EES., Birmingham, Alabama, date September 28, 1967, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, amount \$337.24, drawn on the First National City Bank of New York, New York, signed BOB SELLERS.

[REDACTED] advised the draft was purchased at the Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, and added the Security Bank should have a Requisition or Purchase form signed by GALT. The original draft should be at the First National City Bank of New York, New York.

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Date 4/16/68

RE: SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY

[REDACTED] Superior Bulk Film Company, 442-450 North Wells, Chicago, furnished the following information concerning a mail order received from ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for camera equipment on October 3, 1967:

Superior Bulk Film Company, advertises their products in the following magazines:

Popular Mechanics  
Popular Science  
Science and Mechanics  
U. S. Camera  
Popular Photography  
Modern Photography  
Field and Stream  
Hunting and Fishing  
Mechanix Illustrated

The Company does not record the name of anyone requesting a manual or catalogue until an order blank form is submitted by a customer.

On October 3, 1967, the Company received an official order blank which is included as an insert in the order manual from ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, in which one Kodak Dual Projector M95Z, one Kodak Super 8 Camera, Model M8, one HPI Combination Splicer and one 20 foot remote control cable, totaling \$337.24. A money order cashier's check or draft for \$337.24 was received with the order because records reflect the above equipment was sent out on October 3, 1967, via Parcel Post under invoice number 179530, which is the date the order blank was received. The Company does not, as a Company policy, mail merchandise on an order accompanied by a personal check, unless the person making the order is known to the Company.

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The Company substituted, on a loan basis, a Crestline Super 8 Camera for the Kodak Model M8 because the latter was not in stock. The Crestline Camera was received by the Company on October 12, 1967, as a rejected item. GALT also sent a typewritten note dated October 5, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT in which GALT acknowledged receipt of items ordered adding he was returning the camera sent to him because he ordered a four-speed camera while the substituted camera was a one-film speed camera. GALT also wrote he was to leave for Mexico on Saturday which would have been October 7, 1967, and he would send his Mexican address to the Company.

On October 18, 1967, the Company mailed, via Parcel Post, the Kodak Super 8 D38 camera, under invoice order number 179530, to the Birmingham, Alabama, address. By typewritten letter, signed ERIC S. GALT, the Company was advised GALT returned the substituted Crestline Camera adding he could not wait for the originally ordered Kodak camera. He requested his refund be mailed to Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, Hotel Rio, Apartado Postal #23. The Kodak Camera was received by the Company on November 2, 1967.

By typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, the company was requested to mail GALT's refund for the rejected camera to 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California 90027, because GALT did not receive his refund while in Mexico. The letter indicated GALT would be at the Los Angeles address for five months.

The Company by letter dated November 30, 1967, mailed to the Los Angeles address, advised the refund check for \$142.89, #32338, was re-mailed to GALT's Mexican address. The canceled refund check has not, as of March 29, 1968, been received by the company.

The original check in the amount \$337.24 received in payment for the original order from ERIC S. GALT was deposited on October 2, 1967, at the Merchandise National Bank, Chicago, under Superior Bulk Film Account Number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had no further information concerning the check.

[REDACTED] advised the model M-8 camera ordered by GALT has a forty millimeter zoom lens included and added it is a very fine piece of equipment as is the other equipment ordered.

[REDACTED] stated that the fact that inquiry was made concerning an automatic printer would indicate the person buying this equipment probably has raw stock-film and has means to process same. The fact that sound strip apparatus was also a point of inquiry on the reverse side of GALT's initial order indicates sound would also be employed.

The Crestline Camera for which the refund check was mailed to GALT is the only portion of the initial order which has been returned to the company.

[REDACTED] asserted that he received a telephone call on October 4, 1967 or October 5, 1967, between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 9:00 a.m., from a man identifying himself as ERIC GALT. GALT advised he could not wait for the Kodak camera and that he is returning the one sent to him, referring to the Crestline Camera. GALT added he would purchase another camera locally. [REDACTED] felt that GALT specifically wanted a Kodak Camera inasmuch as he returned a very fine camera, namely the Crestline. [REDACTED] added he recalled the voice was from the South, meaning the person calling had a Southern accent.

[REDACTED] made available a remote control PRINZ Air Shutter Release with a 20 foot cable, which is similar to the remote control cable sent to GALT. [REDACTED] also made available a blank Superior Bulk Film Company check drawn on the Merchandise National Bank, Chicago, which is similar to the refund check sent to GALT. The check would be signed either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Chicago (44-1114)

Date: April 18, 1968

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Re: MURKIN

Lab. No. D-560921 ET

Specimens received 4/16/68

K62 One Prinz Air Release in sealed carton

## Result of examination:

Specimen K62 is, in all respects, like specimen  
Q119.

Specimen K62 is returned herewith. No photographs  
have been retained.



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## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1114  
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861  
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

April 16, 1968

TO: SAC, Chicago

RE: MURKIN

REFERENCE: Airtel 4/12/68  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Chicago  
SPECIMENS: Three letters signed by Eric S. Galt, Q130 through Q132  
Order blank, Q133  
Six miscellaneous items of correspondence of the  
Superior Bulk Film Company

This report confirms and supplements Butel of  
4/13/68.

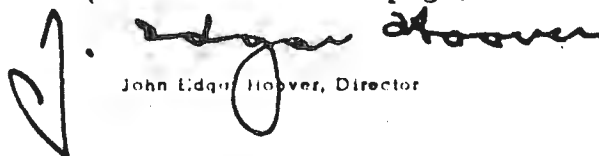
One latent fingerprint of value developed on letter  
dated 10/5/67, signed by Eric S. Galt, Q130. No latent impressions  
developed other items.

Latent fingerprint not identical with latent impressions  
previously reported this case.

Submit appropriate elimination prints.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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SAC, Chicago

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Results of laboratory examination and disposition of specimens subject of separate report.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 17, 1968

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Re: MURKIN  
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Lab. No. D-560665 JK

D-560666 JK

D-560667 JK

Specimens received from Los Angeles, 4/12/68

- Q127 White envelope bearing typewritten address "MR DALE L. DYKEMA, Receiver 3325 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California. 90005." postmarked "Los Angeles California Annex JA 22 AM 1968"
- Q128 Typewritten letter dated 1/21/68, beginning "DEAR SIR, I AM WRITING..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q129 Letter dated 12/21/67, addressed to "Eric Galt 1535 North Serrano, Hollywood, California," beginning "Dear Mr. Galt: As you know..." and signed "Dale L. Dykema"

Specimens received from Chicago, 4/12/68

- Q130 Typewritten letter dated 10/5/67, beginning "Dear Sir: I received..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q131 Typewritten letter dated 10/22/67, beginning "Dear Sir, I ordered four..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q132 Typewritten letter dated 11/20/67, beginning "Dear Sir, While in Birmingham..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q133 Order Blank of the Superior Bulk Film Co., Chicago, Ill. for order in the amount of \$337.24, to be shipped to Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Alabama

ALSO SUBMITTED: Six miscellaneous items of correspondence of the Superior Bulk Film Co.

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Specimens received from Newark, 4/13/68

Q134 [REDACTED] Form [REDACTED], in the name "Eric S. Galt"

Q135 [REDACTED] form [REDACTED] bearing the signature "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

The "Eric S. Galt" signatures on Q128, Q130, Q131, Q132 and Q135 were prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case.

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q127, Q128, Q130, Q131, Q132 and Q135 were found to be the same style of type but the lack of identifying defects precluded a determination as to whether the same typewriter prepared all of these items; however, no significant differences were noted between the impressions appearing on these items. The style of type appearing on these specimens conforms to a standard for Royal pica style of type spaced ten letters to the inch. This style of type also appears on a typewriter sold under the Singer name.

It was determined that the hand printing appearing the Q133 order blank and the Q134 enrollment form was prepared by the same individual. No questioned hand printing appears on the other items received.

Indented impressions were noted on the reverse side of the Q128 letter. The names "Ray," "Galt" and "Rily" and numerals "ET3623" were some of the notations interpreted on this item. A photograph of the indented writing is enclosed for the information of Los Angeles.

The submitted evidence has been retained.

On April 30, 1968, [REDACTED] Superior Bulk Film Company, 442 North Wells, advised SA [REDACTED] the company does not maintain serial numbers of cameras or projectors on incoming or outgoing shipments. [REDACTED] added the company purchases its equipment from the Eastman Kodak Company, Oakbrook, Illinois.

On April 30, 1968, [REDACTED], Eastman Kodak Company, 1901 West 22nd, Oakbrook, Illinois, advised the company only maintains serial numbers of cameras and projectors on incoming shipments from the Kodak Company in Rochester, New York. The Oakbrook branch does not maintain serial numbers of outgoing shipments and, therefore, cannot establish the serial numbers sent to individual mail order houses or individual customers. Regarding warranties, [REDACTED] advised all warranty slips received at the Oakbrook branch are mailed to the main office of Kodak in Rochester, New York, and the local branch does not maintain any records concerning warranties. The Rochester Office maintains records of warranties under names of individuals on which the serial number is entered by the customer. The warranties are of one year duration.

On April 29, 1968, the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, advised that the latent fingerprint previously reported on the letter Q130 has been determined to be of no value in instant matter.

On July 2, 1968, the Buffalo Division advised that inquiry at the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, developed that no warranty given for any Kodak camera equipment and serial numbers was recorded when shipped by company. A warranty is furnished for Kodak Projector M952 and approximately 50 per cent of the slips are returned by purchasers. Checks presently being made to determine if warranty returned by the subject under his true name and known aliases in an effort to determine serial number of projector.

Investigation from the various subscription lists of the magazines utilized by Superior Bulk Film Company did not develop any subscriber identifiable with the subject.

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Re: JERRY WILLIAM RAY, Brother

Mr. RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, Owner, Sportsman Country Club, Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] as follows on April 23, 1968:

JERRY RAY started with the country club on September 16, 1964, as a dishwasher and was actually sent to the club from the Bell Employment Service, Chicago, Illinois. At the time that RAY started his employment, he entered on an application that he was previously employed for the Knodel Bakery Company, St. Louis, Missouri, on the ovens and as a waiter at the Sunset Sanitarium, St. Louis, Missouri. No dates of employment were listed for either of the above two employments. The last employment entered by RAY before he came to the Sportsman Country Club was listed as a dishwasher for Keeshen's (phonetic); however, no address or city was given for this employment. RAY's home address was listed as [REDACTED] (phonetic), St. Louis, Missouri.

At the time that RAY started his employment as a dishwasher, the maintenance work was done at the club on a contract basis by the Marx Maintenance Service, Des Plaines, Illinois. At this time, an older couple was doing the maintenance work for the Marx Company and resided at the club. This arrangement was entirely for the convenience of the club which did not wish to hire maintenance people directly. Eventually, the older couple left and RAY took over the same duties and was employed again by the convenience of the club by the Marx Maintenance Service. Eventually, Mr. CHAMBERLAIN discontinued the Marx Maintenance Service and hired RAY on a direct basis and RAY is presently making approximately [REDACTED] a week with a take-home pay averaging anywhere from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] a week. RAY is very frugile and his only expense appears to be paying the upkeep of a child by a previous marriage.

Approximately two years ago, RAY married a waitress at the club, a GJIRDIS ANNA D. OLSEN, who was formerly married to a man with the last name of [REDACTED] (phonetic) and after her divorce from [REDACTED] shortly thereafter married RAY.

CHAMBERLAIN described GJIRDIS OLSEN as a woman still in her twenties, [REDACTED] who he believes is presently residing with her parents, [REDACTED] Deerfield, Illinois. This address and the name of her parents was given to the club by OLSEN at the time she started her employment as a waitress.

[REDACTED]

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he will immediately contact RAY and talk to him concerning the necessity of RAY's complete cooperation with the FBI. The patrol service used by the Sportsman Country Club is the Glenbrook Patrol Service, Glenview, Illinois, a service operated by THOMAS BUCKLIN with telephone number Park 4-3434.

RAY, according to CHAMBERLAIN, had a brother whose first name was unknown to him who, according to RAY, was employed as a bartender approximately one year ago at the Indian Lake Country Club near Ebomingdale, Illinois. The club is owned by the Braninger Organization. This brother was also a bartender supposedly employed by the Green Bakers Country Club which is located a short distance east of the Sportsman Country Club.

[REDACTED]

RAY has no close friends at the club, associates with no one and seldom leaves the club other than on a Tuesday which is his regular day off.

Mrs. MARGUERITE WELCH, who resides at [REDACTED] Northfield, Illinois, home phone [REDACTED], who is in charge of personnel at the Sportsman Country Club located on Dundee Road, Wheeling, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] as follows on April 24, 1968:

She has been acquainted with JERRY RAY, the maintenance man at the Sportsman Country Club, since approximately September, 1964, when he started employment as a dishwasher at the country club coming to the club from the Bell Employment Service, Chicago, Illinois. RAY left shortly after his employment started; however, returned within one or two months and continued his employment as a dishwasher. He eventually became night maintenance man at the club and has always in this capacity performed his work in a capable manner and was honest in every respect. [REDACTED]

RAY at no time has ever visited her home at the above address and she has had no contact with RAY since he left the Sportsman Country Club on April 23, 1968, which is his day off, until the present time. RAY on his day off which falls on a Tuesday usually takes a bus to Chicago, visits a theater, sometimes staying in Chicago and returning the next day either for lunch or dinner.

RAY has spoken of a brother who she believes is from the St. Louis, Missouri area; however, he never provided any additional information concerning this brother other than the fact that he was a bartender. RAY also had a child during his marriage to GJIRDIS RAY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. RAY also has an ex-wife, possibly in Nashville, Tennessee, and had a son and a daughter by this marriage who should be in the vicinity of from eight to ten years old. Approximately three years ago at Christmas during his employ-

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ment at the club, RAY flew to Tennessee to visit these two children; however, she knows nothing further concerning these children or their mother or where the family is presently residing in Tennessee.

RAY has no close friends at the club; however, in the past has filled in for other employees of the club in addition to his own duties when the employees wanted time off and needed someone to work in their place. He at no time spoke of other members of his family other than to say that he had a brother that was a bartender in the St. Louis area and she had no idea that RAY was incarcerated in the past. Her records revealed that RAY worked steadily during the night at the Sportsman Country Club from Wednesday evening, April 3, 1968, through Monday, April 8, 1968, without having any time off.

She is of the opinion that RAY is not cooperating with the FBI in every respect, does not feel that some of the questions asked of him are important enough for him to give any thought in answering; however, it could be that [REDACTED] he is not capable of answering the questions asked of him. However, she is going to talk to RAY telling him that she "thinks" that this is an extremely important part of his life to cooperate with the FBI in every respect.

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Mrs. MARGUERITE WELCH, immediate supervisor of JERRY RAY at the Sportsman Country Club, Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois, and Mr. RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, owner of the club, were contacted by SA [REDACTED] on the evening of April 24, 1968, and given the background of JERRY RAY's visit to "Life Magazine," Chicago, Illinois. Both people who expressed surprise of RAY's contact with "Life" were advised that "Life" did not learn the identity of JERRY RAY from the FBI.

The above people also advised that before JERRY RAY left Sportsman Country Club voluntarily on April 24, 1968, for the Chicago Office of the FBI, they talked to him attempting to impress upon RAY the necessity of RAY fully cooperating with the FBI at all times in this investigation.

Both of the above people advised that one or the other will know if JERRY RAY does not report for work and if he does not, they will immediately contact the Chicago Office of the FBI.

Captain THOMAS S. BUCKLIN, Director, Glenbrook Patrol Service, Incorporated, 1132 Waukegan Road, Glenview, Illinois, telephone PARK 4-3434, advised SA [REDACTED] on April 26, 1968, that his company is the patrol service for the Sportsman's Country Club, Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois.

BUCKLIN stated that under an agreement with Mr. RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, owner of the Sportsman's Country Club, his men have to personally contact JERRY RAY nightly at the club at 12:00 midnight, 2:00 AM, and 4:30 AM, with the exception of Tuesday, RAY's day off, and if RAY is not working at the time of any of the contacts they are to immediately contact Mr. CHAMBERLAIN and advise him of this fact. BUCKLIN advised that these instructions were given to him by CHAMBERLAIN at the time his company took over the patrol service for the Sportsman's Country Club.

It was related by BUCKLIN that Lieutenant GLENN TIBBS and Sergeant THOMAS PODUCH are the patrolmen from his agency that personally contact JERRY RAY, each on alternate nights, and RAY almost immediately after the publicity broke concerning JAMES EARL RAY confided in both men that he was the brother of JAMES EARL RAY.

BUCKLIN stated that he will immediately advise both of his above patrolmen to also immediately contact the Chicago Office of the FBI if JERRY RAY disappears at any time during the midnight, 2:00 AM, and 4:30 AM contacts with RAY at Sportsman's Country Club.



Re: JERRY'S EMPLOYMENT AT  
NORTH SHORE COUNTRY CLUB

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Glenview, Illinois, on May 3, 1968:

Mr. KARL HALLERBERG, Manager of the North Shore Country Club in Glenview, Illinois, telephone number 729-1200, advised that a check of their files was negative for JAMES EARL RAY but that these files contained the following information regarding JERRY WILLIAM RAY:

JERRY RAY was employed as a locker room man from May 15, 1962, until about February, 1964, when he left without giving any notice. RAY was engaged by Mr. VICTOR CHIGAS, who was general manager at the time and who would know JERRY RAY well. VICTOR CHIGAS is presently an [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, office telephone number [REDACTED], home address [REDACTED] Glenview, Illinois, home telephone number [REDACTED]

RAY listed the following information on an application form for employment, dated June 28, 1962:

Position	Locker room assistant
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Residence Address	North Shore Country Club Glenview, Illinois
Marital Status	Married
Place of Birth	Quincy, Illinois
Date of Birth	July 16, 1935
Age	26
American Citizen	Yes
Nationality	Irish-French
Religion	Catholic
Height	5'9"
Weight	155 pounds
Color Eyes	Brown

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Color Hair	Brown
Dependents	Four, wife-children
Insurance Carried	Non
Physical Defects	Non
Work Time Lost Due To Illness	None
Have You Ever Been Bonded	No
Education	Grade School, Quincy, Illinois, Graduated 1952; Sheridan, Illinois, High School, did not graduate
Any Other Schooling	No
Military Service	No
References	Mr. ALBER PEPPER - Mechanic [REDACTED] St. Louis  Mr. FRED HAINES - Furniture Mover [REDACTED] St. Louis  Previous Employment  Rolling Green Country Club Arlington Heights, Houseman, [REDACTED] per week, [REDACTED] worked for Mr. CHIGAS  Person To Notify In Case of Illness  Mr. FRANK RAY [REDACTED] St. Louis

Also contained in RAY's records is a memorandum dated February 15, 1964, with the notation, "Jerry Ray, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Mo., ret. to work." Also written on the memorandum was the address [REDACTED] St. Louis.

Also contained in RAY's records was the following letter dated February 13, 1964:

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"Dear Mr. Chigas:

"I hope this letter finds you in much better shape .  
then my last one did.

"I had a unfortunate accident while working at  
Medinah Country Club, I got run into by a car and was  
unconscious for Five days plus for six weeks had to stay in  
bed.

"I didn't just write to you to tell you the troubles  
Ive had, the main reason is to see if you have any openings,  
if not or you can't hire me for reasons we both know of  
ther thanks for taking time to read this letter. Tell  
everybody hello for me and take care of yourself.

"As Ever

"Jerry Ray  
[REDACTED]

"St. Louis, Mo."

Also contained in RAY's records is a memorandum,  
undated, with the following written thereon:

Mr. Jerry Ray  
L.D. OPR. 30  
Morristown, Tenn.  
[REDACTED]

Mrs. Carol Ray calling  
Sickness in family  
Call back after 4 o'clock  
our time

Also contained in RAY's records was a letter dated  
February 17, 1964, from V. CHIGAS to JERRY RAY, [REDACTED]  
St. Louis, Missouri, as follows:

"Dear Jerry:

"We have been trying to locate you, and this short  
note is to say we will hire you again.

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"Please let us know when you expect to be available for work.

"Yours very truly,"

Also contained in RAY's records was the following note:

"Mrs. C. Pepper, [REDACTED], St. Louis, Mo.  
Carol Satain, [REDACTED], Morristown, Tenn.

Jerry Ray, [REDACTED], Glenview, Ill.  
was in this morning 6-3-64."

Mr. HALLERBERG advised that this note was probably written by GOERGE SIMCOX who was the steward at this country club at the time. SIMCOX is presently employed as [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. SIMCOX had probably known JERRY RAY when they worked for this country club.

Also contained in RAY's records was the following letter which was postmarked at St. Louis, Missouri, on June 15, 1964, to the North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois, from JERRY RAY, [REDACTED] (illegible), St. Louis, Missouri:

"Thursday

"Dear Sir

"Enclosed you'll find my name and address to send my tax statements to

Jerry W. Ray  
[REDACTED]  
St. Louis, Mo."

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Also contained in RAY's records was the following note dated February 10, 1965:

"Dear sir

"please send my income tax statements as your earliest convenience

"truly yours

Jerry Ray

St. Louis, Mo."

Mr. HALLERBERG was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and a photograph of JERRY RAY and he advised that he was not familiar with any persons who might resemble these photographs. He stated that he would not know JERRY RAY, since he only started as manager for this country club on December 1, 1967. He stated that HERB HINZE, Locker Room Manager at this country club, would probably know JERRY RAY, since he was employed here at that time.

On May 3, 1968, Mr. HERB HINZE, home address [REDACTED] Glenview, Illinois, telephone number [REDACTED], advised that he is the locker room manager at the North Shore Country Club in Glenview, Illinois. He stated that JERRY RAY was employed as a clean-up man in the locker room for about one or two years on an intermittent basis. A photograph of JERRY RAY was exhibited to HINZE and he stated that this was the same JERRY RAY who was employed here. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to HINZE and he stated that he had not seen this individual before. He stated, however, that he recalls that JERRY RAY had taken his brother, name unknown, to see Mr. CHICAS in order to obtain employment. He stated that he does not remember when this occurred and that he had never observed JERRY RAY's brother and could provide no further information regarding RAY's background. He described JERRY RAY as a quiet, harmless sort of guy [REDACTED]. He stated that the question of RAY's racist attitudes never came up, and that he could never believe that JERRY RAY would ever be involved in shooting anyone. He stated that he never associated with RAY outside of the country club and would not be aware of his personal activities. HINZE stated that the country club provided room and board for RAY during his employment.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY was interviewed at the Chicago FBI Office and furnished the following information:

He was shown a photograph of an individual identified as ERIC STARVO GALT and taken in Los Angeles, California, about March 1, 1968, and in which photograph GALT had his eyes closed. RAY stated that the photograph was above his brother JAMES EARL RAY. He was questioned as to whether he was certain that the photograph depicted his brother and he said "I'll put it this way. If I was a citizen and knew that you were looking for JAMES EARL RAY and saw the individual depicted in the photograph, I would immediately call the proper authorities and notify them that I had seen the individual that was wanted."

He was shown the same photograph in which eyes had been drawn by an FBI artist. He said that he did not like the eyes in the picture as they were drawn because they did not truly represent his brother's eyes.

RAY stated that he is employed as a maintenance man and handyman at the Sportsman Country Club located at Northbrook, Illinois, on Dundee Road. He said that he was steadily employed at the country club from late March, 1968, to the date of interview.

RAY stated that he has served prison sentences in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, and believed his inmate number was [REDACTED]. He said that he had served time in Illinois State Penitentiary at Pontiac, Illinois, and believed that his inmate number was [REDACTED]. He said that he had also been confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri; however, he was unable to recall his inmate number. He gave his Social Security Number as [REDACTED].

He said that his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, has been in prison on several occasions serving sentences for burglary but that these burglaries were for things like

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stealing gas from a gasoline station and that his brother was really not much of a "real burglar". He said that he last seen his brother in about 1964.

RAY related that the family has never been real close and that mostly the children had been born in the Quincy, Illinois area. He said that the only family member that he has really been close to is his sister, CAROL ANN PEPPER, who resides in Maplewood, Missouri. He advised that he frequently visits with CAROL because she is the only real family that he has.

He said that he knew of no reason why his brother would have killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., because he had never known his brother to have any particular hate for members of the Negro race or of KING himself.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY was requested to furnish his family tree and furnished the following information:

He said that his father was JAMES GERALD RAY who died in 1951 at Hannibal, Missouri, just across the line from Quincy, Illinois.

He advised that his mother was LUCILLE MARY RAY, nee MAHER, who at one time changed her name to LUCILLE RYAN after separation from his father in 1948 or 1949, and he claimed that his mother had died in January, 1961, at St. Louis, Missouri.

There were seven children born of this marriage and he identified them as follows:

1. JAMES EARL RAY, age 39 or 40, who has never been married, whereabouts unknown.
2. JOHN LARRY RAY, age about 35, who has never married, address unknown, but whom JERRY last seen at the MacArthur Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, about February 2, 1968.
3. JERRY WILLIAM RAY, born July 16, 1935, at Quincy, Illinois, residing at the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois, divorced from wife GJEREIS, nee OLSON.

4. CAROL ANN PEPPER, age about 27, married to ALBERT PEPPER, and residing in Maplewood in suburb of St. Louis, Missouri.

5. FRANK DELANO RAY, age 22, who drowned in an accident in 1963 on the Missouri side of the river at Quincy, Illinois, at West Quincy, Missouri.

6. SUSAN (LNU), age about 21, who was adopted by some family in the Quincy, Illinois area in about the fall of 1952. He believed that CAROL would know SUSAN's full name and address.

[REDACTED]

He said that the only maternal relatives he has is his mother's brother, WILLARD MAHER, age about 60, whom he believes resides in San Francisco, California, and the only employment he could recall for WILLARD was in Guam after World War II in about 1946-1947.

He said that the only paternal relatives he has is his father's brother, EARL RAY, age about 70, who was released from the Illinois State Penitentiary in Menard, Illinois, in about May, 1958, and died possibly in the fall of 1958 at Syracuse, New York.

RAY said that he was unable to recall any other relatives on either his father or mother's side such as aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.

RAY advised that he normally receives his mail at [REDACTED] Wheeling, Illinois, but sometimes receives mail at the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois.



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Date 4/26/68

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY, who was present in the Chicago FBI Office, was requested to furnish his fingerprints, including sides and tips and palm prints. He was also requested to pose for photographs. He complied with both requests and also furnished handwriting samples.

Based on information furnished by the St. Louis Division, JERRY was requestioned concerning the discrepancy as to the identity of his father and present whereabouts. He advised that JERRY RAYNES, Center, Missouri, was not his father and reiterated that his father was JAMES GERALD RAY, who died in 1951 at Hannibal, Missouri. He said that the information concerning his relatives and parents is correct to the best of his knowledge because it was told to him by his mother. He said that he is unaware of where CAROL PEPPER might have obtained her information since she left the mother's home in about 1956 when she was 15 years old. He then stated that prior to his father's death in 1951, he was employed by the railroad (identity unknown), and worked on a farm in the vicinity of Hannibal, Missouri.

He further related that all of the children left home upon reaching the age of 15 or 16 and there was very little family contact thereafter. When the parents separated in 1949, all of the younger children who were then at home went with the mother.

In response to a question as to the reason for his brother's commission of the murder of KING, JERRY advised that he was unable to furnish any reason. He went on to say that during the three or four time that he has talked with his brother in the last 15 or 16 years, JAMES never expressed any particular outward dislike for members of the Negro race. But JERRY did have the feeling that the subject was not particularly fond of Negroes.

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by SAs \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated 4/23/68

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JERRY said that he is not aware of JAMES' present whereabouts and has no idea where JAMES has been since his escape from prison. He said that he has not been contacted by JAMES in any manner. He classifies JAMES as a "loner" and does not know of any member of the family that JAMES would likely contact. The only occupation for JAMES that he is aware of is that of a baker, which JAMES learned in prison.

JERRY informed that he has only seen his brother once outside of prison and that was sometime in 1951. All of his other contacts with his brother have been when either he, JERRY, has visited his brother in prison, or JAMES has visited him while he was in prison. JERRY said that he has no knowledge of his associates other than WALTER TERRY RIFE, who was arrested with his brother and served in prison with him. WALTER RIFE is also known personally to JERRY since they both served time together in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois. JERRY has no information as to the present whereabouts of RIFE and has not seen him since JERRY's release from prison in 1960. He is of the opinion that RIFE could have returned to Quincy, Illinois. JERRY also knows LONNIE RIFE since he did time in Menard with him, also. He said that the name of [REDACTED] was not known to him.

JERRY advised that to the best of his recollection, he never informed JAMES of his residence address; however, he has received mail from JAMES from prison addressed to [REDACTED], Wheeling, Illinois. JERRY said that he obtained this box so that his brother could write to him and that mail from the Penitentiary would not be going to JERRY's employment. He said that he has no reason to believe that JAMES would contact him. JERRY said that he feels that he would cooperate with the FBI in this matter but that it would take considerable thought on his part to turn his brother in. He said that he thought that if he was telephonically contacted by his brother, he would not talk to him but would hang up. JERRY was asked how his brother would know his phone number if he was not aware of his residence and employment. JERRY said that he has no reason to believe that his brother is aware of his phone number, that he never gave it to him and made the foregoing statement about a phone call merely as a matter of conjecture.

He said that he has no idea of the present whereabouts of his brother JOHN, stating that the last time he saw him was in February, 1968, at the McArthur Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri. He said that on this occasion, he and his brother went to their sister Carol's house and stayed until three or four in the morning. They both returned to the hotel where they had several drinks in the bar and then JOHN left. JERRY assumed that JOHN was staying in the McArthur Hotel but could not furnish a room number nor was he ever in JOHN's room.

He said that he did not know his brother JOHN's present occupation but that he has worked in the past as a bartender, painter and laborer. JERRY noted that JOHN had attended bartender's school in Chicago, Illinois. He said that JOHN, to his knowledge, has never been married. JERRY further related that his brother JAMES also has never married and that he knows of no girl friends with whom his brother JAMES had associated. He said that JAMES would usually pick up a girl in the hotel, or go to a hotel and obtain a girl through the bellboy or patronize houses.

He said that he was not aware of his brother visiting any private doctors but did recall that one time when his brother was in prison, he was sent for psychiatric treatment to Fulton, Missouri. As JERRY recalls, this was for a nervous condition and his brother JAMES was there about a month.

JERRY said that the reason that he went to Kansas City in February, 1968, was to visit with his sister since "she is all the family I have." He denied that he had seen his brother JAMES while in St. Louis. He also advised that he makes the trip from Chicago, Illinois, to St. Louis, Missouri, about once every six or seven weeks.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY stated that he and JOHN RAY were in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 2, 1968, and were at sister CAROL's residence to visit with her as he has previously stated. He stated that he is of the opinion that his brother JOHN was registered at the McArthur Hotel, but he did not register with him and he was not in his room. He said, to his knowledge, JOHN has never married and has no information concerning a Mrs. JOHN RAY. He did note that his brother JOHN was in the habit of using the McArthur Hotel for occasional dates with women. He assumes that the Mr. and Mrs. JOHN RAY registering at the McArthur Hotel on February 17, 1968, could be JOHN and a woman.

He again stated that the only individuals at his sister CAROL's residence were JOHN, JERRY, CAROL, her husband and their children. JERRY emphatically denied that the subject was present at this occasion or, in fact, any other occasion when he was in CAROL's residence. JERRY insisted that he has no information as to the present whereabouts of either JOHN or JAMES RAY.


JERRY stated that JERRY RAYNES is the step-father of the subject and definitely not the subject's father. He restated that the subject's father died in 1951.

JERRY advised that the last contact that he knew of between WALTER RIFE and the subject was in 1954 at Leavenworth.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY was interviewed at the Sportsman's Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois. RAY advised he also uses the name of JERRY WILLIAM RYAN and that due to the fact he could never locate a birth certificate in the name of RAY and his mother had used the name RYAN, he registered for the draft under the name of RYAN and has used the name RYAN on all legal documents.

RAY advised since he last was interviewed by the FBI, he talked with his sister, CAROL, on the phone. He stated his conversation with CAROL did not produce any information as to the current whereabouts of his brother, JAMES EARL RAY.

JERRY RAY advised he did not think his brother, JAMES RAY, would contact any of the immediate members of his family, as he felt JAMES would not want to get any of his close relatives in trouble. JERRY RAY stated there was a possibility that if JAMES RAY contacted any relative, he would contact his uncle, WILLIAM MAHER. [REDACTED], Alton, Illinois. MAHER is a painting contractor. JERRY advised both he and JAMES RAY have stayed with MAHER in the past. He stated the reason he thinks JAMES would contact MAHER is that he has stayed with him in the past, however, he is not particularly close to or fond of this uncle, and therefore, he would not be afraid of getting MAHER in trouble from such a contact.

JERRY RAY advised his father's sister, MELBA FULLER, who was married to FRANK FULLER, resides in Quincy, Illinois, and would be able to identify members of the family on his father's side that he, JERRY RAY, was not familiar with. He stated MELBA FULLER is not close to himself or any of his brothers and sisters.

In recalling his brother's habits, RAY stated he is not very familiar with his brother's habits as he has not seen his brother, JAMES RAY, outside of some prison visits since he, JERRY RAY, was age 13. He did recall of past

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conversations with JAMES RAY where he talked of the cheap living in Tijuana, Mexico. JERRY RAY advised as far as he knew, JAMES used to like to frequent "rough house" bars.

JERRY RAY was asked if his brother contacted him would he notify the FBI. RAY advised he did not know if he would call the FBI if he heard from JAMES. He stated he did not feel that he would have this problem because he did not think JAMES would contact him, however, if he did contact him, he felt he would probably immediately hang up the phone so as not to get involved.

JERRY RAY was advised by interviewing Agents of the Provisions of the Harboring Statute. He was told any assistance he gives his brother could possibly be a violation of that statute and interviewing Agents solicited the full cooperation of JERRY RAY in locating his brother to include the immediate contact of the FBI in the event he were contacted by his brother, JAMES RAY.

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At the outset of the interview, JERRY WILLIAM RAY was advised of the provisions of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code. He was advised that he did not have to talk to the interviewing Agents but that they wished to stress to him the importance of his cooperation and truthfulness in the matter of the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

It was pointed out to JERRY that he had lied to the Agents in the previous interviews in that the FBI had located his brother, JOHN, and that it would have been impossible for JERRY not to have known his whereabouts. He then stated that he had lied but only in an effort to protect his brother JOHN's, investment in a bar in St. Louis. JOHN had put up \$2500 to purchase the bar and JERRY was of the opinion that if FBI Agents harassed JOHN, he would lock up the bar, take a loss and leave. The bar, known as "The Grapevine", is located in St. Louis, Missouri, and is licensed in the name of CAROL PEPPER, their sister. He said that he has no information nor does he believe that JAMES RAY has been in contact with JOHN since his escape from prison in April, 1967. JERRY went on to say that he doubted very much that JAMES RAY was aware of the present whereabouts of JOHN since JOHN was classified as a "drifter". It was pointed out to JERRY that JOHN had been a visitor to the Missouri Prison on the day before JAMES RAY's escape. In answer to a direct question, JERRY then admitted that it would be possible for JAMES RAY to know the location of his brother's tavern. He said that he doubted if JAMES RAY knew his, JERRY's, present employment at the Sportsman's Club, Northbrook, Illinois, but that he might be aware of it since he had written a letter to the Parole Board in which he might have mentioned his present employment saying that he possibly could obtain employment for his brother, JAMES RAY, either at the country club or in the immediate neighborhood. He denied that he had ever furnished JAMES RAY with his present employment. He said that to his positive knowledge, the only way that JAMES could get in touch with

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him was through [REDACTED] since he, JERRY, had obtained this box for the specific use of his brother since he did not want mail from the penitentiary coming to the country club.

JERRY related that JOHN came to this area sometime around 1964 and stayed for about 2½ years. To the best of JERRY's recollection, JOHN first worked at Murphy's Steakhouse, then went to the Rolling Green Country Club and from there to the White Pines Country Club where he was employed as a pot washer. JOHN then went to bartending school in Chicago and went to work for the Indian Hills Country Club in Itasca, Illinois. JERRY is of the opinion that his brother, JOHN, uses the name RYAN.

JERRY said that on April 20 or 21, 1968, he telephonically contacted his sister, CAROL PEPPER, and explained that the uncooperative attitude of both CAROL and JOHN arose from the harassment of the newspaper reporters in the neighborhood and that both were afraid of unfavorable publicity which would adversely effect the tavern business causing them to sell out and move. He said that his sister, CAROL, has told him that she feels that she now has to move from the particular neighborhood where she resides in St. Louis, Missouri. CAROL has commented to him that the picture in the newspaper of JAMES RAY does look something like him. JERRY said that he agrees with this but that felt it could not be his brother because he read in the newspapers that the person sought by the FBI for the KING murder had attended dancing school in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1964 and 1965, but since his brother was imprisoned during these years, he knew it could not be him.

Concerning his trip to St. Louis, Missouri, in February, 1968, JERRY advised that he stayed at the MacArthur Hotel for one night; he believes the date to be February 2, 1968, and that his brother, JOHN, either stayed in an apartment over the tavern or nearby, but not at the hotel as he previously implied. He said that about every six or seven weeks he drives to St. Louis, Missouri, to visit with



CAROL and sometimes JOHN since they are the only family he has. He denied that his brother, JAMES RAY, had been at this family reunion at this last or any other time.

JERRY advised that he owns two automobiles, one a 1960 light green four-door De Soto which presently is parked in front of the cottage at the Sportsman's Country Club. The other, a 1961 two door white over red Plymouth. Both of these cars were purchased from a stepfather, JERRY RAYNES, who resides on a farm in Center, Missouri. He exhibited a receipt from the Dunhurst Currency Exchange showing that Missouri driver's license [REDACTED] plus title and registration for 1960 De Soto had been turned in. The receipt was in the name of JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, [REDACTED] JERRY said that he had turned over these items April 24, 1968, and expected to obtain his Illinois driver's license and license tags within the next several days.

JERRY further related that he paid \$200 for the 1961 Plymouth and has owned it for about six months. The car is presently at his stepfather's farm and is not registered. The reason it is not registered is that the title to this car was filed by his stepfather in St. Louis, Missouri, but was not returned. Both he and his stepfather made inquiry concerning the title, but it was evidently lost. JERRY said that he has driven the car to Chicago and in this area on one occasion utilizing license plates from a junk car. CAROL PEPPER has also driven the car on several occasions with the same plates. However, the plates have since been removed from the car and destroyed.

In response to questions concerning [REDACTED] Wheeling, Illinois, JERRY reiterated that the only person who has ever written to him was his brother JAMES RAY with the rare exception that he might receive some advertising literature of no consequence. He persisted in stating that that he had received no communications at this [REDACTED] within recent weeks. After further questioning, JERRY admitted that on April 23, 1968, he received a telegram addressed to him at [REDACTED] He then made available a copy of this telegram which read as follows:

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"JERRY RAY

~~REDACTED~~ WHEELING ILL

"(RTE WATS CHGO)

"PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, COLLECT AT 217-224-1710  
ROOM 230, OR MYSELF OR GERALD MOORE 312-467-9700. I HAVE A  
METTER OF IMPORTANCE TO DISCUSS AND SOME MONEY FOR YOU

"DICK WOODBURY LIFE MAGAZINE"

He then related that on April 23, 1968, he went to "Life" magazine offices where he was interviewed concerning his brother, other family members and family residences and background. He stated that it appeared to him that what "Life" magazine was interested in was the family history. He also advised that his picture was taken and that for his services he was paid \$150. According to JERRY, his sister, CAROL PEPPER, refused to talk with the "Time" and "Life" reporters but that his uncle, WILLIAM MAHER, cooperated freely. MAHER also told the reporters that SUE (SUSAN DONIAN) had a family album in which there were pictures of JAMES RAY, including a picture in uniform. Concerning SUE, JERRY related that he does not know SUE's present whereabouts and is certain that JAMES also is not aware of her present address. He requested to be informed of her whereabouts which was denied.

He related that his usual day off is Tuesday, and that on occasion, he will go to Northbrook, Illinois, where he gets a train to the Union Station and spends some time in Chicago, Illinois. The evening of April 23, 1968, he spent at the Victoria Hotel, Clark and Van Buren Streets.

JERRY advised that sometime around September, 1960, shortly after his release from prison, he was unemployed in St. Louis and he was contacted by his brother, JOHN, who told him to come to the Chicago area which JERRY did. He commenced employment at the Rolling Greens Country Club, Arlington Heights, Illinois, from September, 1960, until January, 1962. He then returned to St. Louis, Missouri, and returned sometime in April, 1962, where he obtained employment at the North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois. He also worked for the Olympia Fields Country Club for 13 days and then went to work for the Medinah Country Club until sometime in December, 1963, when he was hit by a car as he was walking along a highway. JERRY spent some time in the hospital as a result of these injuries and then went back to St. Louis, Missouri, with JOHN. He again returned to this area and was employed at the Flossmoor Country Club, from April until September, 1964. At that time, he commenced his present employment at Sportsman Country Club.

JERRY said that he had resided at the Sportsman Country Club except for a short period of time from March to September, 1967; when he resided at [REDACTED] Northbrook, Illinois, with his wife [REDACTED] who presently resides on [REDACTED] Lake Forest, Illinois. He said that while they were married, she had a child, however, this child was by her previous husband. He went on to say that he and his wife separated in August of 1967 and the divorce was finalized on January 25, 1967. Later in the interview, JERRY advised that he was married in August, 1966, and that the divorce was final January 25, 1968.

When questioned as to whether or not he had been married previously, JERRY replied that he hadn't, but that he had lived common-law with [REDACTED] who is presently residing in [REDACTED] Tennessee. He did know that [REDACTED] is presently married but he did not know [REDACTED] married name. [REDACTED] and JERRY had one child, [REDACTED] age 6, who is presently living with [REDACTED] parents, [REDACTED] Tennessee.

This town is located [REDACTED] outside of Knoxville, but JERRY does not know exactly where the [REDACTED] live. He said that he doubted that the subject would be aware of the [REDACTED] identity since JAMES was in prison before JERRY met his ex-wife.

JERRY related that his take-home pay is approximately [REDACTED] per week and that he also receives room and board. He said that he has no money to speak of, at the present time, since all of his savings had been expended in his ill-fated marriage. He said that he sends money to his sister, CAROL, which she deposits in her account to keep for him.. He estimated that he has approximately [REDACTED] in that account. He denied that any of his money had been utilized by his brother JOHN in the purchase of the tavern in St. Louis.

JERRY sends money to the [REDACTED] spasmodically, about [REDACTED] at a time and estimates that since December, 1967, he has sent them approximately [REDACTED]. He also sends clothing and other items for [REDACTED] use. He also advised that he expends a great deal of money on automobiles and since he has been in this area has had at least 12 cars but never seems to be able to purchase a newer model than a 1962. He informed that his marriage "cost him a fortune" indicating that in the first two months he was married, his wife ran up \$300 in phone bills. He also paid \$135 to send her to driving school after which she had three automobile accidents and in one completely demolished one car so that he had to buy another. His ex-wife was also extravagant and spent money freely through charge accounts,

JERRY related that he has never heard of anyone named [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

JERRY advised that he was not aware that JOHN registered at the Mac Arthur Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, during the time that he, JERRY, was there. He said that he did know that JOHN used the Mac Arthur Hotel whenever he was able to "pick up a woman". He said that JOHN has never married and has no knowledge that JOHN is presently going with or residing with any particular woman.

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He related that he has no idea as to the present whereabouts of his brother, JAMES, and believes that he is either dead or out of the country. He could offer no reason for JAMES alleged murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., but did say that JAMES would have to have been paid for this murder in view of the purchase of the car and the dance school payments which JAMES made which information he obtained from reading the newspapers. JERRY did speculate that if anyone did pay JAMES for this murder, it would have to be someone he met after his escape because he doubted that anyone in prison or anyone that he knew in JAMES' life prior to being in prison would have the money or the desire to kill KING. JERRY said that all of the other crimes committed by JAMES were small scores and that he knew he never realized much money from them.

JERRY further related that it is his opinion that JAMES would never get in touch with anyone in the family no matter how bad he needed help.

JERRY RAY was then interviewed by SAC MARLIN W. JOHNSON and ASAC KYLE G. CLARK in an effort to obtain his complete cooperation in this matter. After discussion, JERRY gave his word that he would not lie in the future [REDACTED] He reiterated that he had no reason to believe that JAMES would contact him.

JERRY advised that he sends his money to his sister, CAROL, because he would spend it if it was available to him. He sometimes sends her his whole paycheck to put in the account. He wants the money to save to put as a downpayment on opening a bar.

Concerning his automobile accident, JERRY advised that he was walking along the highway when he was struck by a car and that he was taken to the hospital at Elmhurst, Illinois, where he was semi-conscious for three days. He

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stayed in the hospital for 13 or 17 days and his pelvis bone had been broken. He entered into a lawsuit in an effort to recover damages, however, he was only paid [REDACTED] and believes he owes the hospital around [REDACTED]

He again stated that he had absolutely no idea as to his brother's whereabouts and then advised that if there was anyone else involved in the crime with JAMES, it was JERRY's opinion that JAMES would never divulge this person's identity. He said that at the time his brother received the 20 years' sentence, from which he escaped, he had been offered eight years to turn state's evidence but did not do so. The other person involved with JAMES did turn state's evidence and received a six year sentence. JERRY opined that even if JAMES was offered a sentence, of five years against death in the electric chair, he would not implicate a partner if in fact he had one.

The following description of JERRY WILLIAM RAY was obtained through interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	July 16, 1935
Place of Birth	Quincy, Illinois (No birth certificate, doctor died two days after birth)
Height	5'9" tall
Weight	178 pounds
Build	Medium, stocky
Hair	Brown, receding
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	Circle scar $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter above left eyebrow;
Tattoos	"J.R." left forearm outer; "J.R." in scroll right forearm outer
Other employments	Knodel Bakery Company St. Louis, Missouri, oven worker, one day, 1963-64; Sunset Sanitarium, St. Louis, Missouri 12 days, 1963-64; Keeshen's, cannot recall working there
Marital Status	Divorced

JERRY then advised that he used the Bell Employment Service, Chicago, since his brother JOHN had used it because the fee was only \$15 or \$30 to locate a job. He then related that he came to Sportsman's Country Club from Flossmoor Country Club where he had been a bar waiter. He said he started out at Sportsman's as a dishwasher and then went to work for the Marx Maintenance Company as a maintenance man in the country club. Sometime thereafter, the country club dropped the maintenance service and hired JERRY. He also advised that his brother JOHN was employed at the Indian Hills Country Club, Elmhurst, Illinois, not at Indian Lake. He then recalled that his brother was also employed at Green Acres Country Club, about 2½ miles from Sportsman's in Northbrook, Illinois.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he had never discussed photography with his brother JAMES and had no knowledge that JAMES was in any way interested in or proficient in photography. He never knew of him to make any comments concerning the taking of pictures of nude women and in fact, never knew JAMES to be particularly interested in women. In this regard, he advised that JAMES never had any lasting attachment with a woman and that he would usually either pick them up in a bar or go to a hotel and contact the bellhop. He knew of no associate of his brother in Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, or Los Angeles. He could offer no suggestions as to the person allegedly contacted by his brother via long-distance telephone calls while on a trip to New Orleans in December, 1967.

JERRY then advised that he had lied previously when he said that his father died in 1961 at Hannibal, Missouri. The true father for all of the children born to JERRY and LUCILLE RAY, RYAN, or RAYNES is JERRY RAYNES, Center, Missouri. He said that his father and other members of the family variously used the names set forth previously but that his father's birth certificate is in the name of RAY. He also advised that his sister, MELBA, now uses the surname of FULLER. JERRY also advised that his paternal grandfather's name is GEORGE RAY.

JERRY advised that he had never heard his brother JAMES mention the name [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. He said that the only individuals with whom he knew JAMES was friendly with in prison were RALPH "RAT" DAVIS (deceased), WALTER TERRY and LONNIE RIFE. He said that he did not know if JOSEPH "BLACKIE" AUSTIN had done time with his brother but that he was arrested with the subject in Quincy, Illinois, on an armed robbery charge. JERRY said that he was acquainted with AUSTIN while they both were in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois. He said he thought that AUSTIN is presently on parole but he does not know whether he is in St. Louis or Chicago. JERRY doubts that there is any close contact between AUSTIN and JAMES RAY now.

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Concerning his father, JERRY did not furnish a reason for the various names but said that for the last fourteen years his father has been using the name JERRY RAYNES. JERRY made the statement that "I was about 20 years old before I knew my name."

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he has no information as to any available photographs of his brother and that the only one he can recall ever seeing was a photograph of his brother in Army uniform. JERRY thinks that the last time he saw that photograph was in 1953 but that he cannot recall who had it.

JERRY said that he considered the \$150 he received from "Life" Magazine as payment for the information for the article, as his brother's and when his brother is found he will give him this money to use for his defense.

He also advised that he gave the phone number of the cottage where he resides to the "Life" Magazine reporter and that the reporter has called him at that number.

He said that he has no information indicating that his sister SUSAN has any type of a family album and in fact, doubts that she does.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he had accidentally met with his ex-wife, [REDACTED] in Wheeling, Illinois, at which time she told him that she had moved to that area.

During conversation with her about his brother JAMES, [REDACTED] asked him if she had ever met him. JERRY told her that she had not and then in further conversation, she pointed out that one of the brothers had been to Northbrook, Illinois, to visit with them when they were married. JERRY told her that this was his brother JOHN. JERRY advised that he thinks that JOHN came to the Northbrook residence sometime in March, 1967, and that he sold JOHN an older model Rambler and that JOHN took the Rambler back to Missouri with him. JERRY is of the opinion that this car is now at his father's farm in Missouri.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that from 1948 to 1952 or 1953, he was residing in Quincy, Illinois, and that during 1950, he was sent to the reformatory at St. Charles, Illinois. He said that all of the addresses in Chicago where his brother JAMES resided meant nothing to him and he knew of no acquaintances or relatives of his brother JAMES in Chicago, Illinois. He said that the last time he saw his brother JAMES outside of prison was in 1951. The last time he saw him in prison was in 1964. He said that on several occasions, he had sent money to his brother JAMES while he was in prison and that JAMES had sent him out about \$40 or \$50. He said that this was a total accumulation of three or four amounts sent to him while JAMES was in prison. He did remember that JAMES came to the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, to visit JERRY while he was in prison.

He said that the names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] meant nothing to him.

He furnished CAROL PEPPER's phone number as [REDACTED]. He stated he did not have his brother JOHN's phone number either at his residence or tavern.

Concerning JAMES, he did not know of any country club employment for him in this area. The only schools that he recalls his brother attending were in Ewing, Missouri.

JERRY advised that he had received the 1968 Illinois license tags for his automobile and they are numbered [REDACTED]. He also stated that he had seen his wife yesterday afternoon which was the first time he had seen her since her divorce. She has never met JAMES but did meet JOHN.

JERRY related that he was leaving for St. Louis, Missouri, about 1:00 p.m. this date and would probably stay with either his brother JOHN or his sister, CAROL. His plans at the present time were to drive to St. Louis and return about 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 1968.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he left Chicago, Illinois, at about 1:00 PM, April 29, 1968, driving his 1960 light green Desoto. He became sleepy while driving and stopped at a motel in Braidwood, Illinois, where he slept and stayed until about 4:00 AM, April 30, 1968. He arrived in St. Louis at 9:00 AM that day and went immediately to his brother JOHN's apartment [REDACTED], where he stayed until noon.

Then JOHN and he went to his sister CAROL PEPPER's residence, where they stayed for approximately two hours. JERRY and JOHN then returned to JOHN's tavern and JERRY said he drank too much beer, became sleepy and feel asleep that evening. He said that he could not recall very much about the evening after he returned to the tavern and that he stayed with JOHN at the apartment until leaving St. Louis, Missouri, about 11:00 AM, May 1, 1968.

JERRY advised that he, his brother JOHN, and CAROL have read almost every article in the newspapers concerning their brother. He commented that while he was in St. Louis this last time, most of the conversation centered around the article in "Life" magazine and that there was no indication in the conversation with JOHN or CAROL that they were aware of the subject's whereabouts or his whereabouts since his escape until September 1, 1967. JERRY was advised that the FBI was very much interested in attempting to determine his brother's whereabouts from the period of time from his escape until he first appeared in Birmingham, Alabama, about September 1, 1967. JERRY advised that he had no information as to his brother's whereabouts either during the above time or his present whereabouts. JERRY explained that JOHN, CAROL's and his own information concerning the whereabouts of the subject came from their aforementioned following of the KING murder in the newspapers and that he noted in one article that his brother obviously, using the name ERIC STARVO GALT, first appeared in a rooming house in Birmingham, Alabama, around September 1, 1967.

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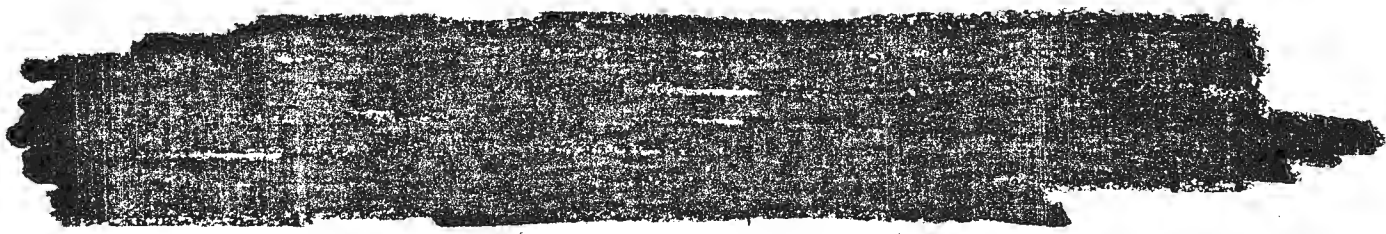
On 5/1/68 at Northbrook, Illinois File # CG 44-1114  
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/3/68

JERRY denied having any information which would in the slightest way indicate that his brother or his sister aided the subject in his escape and have had any idea of the subject's whereabouts since his escape.

JERRY then stated that his brother JOHN had told him that the FBI had combed a two-block area looking for a JACK GAWRON, since it had been developed that GAWRON had been acquainted with JAMES. JERRY said that JOHN knows that GAWRON has been interviewed by the FBI but JOHN did not indicate to JERRY that GAWRON had ever stated what he had told the FBI.

JERRY said that in the past, he had driven GAWRON around looking at possible burglary scores at which time GAWRON would pay the expenses. To JERRY's knowledge, GAWRON never committed any burglary in any of the places in which they had "cased" and in JERRY's opinion, GAWRON is "living on past glories." JERRY then stated that GAWRON was a name that he probably should have given to the Agents before since he, JERRY, was aware that GAWRON had served time with his brother JAMES. JERRY expressed the opinion that JAMES would not contact GAWRON but believes that JAMES does know GAWRON well, considering him to be slightly "stir crazy." JERRY did not mention whether or not GAWRON and JAMES participated in burglaries together and made no comment as to the closeness of association between them.

JERRY advised that WALTER RIFE was JAME's rap partner in Leavenworth and that he, JERRY, has served time with both LONNIE and WALTER RIFE in Menard.



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Date 5/5/681

JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that of all of the individuals that his brother JAMES committed crimes with, he was probably closer to "BLACKIE" AUSTIN than any other. JERRY said that he has no information as to any association between AUSTIN and his brother since AUSTIN was released from prison and in fact, did not know AUSTIN's present whereabouts. He said that JAMES was also close with WALTER RIFE but did not think JAMES would contact him because WALTER continually brags about everything he does. He said that for the same reason he would doubt that his brother would contact JACK GAWRON although he felt that GAWRON and his brother were also fairly close. He again stated that he did not know whether GAWRON and his brother committed jobs together and expressed the opinion that they did not. JERRY indicated that any information in his possession about the associations of his brother would be mostly speculation because of the lack of contact he has had with his brother outside of prison.

JERRY said that his closest associates at the Sportsman's Country Club were [REDACTED], who is married and lives in Mount Prospect, Illinois, and [REDACTED], who is single and resides in the same cottage with JERRY.

JERRY advised that he was calling from the pay phone in the cottage and that this is the phone he usually uses for his personal calls.

On 5/2/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 44-1114

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/3/68

On April 22, 1968, SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed a 1960 De Soto, white over green, bearing Missouri license plates [REDACTED], parked in front of the employee's cottage at the Sportsman's Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois. This car is known to be operated by JERRY WILLIAM RAY.

On April 25, 1968, the Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, FBI Laboratory, advised that the remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with finger or palm prints of JERRY WILLIAM RAY, FBI Number [REDACTED].

On May 1, 1968, JERRY RAY was advised by SA [REDACTED] that information had come to the FBI's attention that a local newspaper reporter had been able to determine JERRY's employment based upon the information that JERRY had furnished to "Life" magazine. JERRY advised that he had no desire to furnish information to any newspaper and if contacted would not give them an interview. JERRY was informed that the FBI was under no circumstances instructing him not to cooperate with the news media and that any decision in that regard would be entirely his own.

On the evening of May 2, 1968, Mrs. MARGUERITE WELCH, Manager, Sportsman's Country Club, telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] at which time she advised that there were numerous people from the various news media present at the club attempting to locate and interview JERRY RAY, which apparently was based upon the news stories which appeared in the Chicago "Sun-Times". Mrs. WELCH advised that she was going to see that JERRY was placed in a motel that evening and would release to the newspapers that he had quit his employment and present whereabouts unknown.

On the morning of May 3, 1968, JERRY RAY telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] and advised that he was leaving for St. Louis, Missouri, at about 1:15 PM, that date, driving his 1960 Desoto. He indicated that he would probably stay overnight with his brother JOHN and then stay with his father JERRY RAYNES on the farm at Center, Missouri. He expects to stay there three or four days and will call the country club on May 7, 1968, to see if the news media interest has abated. If so, he will return to Chicago and continue his employment in the club.



REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561276 JK

Specimens received 4/22/68

K191 Six handwriting sample forms bearing known handwriting  
and hand printing of JERRY WILLIAM RAY

ALSO SUBMITTED: Major case prints of JERRY WILLIAM RAY

## Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 when compared with the known handwriting of JERRY WILLIAM RAY, K191. Because of the limited questioned writing involved and the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations in the known material, a definite opinion was not reached.

It was concluded that the other questioned writings attributed to Eric S. Galt were not prepared by JERRY WILLIAM RAY, K191.

Specimen K191 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material are retained.

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RE: SUSAN JANE RYAN DONIAN  
Subject's sister

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The following investigation was conducted at Chicago, Illinois, by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. SUSAN JANE RYAN DONIAN, [REDACTED] home phone [REDACTED] housewife, advised that she is subject's sister. She added that when she was in the first grade, she was turned over to an orphanage in Alton, Illinois, where she remained for approximately eight years. She stated she then was sent to a foster home and lived with her foster parents, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, until she reached 18 years of age. She stated that she then came to Chicago, Illinois, where she was employed as a go-go dancer for approximately two years until she married MICHAEL DONIAN. She stated that she has had no contact with subject and does not believe she would even recognize him. She stated that she has no knowledge regarding whereabouts of her father, and added that her mother is deceased.

She stated to the best of her knowledge, there were nine children in the RAY family and she listed them as follows:

JAMES EARL RAY, about 40 years of age

JOHN or JACK RAY, 36 years of age

JERRY RAY (male), age not known

MELBA RYAN, age 30

CAROL PEPPER age 27

[REDACTED]

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BUZZY or FRANK RAY, age 24 - deceased (killed in car crash)

Mrs. DONIAN added that there was an oldest girl, name unrecalled, who was killed, details unknown, which girl she felt was the first born in the family.

She added the last time she actually saw subject was when she was in the first grade in Quincy, Illinois.

She stated that in her opinion, the family member closest to JAMES would no doubt be JOHN RAY.

At this time, she supplied the following known addresses of some of the family members:

CAROL PEPPER  
St. Louis, Missouri

MELBA RYAN, believed to live in a hotel across from the public library in Quincy, Illinois

She added that her natural grandparents are dead.

She stated that she recalls an uncle, WILLIAM H. MAHER, a painter by trade, residing in Alton, Illinois, who in the past has kept in touch with her brother, JOHN RAY.

Mrs. DONIAN advised that she had no pictures of any of the members of her family.

She added that her natural father remarried sometime when she was in high school and she believes the woman he married is RUBY RAY CARPENTER, who is presently residing in Quincy, Illinois.

She stated that she has not seen her brother, JOHN, for many years and made available three postcards which were written by him, one postmarked 1960 Windsor Ontario, Canada, one marked July 27, 1972, Highwood, Illinois, and

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the other postmarked July 29, 1962, Washington, D. C. She said that this is the last contact she has had with JOHN and added that he is known to be a drifter.

She stated that her husband, MICHAEL DONIAN is presently employed as [REDACTED], and his business phone is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She said that she doubts very much as to whether or not the subject knows of her present whereabouts [REDACTED]

On April 22, 1968, Mrs. DONIAN telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] that she entered the Catholic Charities Home, 1400 State Street, Alton, Illinois, in 1952.

In discussion, Mrs. DONIAN was informed that one JERRY RAYNES had indicated to Agents that he was the natural father of JERRY and JAMES RAY. Mrs. DONIAN said that she was not aware of this but did recall that her mother supposedly remarried and that this man could be her stepfather. However, both JAMES and JERRY were born prior to this remarriage.

She had no information as to the present whereabouts of her uncle, WILLIAM MAHER other than the fact that she has resided for many years in Alton, Illinois, and has his own business in that town, namely, a painting contractor.

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561483 JK

Specimens received 4/23/68

K196 Three post cards, two addressed to "Miss Suzy Ryan" and the other addressed to "Miss Carol Ryan" bearing purported known handwriting of JOHN RAY, aka JACK RAY

## Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 when compared with the known handwriting of JOHN RAY, K196, but the limited questioned signature and the lack of comparable material precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

It was concluded that the other questioned writings submitted in this case were not prepared by JOHN RAY, K196.

K196 is returned to Chicago. Photographs are retained.

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Continuing contact has been maintained with SUSAN DONIAN by SA [REDACTED]. She [REDACTED] expresses her doubts that the subject has any idea as to her present whereabouts.

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. DONIAN advised that she had been contacted by a representative of "Life" magazine, requesting that she furnish family information and the pictures of the subject in his Army uniform from the family album, supposedly in her possession. Mrs. DONIAN advised the reporter that she did not have any pictures and that she did not desire to be interviewed. Mrs. DONIAN could not understand how the reporter received the impression that she would have pictures of the subject nor where he got the impression that there was a family album in existence. She said that she cannot ever recall seeing a photograph of the subject and knows of no family album.

On the same date, MICHAEL DONIAN advised that he also had been contacted by a "Life" reporter requesting similar type information as from his wife. He said that he also refused to discuss any matters with this reporter.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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CHICAGO BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE SUBJECT

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Re: CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
COOK COUNTY JAIL AND ILLINOIS  
STATE PENITENTIARY, JOLIET,  
ILLINOIS, RECORDS RE SUBJECT

On April 19, 1968, the records of the above listed police agencies were reviewed and the information concerning the subject which is set forth on the following pages was obtained.

The records of the Chicago Police Department, Bureau of Records and Communications, under card no. [REDACTED] revealed the following information concerning JAMES RAY:

Date and Place of Birth	3/10/28 Alton, Illinois
Height	5'11"
Weight	155 lbs.
Complexion	Light
Build	Slender
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Laborer
Place of Employment	409 East Ohio
Address	8535 Fullerton (9 months) Chicago, Illinois
Date and Place of Arrest	2:55 PM, 5/6/52 19 West Delaware Street
Arresting Officers	MC DONOUGH, GREEN
Charge	Robbery (Indicted 5/9/52)
Complainants	LEWIS KNOX [REDACTED] (Cab driver); EARL DOCKER [REDACTED]

Chicago Police Department No. [REDACTED]



N. B.

MAY 9 1952

Prev. No.

Reg. No.

S. B.

MAY 9 - 1952

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Group

Date of  
Arrest

5-6-52

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NAME

JAMES RAY

Alias

Residence

853 N. FULBERTON AVE.

FOREHEAD	Incln.....	Age.....	24	Height.....	5'10"
	Height.....	Nativity.....	Irish	Outs. Arms.....	5'6"36
	Width.....	Occupation.....	HAB.	Trunk.....	
	Pecul.....	Weight.....	150	HEAD { Length.....	
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	Base.....	Hair.....	MEDCH.	R. EAR { Ear Lgth.....	
	Root.....	Comp.....	FAIR	R. EAR { Pecul.....	
	Length.....	Married.....	NO	L. Foot.....	
	Project.....	Teeth.....	FULL	L. M. finger.....	
	Breadth.....	Build.....	MED	L. I. finger.....	
	Pecul.....	Held.....	GI. \$3000.00	Forearm.....	
COLOR OF LEFT EYE		Judge.....	HARTIGAN	Remarks.....	
	Circle.....	Officer.....	JOHN J. McDONOUGH		
	Periph, z.....	District.....	35		
	Pecul.....	Remarks.....			

Crime

ROBBERY (GUN)

Measured by

Hutton

NO.

MARKS, SCARS, MOLES, ETC.

Marked

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GUN SHOT WOUND IN F.A.

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None

No. [REDACTED]

Name James Ray

Charge Robbery (Gun).

May 9, 1952, Held over to Grand Jury, \$3,000.00 Bond.  
Judge Hartigan.

Arr. Offs. Green & McDonough, 35th Dist.  
WITNESSES

Complainant Louis Knox, 6945 N. Paulina St.,

Trial before Judge

*6-13-52. Crowley 6-4-52. Joint Pen #32419 Robb. 1-2 yrs Plus H. Robb  
Trans. 7-7-52 to P.O. Pontiac, Ill. #1921  
J.O.L. #306443-A DISCH. 2-12-54 EXP. of SENT.  
PREVIOUS RECORD*

*As James Earl Ray.*

*10-11-49 S.D. Los Angeles Calif. Snuff Burg. 8 mos. C.D.  
Susp. 2 yrs Prot 1st 90 days C.D.*

*4-18-50 S.D. Cedar Rapids Ia Vag.*

*7-23-51 Alton Del. No Oper at Lic City Lic rel to pay later*

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**WANTED**  
BY Alton, Ill. P.D.  
DATE Aug. 26th 1959  
CHARGE Robbery Armed  
CANCELLED 19

*DB File*  
# ~~REDACTED~~

**WANTED**  
BY Missouri State  
Jefferson City Mo.  
JUN 25 1967  
CHARGE Escaped Convict  
WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1

*J.C. 64*

**WANTED**  
BY FBI  
PER FBI Buil. Nov. 67  
UNIT 12 Dec 67  
CHARGE Unlawful flt to avoid confinement  
WARRANT REGISTER NO. (Robt)

*J.C. 64*

FORM 50

INMATES RECORD - COOK COUNTY JAIL

INDICTMENT NUMBER	HOW HELD	BAIL	COMMITTED BY	CHARGE
52-1155	FULLY COMMITTED	1500	HARTICAN	ROBBERY
52-1155	CAPIAS	1000	CAPIAS	ROBBERY

WARRANTS

SPECIAL ORDERS

ENTRUS TO PENITENTIARY

SENTENCED TO

52-1155 (1) YR TO (2) YRS

RELEASED

JUN 13 1952

PREVIOUS ARRESTS

JUDGE

HOW RELEASED

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DATE

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JUN 14

CONVICTIONS

BLOCK FLOOR CELL

DATE

TIME

CAUSE

1 24 5/10/52

JUN 13 1952

ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY  
FORGOTTEN

ADDRESS

853 W. FULLERTON

131160

NAME

ALIAS

TIME

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CHARGE CODE

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JAMES

ALIAS

JUN 11 3 1952

ADDRESS

853 W FULLERTON

PERSONAL HISTORY

PHYSICAL HISTORY

PERSONAL HISTORY

PHYSICAL CHART

BACK

11/11

USE TOBACCO

Yes

11/11

USE LIQUOR

Yes

BROWN

USE DRUGS

Yes

BLUE

KIND OF DRUGS

Yes

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TUBERCULOSIS

Yes

24

CONDITION OF HEART

Yes

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CONDITION OF LUNGS

Yes

ENGLISH

GEN'L PHYSICAL CONDITION

Yes

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USE TOBACCO

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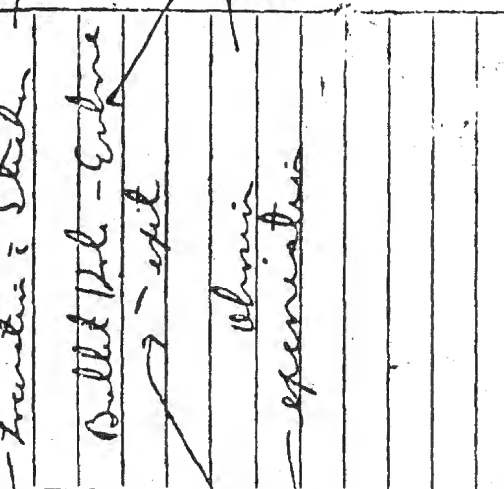
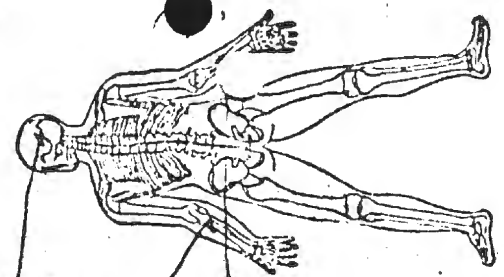
CONDITION OF LUNGS

Yes

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GEN'L PHYSICAL CONDITION

Yes



AFFIDAVIT

I, James E. [Signature] AN INMATE  
IN THE COOK COUNTY JAIL, DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SAID  
JAIL, BY HIMSELF OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO RECEIVE, OPEN AND  
EXAMINE ALL INCOMING AND OUTGOING LETTERS, PAPERS AND OTHER MAIL MAT-  
TER WHICH MAY BE DIRECTED TO ME AS LONG AS I AM AN INMATE IN SAID JAIL.

DATED MAY 9 1952

PHYSICIAN

George [Signature]

Lucille [Signature]

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST  
JULIUS ROY UNIT

SENIOR CAPTAIN

RECORDS

DATE 7-1-52

CLASSIFICATION REPORT June 30, 1952

Name: ROY, James E.

Age: 24

Admitted: 6-13-52

Crime: Robbery

Sentence: 1-2 yrs.

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

ANALYSIS: Inmate was admitted June 13, 1952, under a 1-2 year sentence for robbery, after he had held up a cab driver and then taken the vehicle. He was apprehended by the police who shot him during the capture. He admits his guilt, stating that he did not ordinarily drink but became intoxicated and then had the idea of the holdup and did it. He said he had used a knife in lieu of a gun, placing it at the back of the driver's body.

PREVIOUS RECORD: His previous record consists of a two years probation, with three months in the County Jail in Los Angeles in December, 1949 for burglary. Inmate admits he was caught by the manager of a restaurant attempting to enter the premises from a back stairway.

SOCIAL HISTORY: Inmate was born March 10, 1928 in Alton, Illinois, the oldest of three children in a German-English family. He said the father worked regularly as a railroad brakeman and was a good provider until his death from heart trouble in 1947. He attended grade school at Quincy, Illinois and later returned to an "academy for adults under the G.I. Bill", where he said he had fifteen months intensive schooling in high school subjects. He was in the Army between February 10, 1946 and December 23, 1946 when he was honorably discharged. He was placed in the stockade once for missing a guard detail. He came to Chicago in order to attend school for a short time and said he had one or two jobs, generally at factories, working as an assembler and machine operator and stockroom clerk in order to maintain himself while going to school. Apparently he was somewhat of a solitary person, but said he had occasional dates. He denies any persistent drinking, although admitting occasional alcoholic excess.

PERSONALITY: Inmate is a 24-year-old, rather small sized, young appearing man, who gives the impression of being sincere in his remarks, yet is actually fairly adept at evasion. He seemingly is a person who has some drive, but has not been able to settle down to just what he wants. He accepts his predicament and should go along uneventfully here. He has no systematic delinquent traits and his future adjustment will depend in part on the character of his institutional maturation.

CLASSIFICATION: Group III. Without psychotic or intellectual defect. Unstable personality. Questionably improvable offender. Problematic prognosis. Superior intelligence, Army Alpha III. Kohn negative.

RECOMMENDATION: Pontiac Division.

Inmate has no definite vocational objectives, but has a background of some semi-skilled factory experience. He also shows an interest in high school subjects and seems to be the type who might be interested in trying for a G.E.D. diploma.

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Classified for Record

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

PONTIAC UNIT

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Inmate PAY, James E. No. 19121 Age 27 Date 7-19-55

This Professional Summary is being prepared at the request of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where this former inmate is serving a sentence of 3 years and 9 months for Forging Money Orders. This request was forwarded from the Joliet Diagnostic Depot. The material in this Summary is derived from the files of the Criminologist and should be regarded as confidential.

Inmate was received at the Joliet Diagnostic Depot 6-13-52, to serve a sentence of 1 to 2 years for Robbery. He had held up a taxicab driver in Chicago, taking his vehicle, and was apprehended shortly thereafter by the police, who shot him during the capture. He admitted his guilt, stating that he was heavily intoxicated and had used a pipe in place of a gun, placing it at the back of the driver's body. He had previously been on a 2-year probation in Los Angeles, California, for burglary, he being caught in the act of entering a restaurant from a back stairway.


He was born at Alton, Illinois, 3-10-28, the oldest of three children, his father working regularly as a railroad brakeman until his death in 1917. He was raised primarily in Quincy, Illinois, where he graduated from eighth grade and later had some high school training under the G. I. Bill. He was in the Army between 2-18-46 and 12-23-48, when he was honorably discharged for lack of adaptability. He had been in Chicago for a short time prior to the offense, and had had several short term jobs as a factory hand or storeroom worker. He was unmarried, and seemed to be somewhat of a solitary person, with occasional alcoholic excesses.

On the Army Alpha examination, he scored 111, or superior. It was thought that he had no systematic delinquent traits, and segregation at Pontiac was recommended.

At Pontiac, he requested a farm assignment, and was so placed, after a short period in the inmates' kitchen. He worked as a cook in the farm dormitory, and a helper in the officers quarters, and was always considered an average worker. He had no punishment reports.

The latest medical report in our possession, dated 1-30-53, is essentially negative, and he was never referred to the Psychiatrist for any unusual or abnormal behavior. Our office had a couple of routine contacts with him, and it appeared that he had been behaving unstably ever since leaving the Army, and that he was subject to impulsive delinquent behavior in connection with drinking, which, in turn, was related to his tendency to become easily discouraged. Our last contact with him was on 2-19-54.

He was discharged by expiration of sentence on 3-12-54.



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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

PONTIAC UNIT

RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT

Name RAY, James E. No. 19121 Age 25 Color          Date 2-11-54

DISCHARGE DATE 3-12-54

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

Inmate was admitted to the Joliet Diagnostic Depot on 6-13-52, under a sentence of 1 to 2 years for Robbery, and was transferred to Pontiac on 7-7-52. On 5-14-53, he was given the Max "X" effective 3-12-54.

Inmate makes no physical complaints. He has received no punishment reports.

Inmate received no visits, and corresponds with his mother and brother.

He is now assigned to the honor farm, where he has been almost continuously, except for a brief period in the inmates' kitchen. At present, he is considered a good worker in the officers' quarters, and has been considered a good cook in the past.

His future plans are indefinite, although he will go to Quincy, Illinois, first.

Inmate's delinquencies seem due to impulsive behavior, especially when drinking. There is a relationship to inmate's tendency to be easily discouraged, and this tendency still exists.

Inmate has always been considered to be without psychosis or mental defect and, while in the institution and during the present examination, has evidenced no behavior which might indicate the need for a special psychiatric examination at the present time, although one will be attempted, if possible.

The prognosis is doubtful.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

PORTLAND UNIT

PAROLE PROGRESS REPORT

me RAY, James E. No. 19121 Age 25 Color White Date 11-9-53  
aring Minimum Case Docket May, 1953

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

This report is based upon the usual material gathered at the Diagnostic Depot, our attendance at Staff meetings, the receipt of Work Progress Reports, and one short and one long interview with the inmate.

The etiology of inmate's difficulties is not completely known. He seems to have been highly unsettled after leaving the Army, and we would judge that some traumatic experience occurred which he does not care to tell, or cannot verbalize. He seems to be rather solitary and unhappy, and there have been at least two instances of poorly thought out delinquent behavior connected with drinking.

When admitted, inmate expressed an interest in a farm assignment, and was placed in the inmates' kitchen temporarily, until an opening developed on the farm. He has been assigned to the farm continuously since August, 1952, as helper in the farm dormitory kitchen. The report of 10-21-52 characterized him as average in his attitude and in his ability to get along with officers and inmates. The report of 1-30-53 stated that he was good, as far as attitude toward his work was concerned, and ability to get along with officers and other inmates, but that he was only fair as far as proficiency, initiative, progress and ability to work in the free community were concerned.

He has had no punishment reports.

Little is known as to the associational pattern or friends.

He has had no visits, and corresponds with his mother and brother. If released he will have to be assisted by the Parole Officer.

It is difficult for us to make an adequate prediction in this case. In view of the two known instances of impulsive delinquent behavior connected with drinking, the lack of any indication of change or progress here, and the age at which this pattern was continuing, we would judge that he would eventually repeat this behavior, especially if discouraged.

Much would depend upon his obtaining some sort of placement with which he would be satisfied, and which would place him with people who were taking an interest in him.

The prognosis seems to be problematic to doubtful.

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Captain GEORGE GREEN, who is Watch Commander of the 8th District, Chicago Police Department, 63rd Street and St. Louis Avenue, and who resides at [REDACTED], Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

Captain GREEN shot JAMES EARL RAY in the vicinity of 9 West Delaware Street, Chicago, in May, 1952, while apprehending RAY during hot pursuit following the robbery of a cab driver. Captain GREEN and his partner, Detective JOHN MC DONOUGH, ordered RAY to halt several times. RAY temporarily eluded the police officers by diving through a window through the basement of a residence. When RAY was ascending the basement steps ignoring orders to surrender, he was shot in the right arm by Captain GREEN. The bullet passed through the right arm approximately mid-way between the elbow and wrist. The bullet then grazed left arm. Only one shot was fired in effecting RAY's apprehension.

Captain GREEN further stated that when RAY dove through the window into the basement, he landed in an area where bathtubs were stored and either injured his face around the head area from glass or upon landing in the basement. Captain GREEN opined RAY's wounds in the head area and in the left arm were probably superficial and would leave no scars.

Captain GREEN was unable to suggest the identity of any associates of RAY in the Chicago area.

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JOHN MC DONOUGH, retired Chicago Police officer, and now inspector for the Chicago Civil Defense, City Hall, 140 South Dearborn Street, and who resides at [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, stated he could only vaguely recall the shooting and apprehension of JAMES EARL RAY in 1952. MC DONOUGH stated he was unable to recall in which arm RAY was shot by MC DONOUGH's former partner, Chicago Police Department Captain GEORGE GREEN, during the apprehension of RAY following a robbery.

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SA [REDACTED]

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By \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

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RE: COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL RECORDS

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. GLORIA CARNEY, Clerk, Medical Records Library, Cook County Hospital, 1835 West Harrison, advised the admittance card for subject reveals admission on May 6, 1952, for gunshot wounds. The card lists the address as 853 Fullerton, discharge date not shown. Other records pertaining to RAY on film and there would be no way she could obtain them this date.

Mrs. CARNEY advised on April 29, 1968, that a review of the filmed records pertaining to RAY reveal subject was treated for gunshot wound in left forearm and lacerations of the skull. The record did not disclose specific points of injury. The two-page chart contained strictly medical information as to treatment administered.

RE: BRIDEWELL HOSPITAL

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. MARTY TROTTER, Medical Records Librarian, Bridewell Hospital, 2800 South California, advised that a check of the records immediately available did not indicate any information for the subject. She said that the records for 1952 are presently in storage and that it would take several days to review them due to the shortage of help.

On May 6, 1968, Mrs. TROTTER advised that she had conducted a search of all available records and could not locate any record identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY.

The foregoing investigation at the hospitals was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

RE: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION RECORDS

On April 24, 1968, the Washington Field Office advised that the subject enlisted in the United States Army February 19, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois, and was discharged December 23, 1948. He was assigned Veterans Administration claim number 7661340. File located Veterans Administration Regional Office, Chicago. He also had insurance policy number N19868336. There was no record for the subject at the Veterans Administration Board of Veterans Appeals.

On the same date, [REDACTED] Veterans Administration, advised SA [REDACTED] that the file for the subject is located in the Veterans Administration records at the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

On April 25, 1968, the St. Louis Office advised that RAY had United States Army Serial Number 16163129 and a Veterans Administration claim for education number 7661340. The subject filed claim for education or training allowance on April 19, 1949, at Veterans Administration Regional Office, Chicago.

Additional details concerning that claim were not shown but it was indicated that the rehabilitation and education folder had been retired to the Federal Records Center, Chicago, March 15, 1955. The addresses in the St. Louis file show 5050 North Broadway, April, 1949, and 459 St. James Place, November, 1950, both Chicago, Illinois. No further information noted with exception of miscellaneous papers which verified RAY's military service.

On April 25, 1968, [REDACTED] Veterans Administration, advised SA [REDACTED] that the subject's Veterans Administration claim file was inactive since March 15, 1955, was retired to the Federal Records Center, Chicago, and then forwarded to the Veterans Administration Records Processing Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

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[REDACTED] Administrative Division, advised same date that the inactive file rehabilitation and education folders, including the subject's, were destroyed approximately two years ago.

On April 29, 1968, [REDACTED] Veterans Administration (VA), Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] that although the rehabilitation and education folder for JAMES EARL RAY under Public Law 86-146 were destroyed, he located a microfilm record of payments received by RAY for training under the aforementioned law. He advised payments were received by RAY from May 2, 1949, to January 31, 1952, during which time VA checks were mailed to RAY at the following addresses:

61 East Cedar Street  
Chicago, Illinois

2238 Dayton Street  
Chicago, Illinois

2025 North Sedgwick Street  
Chicago, Illinois

1420 Cherry  
Quincy, Illinois

459 St. James Place  
Chicago, Illinois

He advised the identities of the institutions where training was received by RAY were not recorded and the above is the only information on file for RAY with the VA office in Chicago.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

RE: 853 West Fullerton Avenue

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. ANN MC KAY, wife of President ARTHUR MC KAY, McCormick Theological Seminary, 834 West Chalmers, telephone 281-3540, was contacted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Mrs. MC KAY advised the residence at 853 West Fullerton is the property of McCormick Seminary and was so during 1952. Mrs. MC KAY stated during 1952 this house was privately rented and may have been sublet to roomers without knowledge of the seminary. During 1952, no students or faculty of the seminary occupied this residence. Mrs. MC KAY advised the present occupant of the house, a Mrs. SCHWARTZBERG(ph), has occupied it since 1966, and would have no information regarding subject.

Mrs. MC KAY advised all faculty members were in a conference and unavailable on this date. However, Mr. POTTS, Treasurer, McCormick Seminary, would review the school's records for the possibility of subject having been a student here and for any further information on the individual who rented the residence at 853 West Fullerton during 1952. Mr. POTTS will advise Chicago FBI of any positive information on April 22, 1968.

On April 22, 1968, Mr. GEORGE E. POTTS, Treasurer and Business Manager, McCormick Theological Seminary, advised SA [REDACTED] that he had made a complete and thorough search of all of the records of the seminary and had found no student, employee, or any person with any connection with the seminary, which could be considered identical with JAMES EARL RAY under his known aliases.

Mr. POTTS further advised that in the foregoing search of the records, he came up with the fact that the building in question, i.e., 853 West Fullerton Avenue, was leased from March, 1951, to March 14, 1953, by Mrs. BEATRICE

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FOULKES. At that time, she had the phone number of EA 7-2087. Mr. POTTS who was in the same capacity with the seminary at that time, advised that he has no other records or recollection of this woman and no idea as to her present whereabouts. He said that the records also reveal that Miss AIMEE SCHMITZ took over the rooming house in March of 1953 and had some business dealings with Mrs. FOULKES. Mr. POTTS also had no records or recollection of the present whereabouts of Miss SCHMITZ.



The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Chicago, Illinois, on April 26, 1968:

Mr. NICHOLAS LANDIS, Owner of the Deming-Clark Radio and Television Shop at 2485 North Clark Street, advised that the building formerly at 459 St. James Place, Chicago, Illinois, had burned down sometime during the winter of 1963. He stated that there is an empty lot at that location at the present time. He stated that he was in this neighborhood during 1950, but cannot recall anyone resembling the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that during 1950 there was an apartment house at 459 St. James Place and that the manager of the apartment house was MAX REMICK. He advised that Mr. REMICK is presently deceased but that his wife is presently residing at [REDACTED], Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. MAX REMICK, [REDACTED], advised that she and her husband, presently deceased, were the managers of the apartment building at 459 St. James Place in 1950. She was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she does not remember whether or not this individual resided at that address. She stated that she did not keep any records regarding the residents at that address and that it would be impossible for her to recall any of the residents from that period of time.

Personal observation by the above Agents in the neighborhood of 459 St. James Place, revealed an empty lot at that location.

Personal observation by the above Agents in the neighborhood of 5050 North Broadway, revealed that the Combined Insurance Company of America occupies the building at that location.

A check of the Criss-Cross Directory for the City of Chicago during 1950 revealed that the address of 5050 North Broadway was occupied by American Television, Inc. The directory also revealed that the address of 459 St. James Place in 1950 was occupied by the following individuals:

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MAX REMICK

Telephone Number LI 9-9550

Premier Coil Cleaner

Telephone Number LI 9-9550

VERONICA WOODHOUSE

Telephone Number GR 2-8009

A check of the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau for VERONICA WOODHOUSE was negative.

BILL SUTTER, Owner of the Kailer-Youngquist Body Shop at 5041 North Broadway, was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that he has been in business for the past thirty years at this location and does not recognize the photograph of RAY as anyone that he has come in contact with. He stated that as far as he can recall, the Combined Insurance Company was at 5050 North Broadway in 1950.

EDWARD DONALD and MORRIS SCHWARTZ, Managers of the Argyle Liquor Store at 5021 North Broadway, advised that they were at this location in 1950, but cannot recall any person who may have resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

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On April 30, 1968, Mr. RALPH NATHANSON, Owner of building at 2025 North Sedgwick, advised SA [REDACTED] that he has lived in this neighborhood for the past 25 years. He added that he purchased the building in 1962. NATHANSON stated that subject was unknown to him by name or photograph and added that he has never seen subject in the neighborhood. He stated that he is the only person in the neighborhood who has resided here for the past 25 years.

On April 30, 1968, Mr. EDWARD UNTERBERG, Second Floor Apartment, 2238 Dayton Street, advised SA [REDACTED] that he has resided at this address for the past eight years. He stated that he did not recognize subject, JAMES EARL RAY, by either name or photograph. He stated that he was familiar with the neighborhood and stated that he has never seen subject in this area. He added that this is a changing neighborhood and that he probably was the only individual in the neighborhood who has resided here longer than five years.

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RE: NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION  
61 EAST CEDAR STREET  
2725 NORTH PINE GROVE

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on May 1, 1968, in the vicinity of 61 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, for information that JAMES EARL RAY was known at that location, it being noted that RAY reportedly resided here during the period between 9/13/51 and 5/28/52.

On 5/1/68, investigation at 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, determined that this was a large apartment house presently managed by Sudler and Company, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. HERBERT SELL, Janitor, advised he has only been janitor at this apartment since March, 1968. He stated he did not know anyone presently residing here who was here during 1951-1952 but stated he learned that possibly during 1951-1952 period this apartment consisted of approximately four individually owned homes rented as rooming houses. He suggested that possibly Mrs. MARGARETTA REHRMAN, Manager, 33 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, may have information on this matter as she has been in the neighborhood for years and her husband was the former janitor at 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. MARGARETTA REHRMAN, Manager, 33 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago, has been managed by Sudler and Company of Chicago since about 1957. She stated that sometime prior to 1957 four brown stone building occupied the present residence of 59-65 East Cedar Street, and were reportedly owned by one Mr. WILLIS, who is now deceased. She stated during 1961-1966 her husband, JACK REHRMAN, was janitor at this location. She stated she did not know of anyone who was at 59-65 East Cedar Street during 1951-1952 period and noted this location was formerly a rooming house occupied mostly by transient individuals. She viewed a photograph of RAY and stated she had no information concerning RAY, and the photograph was not familiar to her.

On 5/1/68, JACK REHRMAN, Janitor for 33 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted at his place of employment and advised he was janitor of 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago, during 1961-1966. He advised that to the best of his knowledge the property at 61 East Cedar Street, Chicago, was one of four brown stone buildings that now make up 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago. He stated to the best of his knowledge these four brown stone buildings during 1951-1952 were rented out as rooming houses and were owned by one Mr. WILLIS now deceased. He stated he did not know if Mr. WILLIS actually lived in this vicinity and he did not know of anyone in the neighborhood who may recall RAY residing here. He noted that this neighborhood has completely changed and most of the homes have been converted to apartments. He stated a photograph of the subject was not familiar to him. He stated he heard from an unrecalled source that Mr. WILLIS, believed to be the former owner of this property at 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago, died approximately four years ago and he did not have any information regarding any relatives of Mr. WILLIS who may have resided here at the time RAY reportedly resided here.

The following investigation was conducted in the vicinity of 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois, it being noted that JAMES EARL RAY reportedly resided here during the period between 9/13/51 and 5/28/52:

On 5/1/68 investigation in the vicinity of 2725 North Pine Grove, determined that this was a non-existent address now occupied by the Andora Apartments, 2727 North Pine Grove, Chicago.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. LEE VOJNOVIC, Manager, Andora Apartments, 2727 North Pine Grove, Chicago, advised that this apartment is now approximately three years old, and that two or three large homes, formerly rented as rooming houses, were torn down to make room for this apartment. She advised the subject's photograph was not familiar to her and she had no information concerning the subject, noting that she has only been manager here since the apartment was built. She stated this entire neighborhood has undergone complete change since 1951-1952 and that large apartments now occupy space formerly occupied by family dwellings. She stated she did not know who formerly owned 2725 North Pine Grove in Chicago but suggested that possibly Mr. DONALD COOPER, Cooper Brothers and Associates, 2640 West Touhy Road, Chicago, current managers of the Andora Apartments, could give this information.

On 5/1/68, Mr. DONALD COOPER, Cooper Brothers and Associates, 2640 West Touhy Road, Chicago, advised that his concern purchased property formerly at 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, and adjoining property in September, 1963 to make room to build the Andora Apartments. He stated the former owner of the property was Supera Property Management, 1226 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. COOPER advised he had no information regarding

RAY and that RAY's photograph was not familiar to him. He further advised he did not know of anyone residing in the vicinity of 2725 North Pine Grove in Chicago who resided in this area during 1951-1952.

On 5/1/68 unsuccessful efforts were made to contact LOUIS SUPERA, Owner, Supera Property Management, 1226 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

On 5/3/68, LOUIS SUPERA was contacted at his place of employment and advised he was the former owner of 2725 North Pine Grove in Chicago during 1951-1952 and recalls he rented this house out as a rooming house during this period. He stated individuals who resided at this location were mostly transients and did not reside here long. He was unable to recall the subject as residing at this location during the pertinent period. He stated he himself did not live at this location but merely rented it out and he had **no information** after viewing a photograph of the subject as to the subject's background or friends. He stated he did not know of anyone who would recall the subject as having resided at 2725 North Pine Grove during 1951-1952 and noted that all records, including rent receipts, have been destroyed by him since he sold the property several years ago.

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Re: Previous Employment

On April 22, 1968, Mr. THOMAS CASTRONOVO, Personnel Manager, Sheller-Globe Corporation, 1074 South Kildare, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the Sheller-Globe Corporation is actually the old Dryden Rubber Company. Mr. CASTRONOVO advised that he would be unable to review his personnel records for a period of July to September of 1949, inasmuch as personnel records of the Sheller-Globe Corporation are destroyed after a period of approximately seven years. Mr. CASTRONOVO further advised that there would be no record whatsoever of subject's employment at his company.

On April 24, 1968, Mr. SOL BURROWS, Owner, Neo Products Company, 5400 South Kilbourn, Chicago, Illinois, advised that a review of the personnel files for a period of April through July, 1950, is not possible since personnel records for that period of time have long since been destroyed. Mr. BURROWS furnished the interviewing Agent with an "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return" for the quarter ending June 30, 1950. A review of this return reflects that one JAMES RAY, Social Security Number 334-22-6876 earned \$269.33 at the Neo Products Company during this period. Mr. BURROWS advised that a review of the "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Returns" for 1950 reflect that subject was employed from April to the latter part of June, 1950. Mr. BURROWS advised that there was no further information in his files concerning subject and he noted that while subject was employed by the Neo Products Company, it was during the period of time that the Neo Products Company occupied space at 2534 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and not at its present location.

On April 24, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM JACKSON, Borg-Ericson Corporation, 1133 North Kilbourn, advised that he is unable to locate the employment application for subject. Mr. JACKSON furnished the interviewing Agent with a payroll card for subject. An examination of subject's payroll card indicates he was hired on September 13, 1951, and terminated his employment on May 28, 1952. At the time of subject's

commencement of employment, he listed his address as 61 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, and Social Security Number 334-22-6876. It is noted that the address 61 East Cedar Street was subsequently crossed off and in its place was put the address of 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois. A further review of the payroll card indicated a separation notice dated May 28, 1952, indicating that subject's employment was terminated as he was "picked up on suspicion of armed robbery. Held to Grand Jury." Mr. JACKSON advised that there are no other records in his file concerning the subject.

An examination of the telephone directory of Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, for 1968 and 1952 failed to reflect any corporation by the name of Arbey Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. On April 25, 1968, Mrs. ANN TUOHY, Corporation Section, Secretary of State's Office, 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that a review of the certified list of foreign and domestic corporations for the State of Illinois for 1951, 1952, and 1968, failed to reflect any corporation by the name of Arbey Corporation.

On April 29, 1968, DAGNY STORVIK, Personnel Manager, Arvey Corporation, 3500 North Kimball Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that personnel records are kept for approximately six years and at that time destroyed. Mrs. STORVIK advised that personnel records of the Arvey Corporation only go back to 1962. Mrs. STORVIK further advised that some personnel records of top executive employees are maintained to 1955. Mrs. STORVIK stated under no circumstances would she have records dating back to 1950 or 1951 for any employees whatsoever.

The foregoing investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]



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RE: AMERICAN TELEVISION, INC.

On April 25, 1968, the St. Louis Division advised that information has been received from the Springfield Division in a review of the Selective Service records for the subject indicating occupation student, American Television School, St. Louis, Missouri, in April, 1949.

KENNETH K. LANDESS, former District Manager, above school, advised that the St. Louis office was only an enrollment office and that the school was actually located in Chicago, Illinois. The St. Louis office, according to Mr. LANDESS, was closed in 1949 and all records forwarded to Chicago. The subject is not known to Mr. LANDESS.

LOUIS I. KESSLER [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] on April 29, 1968, that he was the attorney for FRANCIS J. CURTIS, [REDACTED] in 1959, for the bankruptcy affairs of American Television, Incorporated. KESSLER stated that CURTIS is now deceased, and he knows of no one to contact re his records. KESSLER stated that the records of American Television would have been in the possession of CURTIS and that upon judgment of the referee, they would have been destroyed in that they are never returned to the bankrupt.

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RF: [REDACTED]

On April 21, 1968, the St. Louis Division advised that [REDACTED] is an alleged former friend and associate of the subject and also allegedly harbored the subject briefly following the Missouri Pen escape. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] in Portageville, Missouri, and allegedly owns a farm near Portageville or Wardell, Missouri, in boot heel and to be type of individual who would harbor subject. [REDACTED] denied contact with subject on initial interview and is currently being re-interviewed in an effort to determine if he has a farm and its location.

[REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] Wardell, Missouri, advised on April 21, 1968, that among his sister is [REDACTED], Chicago.

On April 21, 1968, [REDACTED] formerly [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] that she and [REDACTED] grew up in the vicinity of Wardell, Missouri, and [REDACTED] very familiar with that area. Any ownership of farm or property in vicinity of Wardell by either [REDACTED] or the family is unknown to her. She said that [REDACTED] operated [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri; until about six weeks ago when he moved to Portageville, Missouri, where he purchased [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], the identity unknown to her. She furnished the following other relatives for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] General Delivery, Wardell;  
[REDACTED] St. Louis;  
[REDACTED] Pascola, Missouri; and  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who resides with [REDACTED] advised substantially the same information as set forth above. The subject is not known to either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] by name, description, or photograph. Both claim no knowledge of the subject's association with [REDACTED] if, in fact, any such association exists.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/1/68RE: FELLOW INMATES

[REDACTED] Chicago, telephone [REDACTED] (unlisted), advised SA [REDACTED] on April 30, 1968, that he was an inmate at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, from about 1951 to 1953. He spent his last year on the honor farm and worked in the kitchen during that time. He stated JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name; however, he recalls a fellow prisoner who worked in the kitchen at the same time he did who resembled RAY by physical description. This individual was older than he was, somewhat on the heavy side and walked with a waddle with his feet pointing out. This individual had foot trouble and when he came to the honor farm, he remembered the front portion of both shoes had been cut out. He continued that this individual was quiet, slow talking, somewhat sluggish and kept to himself. He did not come to know him well and has had no contact with him since he was discharged from Pontiac. He stated he knew nothing of this individual's background and has no idea where he could be located now.

On 4/30/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 44-1114

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/1/68

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On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED] Chicago, advised SA [REDACTED], he is the owner and operator of [REDACTED] with offices at his home address. He further stated the photo of JAMES EARL RAY was familiar to him, as someone he has seen before, probably while he was at the Honor Farm at Pontiac, Illinois. He said, however, he recalls nothing about RAY, and doesn't recall having ever had any conversations with him while at Pontiac, sometime around 1952-54, and had no idea of anyone who might have been friendly with RAY. And, of course, he has no contact with RAY since his stay at Pontiac.

On April 29, 1968, [REDACTED] State of Illinois. Division of Supervision of Parolees, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] that his files contained the following information regarding [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] who was incarcerated in Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, from [REDACTED] 1952, until he was paroled in [REDACTED] 1955. His last known address as of May, 1956, was [REDACTED], and his last known employer as of the same date was [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois. He was sentenced to one to five years for burglary on [REDACTED] 1952, and his maximum sentence expired [REDACTED] 1956. His previous criminal record was indicated as follows:

- One term, County Jail, San Antonio, Texas;
- One term, County Jail, San Diego, California;
- One term, Student Training School, St. Charles, Illinois;
- One term probation, Chicago, Illinois.

Record indicated that he was born [REDACTED], at [REDACTED] was a white male, and in 1952 was 5'6" tall and weighed 124 pounds. His FBI Number was listed as [REDACTED] and his Chicago Police Department numbers were listed as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There was no indication that he had received any visitors while at the State Penitentiary at Pontiac and the only correspondents were listed as follows:

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[REDACTED] Friend, [REDACTED]  
Chicago, Illinois

[REDACTED], Mother, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Chicago, Illinois.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on May 1,  
1968:

Investigation at [REDACTED] in an effort  
to locate [REDACTED] mother, revealed that this site is presently  
occupied by a Standard Oil Service Station. Investigation  
to locate [REDACTED], a friend of [REDACTED], revealed that the  
only two tenants of that building, [REDACTED] and  
[REDACTED], were not acquainted with him and they  
further advised that there have been no white individuals  
residing in the immediate neighborhood for over eight years.  
They advised that the building is presently managed by  
Boyd Realty Company, 917 West 69th Street. Investigation at  
Boyd Realty Company revealed that that company did not own  
the building in question in 1956.

On same date, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Illinois, advised that employment records of terminated  
employees are destroyed four years after termination of  
employment. He advised that a search of records of present  
employees and employees who have terminated employment within  
the past four years failed to reveal an [REDACTED]  
among those records. He contacted various supervisors but  
they were unable to recall from memory any information  
concerning [REDACTED]

On Same date, investigation at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] last known address, indicated that this was a YMCA  
and their records indicated that [REDACTED] resided at that  
address from approximately September, 1955, to June, 1956.

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They were unable to furnish any information which would be of value in locating [REDACTED].

On May 2, 1968, IC [REDACTED] searched records of the Chicago Credit Bureau but could locate no credit information concerning [REDACTED] or his mother, [REDACTED].

A search of the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, on same date failed to reveal any arrest subsequent to the arrest in 1952, for which [REDACTED] was incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Pontiac, Illinois.

On April 25, 1968, the Springfield Division advised that ROY WILLIS, Richfield, Minnesota, had stated that he recalled that in 1955, the subject was friendly with a police character by the name of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] who had numerous arrests both in Hannibal, Missouri, and Quincy, Illinois. Investigation at Springfield identified [REDACTED] as [REDACTED], FBI Number [REDACTED] who is presently in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.

On May 3, 1968, [REDACTED] Inmate number [REDACTED] Illinois State Penitentiary, Stateville Branch, Joliet, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] that he has seen repeated photographs of subject RAY since the MARTIN LUTHER KING murder and he is not sure whether or not he has ever had personal contact with him. He said that if he had contact with RAY, it would have been approximately fifteen years ago while [REDACTED] in Quincy, Illinois. He said that he recalls [REDACTED] by the name of RAY or RYAN and believes that he was convicted of a criminal charge in Quincy, Illinois, with a [REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED] who currently operates [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he was unable to furnish any additional information on subject RAY due to the passage of time.

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Re: Burglary of United States Post Office  
Kellerville, Illinois  
March 7, 1955

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was forcibly entered between 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. on March 7,  
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two money orders in the amount of \$75 were passed at Kansas  
City, Missouri. The payee was WILLARD J. MC BRIDE and the  
purchaser was VERNON MC BRIDE. Investigation developed that the  
person passing these postal money orders drove a 1949 Lincoln  
two-door sedan, bearing 1955 Florida license 1W25183. The  
Motor Vehicle Bureau determined that this plate and car were  
sold on March 12, 1955, at Miami, Florida, to WALTER P. or T.  
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As a result of the alert on this automobile, WALTER T.  
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money orders were recovered in the 1949 Lincoln sedan. Both  
RIFE and RAY readily admitted cashing 32 postal money orders  
but denied involvement in the burglary of the United States Post  
Office. In a signed statement, RIFE stated that the name WILLARD  
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the exception of one money order which contained the name JAMES  
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RAY talked freely to the postal inspectors concerning his association with RIFE, their travels together and the passing of instant money orders. He refused to furnish a written statement. At this time, he had known RIFE for a period of approximately one week.

On April 1, 1955, both subjects entered guilty pleas in the United States District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, concerning the forging and cashing of stolen postal money orders and possession of stolen money orders. On July 1, 1955, RIFE was sentenced to three years in prison and RAY was sentenced to 3 3/4 years.

A review of this file reflects that the 32 money orders cashed by RIFE and RAY were cashed at St. Louis, Missouri; Alton, Illinois; Hot Springs, Arkansas; Memphis, Tennessee; Hot Springs, Louisiana; Kansas City, Missouri; St. Petersburg, Miami, Miami Beach, Daytona Beach, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, and Tampa, Florida.

Instant burglary was never solved and the Post Office Department closed their case in this matter. Their file does not contain any background information or descriptive data concerning either RIFE or RAY.

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On April 22, 1968, SA [REDACTED] contacted GEORGE PARKER, Deputy Chief Coroner, Cook County, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. PARKER advised that all unidentified bodies brought into the County morgue are fingerprinted by the Chicago Police Department. If the cause of death is from assault or means of violence, the fingerprinting is done by the Chicago Police Department Crime Lab. If the cause of death is for any other reason, the fingerprinting is done by the Missing Persons Bureau. All fingerprints are then sent to the Chicago Police Department, Identification Section.

Mr. PARKER was requested to be alert for the possibility that any unidentified body might be identical with JAMES EARL RAY whose fingerprints were on file with the Chicago Police Department. Mr. PARKER stated that if anyone was brought in who was suspected to be RAY, he would immediately contact the Chicago Office of the FBI.

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INVESTIGATION  
RE "HIPPIES"

On April 25, 1968, Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] made a spot check in Chicago's Old Town area as well as on its periphery for restaurants, clubs, rooming houses and other establishments frequently by the "Hippie" element. Photos of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to individuals in the establishments listed below and they were advised that any information concerning RAY should be immediately furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No positive investigative information was developed.

PETER GAST  
John Barleycorn's Pub  
2300 North Lincoln

AUDREY BLACK  
549 West Beldon (Rooming House)

MAY YARMAN  
601 West Beldon (Rooming House)

ROBERT HARLIN  
Artful Dodgers Pub  
2263 North Lincoln Avenue.

JOHN SMELTON  
Golden Cup Restaurant  
2351 North Clark

HELEN POURIER  
1838 North Wells (Rooming House)

RAY PERSHING  
Norwell Fountain  
172 West North

JOSEPH PAPAS  
Stagecoach Restaurant  
1563 North Wells

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on April 25, 1968, at Chicago, Illinois:

Mr. WALLY JONAS, Program Coordinator, Hyde Park YMCA, 1400 West 53rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted and advised that very few "hippies" reside at the Hyde Park YMCA and he could not personally suggest any such individuals who might be cooperative.

JONAS stated as far as he knew, the "hippies" residing in the Hyde Park area of Chicago generally stayed with their friends and did not live in rooming houses or other commercial establishments.

JESSE TAYLOR, Negro male, [REDACTED], Chicago, Illinois, was contacted in the Harper's Court area. He advised that most of the "hippie-type" individuals residing in the Hyde Park area were either University of Chicago students or young Chicago people who may have gravitated to that area. When shown a photograph of RAY, he stated in his opinion, this individual would not frequent the Hyde Park area in view of the large number of Negroes who resided in this area. TAYLOR said he could furnish no information concerning RAY.

JOHN JOHN (LNU) and BILL (LNU) were contacted at the Medici Green Door Bookshop, 1450 East 57th Street, and upon viewing a photograph of RAY, stated that they could furnish no information regarding this individual.

RITA (LNU) was contacted at Ahmad's Coffee Shop, 1420 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois. She was shown a photograph of RAY and stated she could furnish no information concerning this individual.

A person who refused to give his identity was contacted at 6030 South Dorchester and advised that a number of "hippie-type" individuals had been known to reside at that address in the past but as far as he knew, none of these individuals were from California, Georgia, or Louisiana. This individual was shown a photograph of RAY which he was unable to identify.

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On April 25, 1968, SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] contacted the following individuals known to associate with hippies regarding any knowledge they might have concerning JAMES EARL RAY with negative results:

JAMES LATO  
"Headland"  
1250 North Wells Street  
Chicago, Illinois

BONNIE HILL  
"The Molehole"  
230 West North Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

BILL JAKE  
La Piazza Restaurant  
Piper's Alley  
Chicago, Illinois

ELAINE BLISS  
"Sanity"  
Piper's Alley  
Chicago, Illinois

MEG SMITH  
"Garment Industry"  
1404 North Wells Street  
Chicago, Illinois

ROBERT SALETKA  
"Weccord Woom"  
1450 North Wells Street  
Chicago, Illinois

On April 26, 1968, copies of the Identification Order for the subject were given to the commander of the 18th District, Chicago Police Department, for all personnel assigned. This district encompasses the "hippie neighborhood."

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on April 26, 1968, at Chicago, Illinois:

JOSEPH G. MOORE, Owner of the No-Exit Coffee Shop, 7001 North Glenwood, home address [REDACTED], Evanston, Illinois, was contacted at his place of employment. He stated that he did not know of any "hippies" living in Chicago who may have come to Chicago from California or Georgia, nor could he furnish any information concerning RAY.

CARLA (LNU) Owner of Retinal Circus, Psychodelic Shop, 7025 North Glenwood, was contacted at her place of employment. She was shown a photograph of RAY but advised she could furnish no information concerning this individual.

GLEN REYNOLDS was contacted at the Hello Psychodelic Shop, 7060 North Paulina, and upon viewing a photograph of RAY, was unable to furnish any information concerning this individual. However, REYNOLDS advised that he would inform all other "hippies" with whom he was acquainted as to the possibility RAY might appear in his neighborhood.

REYNOLDS advised that many "hippies" who arrive in Chicago would establish contacts through the Hello Shop in securing a place to live but he could not recall whether any such individual had arrived from California or Georgia in Chicago.

REYNOLDS stated that he did not know of any rooming houses or commercial establishments in the Rogers Park area of Chicago where "hippies" might reside. He stated many such persons do live in the area but generally with friends.

An individual who would not identify herself was contacted at the Four Heads Psychodelic Shop, 6744 North Sheridan Road. Upon viewing a photograph of RAY, she stated she could furnish no information concerning this individual.

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RE: ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES ISSUED FOR  
INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBJECT'S TRUE  
NAME AND ALIASES

On April 19, 1968, ASAC DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Springfield Office, advised that the names and known aliases of the subject were checked through the Drivers License Records and the Motor Vehicle Bureau records, Springfield, Illinois, this date. The following listed information was obtained which is pertinent within the Chicago Division:

1967 Illinois license NG 7263, issued February 14, 1967, to JAMES E. RAY, 935 Sheridan Road, Apartment 3, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, for 1963 Rambler 4-door, VIN Z113034, no drivers or chauffeurs license number given.

1967 Illinois license LX 4349, issued May 24, 1967, to JAMES EARL RAY, 615 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois, on 1958 Pontiac 4-door, VIN P858H7576. This application reflects Arkansas drivers license number 78643.

1967 Illinois license AD 9545, issued May 5, 1967, to JAMES O'CONNOR, 4219 North Mamora, Chicago, on 1967 Volkswagen sedan, VIN 1170436994, drivers or chauffeurs license number 0256-4433-9361.

1967 Illinois license LN-205, issued July 5, 1967, to JAMES C. O'CONNOR, 422 Larkdale Lane, Mount Prospect, Illinois, on 1965 Mercury Station Wagon, VIN 5Z72Y578002, no drivers or chauffeurs license number given.

1967 Illinois license PR 8185, issued May 22, 1967, to JAMES O'CONNOR, 145 West 115th Street, Chicago, on 1962 Oldsmobile 4-door, VIN 628M02939, no drivers or chauffeurs license number given.



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JAMES EARL RAY  
1803 13th Street  
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

Records of the Illinois Secretary of State reflect that a drivers license, number R300-44-528064 was issued to JAMES EARL RAY, 1803 13th Street, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, on February 24, 1967 and expires March 2, 1970. RAY was described as born March 2, 1928, 5'11", 180 pounds, brown hair and blue eyes.

On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Waukegan, North Chicago, Waukegan, Illinois, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] their records reflect JAMES EARL RAY, and his wife MARGARET, [REDACTED] Winthrop Harbor, [REDACTED] were entered in the file in March, 1967, when he was recently retired from the army after 20 years service and was to begin work at [REDACTED] Waukegan.

On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED] advised JAMES EARL RAY born March 2, 1928, Social Security Number [REDACTED], Winthrop Harbor, with a discharge from the United States Army showing service from [REDACTED] 1946 to [REDACTED] 1967, Serial Number [REDACTED] wife MARGARET, was employed from March 13, 1967 to April 25, 1967 as a stock chaser and positively had to have been at work at [REDACTED] Waukegan, during that period.

On April 19, 1968, JAMES EARL RAY, [REDACTED] Winthrop Harbor, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] as follows:

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He displayed Armed Forces Identification Card identifying him as the person born March 2, 1928. He advised he was born in Zion, Illinois and resided there until he entered the Army in 1946 and retired in 1967 working six weeks at [REDACTED] and then at [REDACTED] Waukegan, since May, 1967.

The following description was obtained:

Born	March 22, 1968
	Zion, Illinois
Height	5'11"
Weight	185
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Fingerprints	Left and right index fingers are arches.
Relatives:	Mother - [REDACTED] Prescott, Iowa
	Father - [REDACTED] Elyria, Ohio
	Brother - [REDACTED] Milwaukee, Wisconsin
	Sister - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Zion, Illinois
	Sister - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Zion, Illinois.

He has no relatives of which he is aware who might possibly be related to fugitive JAMES EARL RAY. There are other RAY's in Zion who are related and others who are not, but he knows of no cousins who have lived elsewhere nor does he know of a JERRY RAY of Northbrook, Illinois. The only other JAMES EARL RAY he ever heard of was one who was in the army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1950 to 1951, whose salary he sometimes received in error.

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Re: JAMES EARL RAY  
South Elgin, Illinois

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in South Elgin, Illinois, on April 19, 1968, regarding one JAMES EARL RAY who registered with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Springfield, Illinois, on May 25, 1967, on a 1958 Pontiac four-door, VIN P858H7576. This registration reflects that RAY at that time resided at 615 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. RONALD SCHILLING were interviewed at their residence at 615 North Water Street, second floor apartment, South Elgin, Illinois, and SCHILLING stated he had lived at that address since February 1, 1968, and was employed by [REDACTED] in Elgin, Illinois. The Illinois Driver's License reflected he was born March 13, 1939, in Decatur, Illinois, was 5'9" tall, 150 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. SCHILLING was honorably discharged from the United States Army, Serial Number [REDACTED]. He viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and advised he had never seen RAY and had never heard of anyone named RAY in the area. He stated he rented the apartment from Mrs. ALICE MEYER of [REDACTED], South Elgin, Illinois. SCHILLING's wife, MARY SCHILLING, also viewed the photograph and advised she did not recognize the individual.

Mrs. ALICE MEYER, [REDACTED] South Elgin, telephone number [REDACTED] (unlisted), exhibited rent receipt reflecting JAMES RAY rented the upstairs apartment at 615 North Water Street, from May 1, 1967 through the end of September, 1967. She advised that the RAY who rented the apartment did not resemble the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, which was exhibited to her. She advised that her daughter, Mrs. LINDA BERGIN, generally collected the rent from RAY and she knows that during the time RAY resided in the apartment, he lived with his wife and one small child.

She was unable to furnish a physical description of RAY.

Mrs. LINDA BERGIN, daughter of Mrs. ALICE MEYER, [REDACTED] South Elgin, advised she collected the rent from JAMES RAY when RAY resided in the upstairs apartment at 615 North Water Street. She stated the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, was definitely not identical with the JAMES RAY who resided in the apartment. She described the RAY who resided in the apartment as a very very thin individual with a very thin face who must have been over 6 feet tall, had dark hair, a very slender build, and a heavy mustache. She said that he was about 28-30 years of age and supposedly worked at a landscaping or nursery somewhere in the area. She said RAY's wife was a very heavy woman and they had one child and another child was expected shortly before they moved in September, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. RONALD RICHARDSON, [REDACTED] South Elgin, Illinois, telephone [REDACTED] stated that the JAMES RAY who resided at 615 North Water Street, was definitely not identical with the photograph of the JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to them. RONALD RICHARDSON stated that he recalls that RAY had a 1958 Pontiac, white with blue on the sides, and at one time or other he worked at Illinois Iron and Bolt Company and on some construction jobs in the area. He said RAY was about 6'3" tall, and weighed 140 pounds, at the most. [REDACTED] He stated that he had little to do with RAY but that RAY would fool with motorcycles with GEORGE MC KUTCHEON who also lives on Water Street and who might know more concerning RAY. He said that the last he knew, RAY supposedly had moved back to California and he left the area near the end of the summer.

RICHARDSON said that he, RICHARDSON, was formerly employed as a police officer by the South Elgin Police Department and that RAY never got into any difficulty with the law in South Elgin while he was in the area.

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Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MC KUTCHEON, [REDACTED] South Elgin, Illinois, stated that they saw JAMES RAY who lived at 615 North Water Street numerous times while he was living in the area with his wife and one child. GEORGE MC KUTCHEON stated that the last he heard RAY was in Texas but that he had not seen nor heard from him since he left in September, 1967. He stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, definitely was not identical with JAMES RAY who resided on North Water Street. He noted that the RAY on North Water Street was one of the thinnest people he had ever seen and was about 6'2" to 6'3" tall. He said that if he recalls correctly, RAY worked for one of the landscaping companies, possibly [REDACTED] in the Dundee or Elgin, Illinois.

RE: JAMES O'CONNOR  
4219 North Marmora

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On April 22, 1968, Mrs. PATRICK WALSH, 4219 North Marmora, advised SA [REDACTED] that she is JAMES O'CONNOR's sister. She said he has been residing at this address for 2½ years, is steadily employed at Union Station, and has never been in any type of police trouble to the best of her knowledge. She said that she knows that her brother was in Chicago on April 4, 1968.

RE: JAMES C. O'CONNOR  
422 Larkdale Lane  
Mount Prospect, Illinois.

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On April 20, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. FRANCIS L. MC CANANT, 422 Larkdale Lane, Mount Prospect, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] that JAMES C. O'CONNOR previously resided at this address. They further advised that the O'CONNOR family approximately one year ago moved to California but have since returned to the State of Illinois and are now living in Arlington Heights. Both Mr. and Mrs. MC CANANT stated that O'CONNOR in no way resembled the subject. They also advised

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that they knew that Mr. O'CONNOR resided at the foregoing address prior to April 23, 1967.

RE: JAMES O'CONNOR  
145 West 115th Street  
Chicago, Illinois

On April 23, 1968, extensive neighborhood investigation conducted by SA [REDACTED] developed that the O'CONNOR family had moved from the above address approximately one month ago but had left no forwarding address. They are still residing in the Chicago area someplace on the south side but their address is not known. Investigation further determined that one of the sons, JIMMY O'CONNOR, owned and operated a 1962 Oldsmobile. He is described as a white male, age 20 or 21 years old, and in no way resembles the subject.

JAMES E. RAY  
1229 Gages Lake Road  
Wildwood, Illinois

The records of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, reflect that 1967 auto license EN159 was issued January 24, 1967 to JAMES E. RAY, 1229 Gages Lake Road, Wildwood, for a 1966 Chrysler, two-door hardtop, VIN 6L23G63177997.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 19-20, 1968:

On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Waukegan, North Chicago, Waukegan, Illinois, serving Wildwood, Rural Route Grayslake, Illinois, advised that JAMES E. RAY, born 1919, wife NORA, have been in file for more then ten years with limited credit and limited background information. He said there is no adverse.

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. JAMES EDGAR (NORA) RAY, [REDACTED] wildwood, Grayslake, Illinois, advised her husband was born Ocoober 3, 1919, Nashville, Arkansas, and that they have lived in Lake County, Illinois, for twenty years. They have no relatives in Illinois or elsewhere that she knows of who could possibly be identical with fugitive JAMES EARL RAY. The only relatives in Illinois are her husband's brother, DEWEL RAY, [REDACTED] Wildwood, and he has a son whose name is JAMES MACK RAY, residing at [REDACTED] Wildwood, Grayslake, Illinois.

They have never received any mail which might have been misdirected from the fugitive and have never met or heard of any other JAMES RAY who might be identical with the fugitive.

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Re: Alleged Chauffeur for KING  
(Identified as KELLY WILLIAMS)

On April 25, 1968, the Washington Field Office advised that [REDACTED] Washington, D.C., advised that he learned [REDACTED] that on the day before the assassination of KING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], a group of six or seven had dinner at a restaurant [REDACTED]. One of these persons said a man who used to work for him was the personal chauffeur for MARTIN LUTHER KING and that this man contacted him for advice. The chauffeur stated KING required him to carry over \$200,000.00 in cash in a black bag at all times. The chauffeur was concerned about his job inasmuch as he recognized the possibility of being robbed or KING, himself, being killed for the money. [REDACTED] advised the chauffeur to quit but to furnish KING another reason for quitting.

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] was present and could furnish the name of the person who attended the dinner and formerly employed KING's chauffeur. This individual also related the information about the black bag containing \$200,000.00. [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] for the name of the individual who related the above incident, but [REDACTED] could not recall this person's name.



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Re: Alleged Chauffeur of KING

[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] advised April 26, 1968, he had no recollection of any conversation regarding KING's chauffeur at a dinner party [REDACTED] on April 3, 1968, in Chicago [REDACTED] advised the following persons attended this party [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following who attended [REDACTED] party were contacted on April 26, 1968:

[REDACTED] stated he had no recollection of any conversation concerning a chauffeur of KING. [REDACTED] gave the following seating arrangements for the persons at this party and this listing goes from left to right:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he attended the dinner party April 3, 1968, for [REDACTED], sat with [REDACTED] on his left and [REDACTED] on his right; however, he recalled no conversation concerning Doctor KING's chauffeur.

[REDACTED] advised no person ever worked for her or her husband who subsequently worked for KING and she recalled no conversation at the dinner party for [REDACTED] concerning KING's chauffeur.

[REDACTED] stated she heard no conversation concerning KING's chauffeur at the dinner party for [REDACTED] however, at the reception preceding this dinner party she recalls hearing such a conversation as related by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was her recollection that this story was related by [REDACTED] concerning KING's driver and money maintained by the driver in a bag.

[REDACTED] advised as follows:

[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] sometime in the past had advised that he at one time employed a man as a chauffeur who subsequently worked for KING as a chauffeur. This man had been required to carry large sums of money in a bag for KING and this man was scared that someone would rob him of this money. This man had been advised by [REDACTED] to contact [REDACTED] but this man failed to so contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that for several years [REDACTED] had employed an elderly colored male, KELLY WILLIAMS, as a chauffeur. Approximately 18 months ago this man had been released from [REDACTED] because of his physical condition [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated this person was probably deceased by now as he was over 65 and on Social Security.

[REDACTED] stated he later heard this man went to work for KING but he had no recollection of hearing anything to the effect that this man was required to carry over \$200,000 in cash in a black bag at all times for KING.

[REDACTED] stated that approximately one year or so ago this man had contacted his family and allegedly had some knowledge of threats which had been made against Senator DIRKSEN. [REDACTED] accordingly attempted to have WILLIAMS contact Senator DIRKSEN's office concerning this matter.

It is to be noted that in September, 1966, the Chicago Office conducted extensive investigation concerning a similar story concerning a person who allegedly worked for Doctor KING as a chauffeur and who formerly worked for [REDACTED]. This investigation developed the identity of this individual as KELLY WILLIAMS, full details of which were furnished to the Bureau. No further investigation was conducted at that time due to the readily apparent mental problems of WILLIAMS, coupled with the serious doubts which were cast on his veracity.

OTHER INVESTIGATION

Re: [REDACTED] or  
[REDACTED] (Look Alike)

On April 18, 1968, at 3:15 PM, [REDACTED] Amalgamated Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, telephonically advised that an unknown white male, strongly resembling the likeness of ERIC GALT, appearing in the April 18 issue of the "Chicago Tribune" appeared at this bank shortly before 12:30 PM and requested to purchase a \$10,000 certificate of deposit (savings) for cash. [REDACTED] inquired as to whether the unknown male had an account with Amalgamated and was informed that he did not. [REDACTED] then proceeded to make inquiry concerning this unknown male's background whereupon he became reluctant to furnish background information and inquired why it was necessary for him to identify himself. [REDACTED] informed the unknown male that it was the bank's policy to have some identifying information and background concerning its new customers whereupon the unknown male produced a driver's license issued by the State of Wisconsin containing the name [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. The unknown male explained that he presently resided in another state and that this license was the license issued to him when he resided in Wisconsin.

[REDACTED] advised he turned the driver's license over on its reverse side to observe the signature which he found was obscured from view by a card containing the words, "National Association of Ballroom Dancers." [REDACTED] advised that before he could examine the driver's license any further, the unknown male grabbed it out of his hands stating he could not see why he had to furnish any information about himself. [REDACTED] then stated that before he could obtain a certificate of deposit, he would be required to fill out the necessary savings account forms and furnish specimens of his signature which he, [REDACTED] furnished to the unknown male. The unknown male informed [REDACTED] that he would fill out the signature cards at the counter and left [REDACTED] desk and proceeded to a counter in the lobby of the bank. [REDACTED] stated that he left his desk temporarily for only a few seconds to report this incident to his superiors and turned around to see if the

unknown male had finished executing the cards and returned to his desk whereupon he found that the unknown male had disappeared from the bank. [REDACTED] said that he immediately examined all the waste receptacles in the vicinity of the lobby counter where the unknown male was last observed and failed to find the blank savings account signature cards indicating that these blank cards were apparently not left in the bank by the unknown male.

[REDACTED] said during his lunch hour from 12:30 PM to about 1:30 PM, he was reading the "Chicago Tribune" and observed the photograph of subject GALT appearing therein and immediately felt that it was a strong likeness of the individual who had just attempted to obtain a certificate of deposit at Amalgamated.

[REDACTED] described this unknown male as follows:

Name	[REDACTED] or [REDACTED]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	About 35-40
Height	5'8" or 5'9
Weight	160-170
Complexion	Ruddy
Characteristics	Square jaw, clean shaven
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Brown
Wearing apparel	White shirt, three quarter length tan light weight coat.

Review of Chicago classified and telephone directories failed to locate any listing identifiable with National Association of Ballroom Dancers, however, a copy of the March, 1968, issue of "Ballroom Dance Magazine", published monthly by Dance Magazines, Inc., 268 West 47th Street, New York, New York, discloses numerous advertisements for ballroom dancing throughout the United States, only one of which is possibly identical with National Association of Ballroom Dancers which is "Ballroom Dancers Association, Inc., " 756 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

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On April 23, 1968, the Milwaukee Division advised that the Motor Vehicle Division, Madison, Wisconsin, has three listings under the name of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] were eliminated on the basis of their dates of birth, which were, respectively, [REDACTED] 1893 and [REDACTED] 1949.

[REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] 1918, was eliminated on the basis that Chief of Police HAROLD PHELAN, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, advised that [REDACTED] was arrested [REDACTED] for operating with an expired drivers license. [REDACTED] has been self-employed in the above town since 1948.

On April 25, 1968, the New York Division advised that the National Association of Ballroom Dancers is unknown to the officials of Dance Magazine, Inc., and Ballroom Dancers Association. Also there is no organization known to these officials that issues orange membership cards. A review of the subscription list did not indicate any subscriber by the name of [REDACTED] or subject.

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RE: LOOK-ALIKE DRIVING BLUE CHEVELLE  
BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE [REDACTED]

On April 18, 1968, [REDACTED], 9th District, Chicago Police Department, telephonically advised the Chicago Office of the FBI that [REDACTED] Chicago, reported seeing an individual resembling the assassin of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING driving a late model Chevelle bearing Alabama license [REDACTED] in the vicinity of 31st Street and South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. Upon interview by SA [REDACTED] stated that a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY somewhat resembled the individual he had seen in the Chevelle; however, [REDACTED] was not able to describe that individual in any detail. He did say, however, that the individual was accompanied by a blonde woman.

On April 24, 1968, the Birmingham Division advised that 1968 Alabama license [REDACTED] was issued to [REDACTED] Moulton, Alabama. [REDACTED] mother, advised that her son was last known to be residing at [REDACTED] Chicago, but is in the process of moving to an unknown address at San Angelo, Texas.

On same date, the Dallas Division advised that [REDACTED] San Angelo, Texas, was interviewed on same date and he advised that although instant vehicle is still registered in his name, he sold the vehicle to [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois. Interview with [REDACTED] determined him not to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 25, 1968, an individual identifying himself as [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI and said that he had heard from his friend, [REDACTED] that the FBI was looking for the car that he was driving. He advised that he could be contacted at

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the above address on the following date.

On April 26, 1968, investigation to locate [REDACTED] at the above address proved negative; however, individuals residing at that address stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY did not resemble anyone residing at that address.

On April 29, 1968, [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED], was interviewed at his residence, [REDACTED], first floor, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that he no longer had the car in question but that he was driving it on April 18, 1968, in the vicinity of 31st Street and South Halsted Street in the company of a blonde woman. Further inquiry revealed that [REDACTED], born [REDACTED], at Ypsilanti, Michigan, is 6'1" tall, and weighs 210 pounds. A comparison of the scars and marks and fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with those of [REDACTED] determined that [REDACTED] was not identical to RAY.



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Re: [REDACTED]

On April 19, 1968, the Springfield Division advised that information had been received from the Jackson Division that the Pascagoula, Mississippi, Police Department stopped an individual driving a white Corvair bearing 1968 Illinois license [REDACTED]. He identified himself as above. He was accompanied by another white male whose identity was not determined and [REDACTED] indicated he was a musician and the other person indicated he was a seaman, with both heading for New Orleans.

The officer who stopped the above individuals said that [REDACTED] resembled the photograph of the subject.

Indianapolis Division developed from auto registration records that the above license plate registers to [REDACTED] Chicago, for a 1956 Dodge. No other registration or drivers license information regarding [REDACTED]

On April 20, 1968, [REDACTED], former wife of [REDACTED] Chicago, advised SA [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] purchased a white Corvair convertible, model unknown, approximately two weeks ago and departed the Chicago area for Alabama on April 5, 1968. She further advised that she had been contacted telephonically by her husband on April 19, 1968, at which time he advised her that he is now residing [REDACTED] Montgomery, Alabama, telephone [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that her husband in no way resembles the photograph of the subject, nor is she acquainted with any associate of his who could be identical with the subject. She said that the name of [REDACTED] is completely unknown to her.

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RE: [REDACTED]

ET AL  
GARY, INDIANA

On April 19, 1968, an anonymous male telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] and advised that he wished to furnish information concerning captioned matter. He declined to identify himself but stated the following individuals, all current residents of Gary, Indiana, are reportedly in possession of information concerning this matter:

[REDACTED]  
Resides [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Resides [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Resides [REDACTED]

Caller stated above had been bragging they have information concerning the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and know the whereabouts of the suspect presently being sought by the FBI. They also said the FBI does not in fact have the actual weapon utilized by the killer but the whereabouts of such weapon is known to the above trio. Caller declined to furnish additional information and terminated the call.

On April 23, 1968, the Indianapolis Division advised that all of the foregoing individuals had been contacted and denied having any knowledge concerning captioned case nor any knowledge concerning the weapon used in this murder.

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RE: TENNESSEE LICENSE

On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, employment [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois,  
was interviewed at the FBI Office, Chicago, Illinois, at  
which time he had furnished the following information:

At approximately 8:40 a.m. on April 18, 1968,  
[REDACTED] was proceeding to the Chicago Loop area via the  
northbound lane of the Stevenson Expressway. [REDACTED]  
stated that he exited on the Stevenson Expressway and  
immediately stopped for a red light at which time he  
noticed a 1962 or 1963 yellow Pontiac Catalina convertible  
bearing 1963 Shelby County, Tennessee, license [REDACTED]  
He stated that this vehicle was occupied by a white male,  
believed to be identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY, and  
a white female. [REDACTED] stated that the white female  
was driving the vehicle and when stopped at the red light,  
the white female got out from the passenger's side of the  
car and went around the front of the car to assume the  
driver's seat. [REDACTED] advised that at this time, he was  
approximately ten feet away from this individual and he  
described him as follows: white male, height 6'3" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] stated that subject could have been much taller than  
this as he was sitting in a car which is low to the ground  
and subject was on a pavement incline, early 40's, dark  
complexion, 190 pounds, brown hair, medium build, no  
outstanding characteristics or scars, wearing brown long-  
sleeved sweater with gray "V" down the front. [REDACTED]  
was furnished two photographs of subject, one taken in  
1952 by the Chicago Police Department and one taken in  
1962. [REDACTED] advised that he was positive that the  
individual in the photograph taken in 1962 was the person  
whom he saw in the 1962 or 1963 Catalina convertible.

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RE: LOOK-ALIKE IN CAR BEARING  
1967 TENNESSEE LICENSE [REDACTED]

On April 20, 1968, [REDACTED], telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] that she had observed a man resembling the subject sitting in the back seat of a car bearing 1967 Tennessee license plates [REDACTED]. She advised that the car was going north on Milwaukee Avenue at Division Street and that she had a good look at this individual. A man and a woman were sitting in the front seat. She said she had observed this car on the afternoon of April 19, 1968, and did not call until this date because she thought that her friend had called yesterday; however, she found out on this date that no one had called.

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Re: E. M. RAY  
Pascagoula, Mississippi

[REDACTED]  
telephonically advised at 4:20 PM, April 20, 1968, that [REDACTED] is living in Pascagoula, Mississippi, with an individual named E. M. RAY. RAY is unknown to [REDACTED] as to description or background.

[REDACTED] is described as a white male, born [REDACTED] 6'3", 170 pounds in 1960, Social Security Number [REDACTED]. He has a background of juvenile trouble and Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle matters. He was turned over to juvenile authorities at Cook County, for prosecution in 1960.

[REDACTED] last heard from [REDACTED] and RAY telephonically about three weeks ago. These two men were to take a trip to an unknown location. The employment of RAY and [REDACTED] was not known [REDACTED].

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Investigation Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois

The Atlanta Division advised on April 25, 1968, that [REDACTED] Pure Oil Company Dealer, Americus, Georgia, advised he sold gas to an individual on April 16, 1968, who closely resembled 1968 photo of JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED] described the car he believed the person to be driving as well as furnishing a physical description of this individual. He also stated that he believed the individual purchased gas on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card, which he believes expires in August or September, 1968. He also advised that the credit card slips were purchases on April 16, 1968, and had already been forwarded to the Pure Oil Company Retail Department, Palatine, Illinois.

On April 26, 1968, [REDACTED] Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois, was telephonically contacted by SA [REDACTED] at which time he advised that the package of credit card slips mailed in by [REDACTED] on April 17, 1968, would already be in the Balance process, Accounting Department, and would take until at least April 30, 1968, to locate. He said it is possible that he would be able to locate the credit card slips mailed in on April 22, 1968. He requested that he be furnished with the Transmittal Slip number used by [REDACTED] in submitting the credit card transactions.

On the same date, [REDACTED] was furnished with the following transmittal numbers:

4/18/68 - 7-0217999  
7-0218000

4/22/68 - 7-0217997  
7-0217998

The foregoing were obtained from the Atlanta Division in contact with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that he had located all of the credit card slips submitted on April 22, 1968. A review of these slips did not reveal any

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credit card slips for any transaction on April 16, 1968.

In a continuing review of Pure Oil Company records, in conjunction with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] on April 29 and 30, 1968, located the list of credit card invoices submitted by [REDACTED] on April 18, 1968. Credit card purchase number [REDACTED] was made by [REDACTED] however, the invoice itself could not be located and the address was not yet in file. The charge for credit card number [REDACTED] is another company credit card and the ticket has already been separated elsewhere. No further effort will be made to locate this card in view of the comments made by [REDACTED]. It should be noted that this review did not reveal any purchase made on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card.

There were purchases made by the following companies:

Americus Utility  
Aladdin Insulators  
Georgia Highway Department  
V. R. Bush Company  
Southern Bell of Georgia  
Simplex Nail  
W. C. Page

The charge for [REDACTED] was not further checked out since it was in the amount of \$101.43, which could not have been a mere gas purchase.

A review of the credit card slips submitted reveals the following purchases for gasoline on April 16, 1968:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Americus, Georgia  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Damascus, Georgia  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Americus, Georgia

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Re: [REDACTED]  
OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS

Investigation regarding the above-named individual was initiated upon receipt of a typewritten postcard by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The card was postmarked April 22, 1968, and the Bureau instructed the Chicago Division of the FBI to attempt to locate [REDACTED] and interview him regarding any information he might have pertinent to this case.

The contents of the postcard are quoted below:

"Dear Sirs,

A lot of us knew J. E. Ray from Fullerton Ave in Chicago. Maybe he did steal cars or armed robbery but he never killed anyone like the Niggers do in riots. We thank him for killing M. King. He was nothing but a trouble maker. If we do see him in Chicago--we will reward him with a couple of thousand dollars--not turn him in. He did us Chicagoans a good turn.

We have an ad in the paper which he will recognize, but you wouldn't the way it is typed out.

We all in Chicago are so happy King is dead (except the Nigger The Liquor business is at an all time high We hope he never gets caught so that if R. Abenathy (King's Succesor starts something he will do the same to him. We love J. E. Ray.

[REDACTED]

The following named individuals in the Oak Lawn, Illinois, area were located through credit and police department checks and through a review of appropriate telephone directories. The first four individuals were interviewed on April 26, 1968, and the fifth individual on April 29, 1968 by SA [REDACTED]



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- 1) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 2) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 3) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 4) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 5) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Oak Lawn, Illinois

All advised they had not written or mailed the postcard quoted above, nor could they think of anyone who might have done so.

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RE: [REDACTED]

Following investigation conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on April 26, 1968, at Rockford, Illinois.

[REDACTED] Rockford Police Department, advised records reflected [REDACTED] was charged with speeding [REDACTED] 1962, age 22, white, male, with residence [REDACTED] Rockford - nothing further reflected.

[REDACTED] Rockford Credit Bureau, advised records reflected [REDACTED] Rockford, was placed in file July, 1959, at age 19. Employed [REDACTED] since November of 1958 which was verified March, 1963. Wife, [REDACTED], employed [REDACTED] and as of March, 1963, had two children. Credit excellent.

The foregoing investigation was based on information furnished by the Omaha Division who advised that on April 23, 1968, GREG J. KIBBLE, Chief of Police, Valley, Nebraska, advised he works part time at the Two Rivers State Recreation Area, south of Venice, Nebraska, and that on April 22, 1968, the Superintendent, RICHARD WOLKOW, had advised as follows:

On April 17, 1968, [REDACTED], Rockford, Illinois, was registered as an overnight camper; he was driving a camper, make not recorded or recalled, Illinois license [REDACTED].

After viewing TV and newspaper photographs of him, WOLKOW concluded there was some resemblance between [REDACTED] and JAMES EARL RAY, aka, Fugitive, and recalled that [REDACTED] had inquired of him regarding gun laws in the State of Nebraska.

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RE: [REDACTED] (LOOK-ALIKE)

On April 28, 1968, the Milwaukee Division advised that TED WROBLEWSKI, Assistant Park Manager, Interstate State Park, St. Croix, Wisconsin, telephonically advised that he had read an article which set forth that the operator of the Modern Frontier Motel between Mandan and Bismarck, North Dakota, reported a man resembling RAY accompanied by a blonde female and driving a pickup truck registered that motel on April 25, 1968.

In view of this, WROBLEWSKI advised that on April 23, 1968, a white male who gave the name [REDACTED] Skokie, Illinois, accompanied by a blonde female, driving a Ford pickup with camper, Illinois license [REDACTED], registered at his park.

On the same date, the Springfield Division advised that records, Motor Vehicle Bureau, reveal above license number registered to [REDACTED] Rosemont, Illinois, for a 1966 Chevrolet panel truck.

On the same date, [REDACTED] above, advised SA [REDACTED] that he is the owner of a 1966 Chevrolet panel truck bearing 1968 Illinois license [REDACTED]. This vehicle was observed and both license plates were attached. [REDACTED] could furnish no further information in this matter and was not identical with the subject.

[REDACTED] Skokie, Illinois, was located and interviewed by SA [REDACTED]. He advised that he and his wife were camping in Wisconsin this weekend and were driving a Ford pickup bearing 1968 Illinois license [REDACTED] and were hauling a rented camper. [REDACTED] is the owner of [REDACTED] and is not identical to subject RAY.

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Re: JAMES E. BODKER

Dolton, Illinois

On May 1, 1968, the Atlanta Office advised that CHARLES V. TYSON, Manager, Hertz Rental, Albany, Georgia, stated that at 12:15 PM, April 19, 1968, a white male identifying himself as JAMES E. BODKER, rented a 1967 Ford Galaxie, 4-door, hard top, white over blue, Vehicle Identification Number 7A56C207625, bearing 1968 Georgia license 8J5039. This car was to be used in the vicinity of Albany and returned to Albany, Georgia, on April 22, 1968. BODKER gave home address as above and claimed to be manager of Suburban Motors, address not given. He furnished Illinois drivers license number. Vehicle not returned as of May 1, 1968. Description of BODKER fits general description of JAMES EARL RAY. One Hertz employee states BODKER bears close resemblance to 1968 photograph and believes BODKER could be identical to subject.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on May 1, 1968:

The records of the Dolton, Illinois Police Department were reviewed and contained no information identifiable with BODKER.

LARRY MILLAR, [REDACTED], Dolton, Illinois, advised that he is the brother-in-law of BODKER who uses the above address as a mailing address but does not reside at the location. He could furnish no information regarding BODKER's present whereabouts. DONNA MILLAR appeared at the above residence and furnished the same information as her husband. She further advised that on the day KING was shot, BODKER and the rest of the family were attending a birthday party for their mother, Mrs. ZELDA BALDUC, [REDACTED] Calumet Park, Illinois. Both stated they would have BODKER contact the FBI if they located him. Both were also advised that the auto rented by BODKER was overdue and that he should immediately advise Hertz.

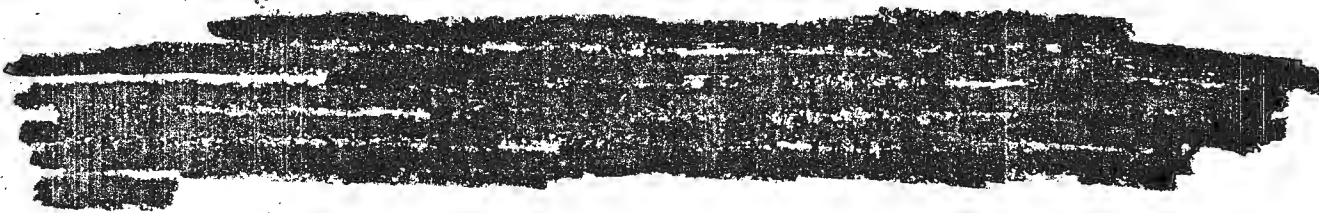
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Mrs. BALDUC was contacted and verified information given by the MILLARS. She exhibited a photo of BODKER. Comparison of this photo with that of the subject did not appear to indicate any similarity.

On May 2, 1968, BODKER was contacted at the North Side Inn, 125th and Western, Blue Island, Illinois. He bears very little physical resemblance to subject RAY. BODKER exhibited numerous identification to establish his background. Handwriting samples were obtained and appear identical to other signatures going back ten years. He advised that on the evening of the KING murder he was at his mother's home with numerous other guests.



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Re Look Alike, O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Delta Airlines, 4/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA

[REDACTED] on May 1, 1968:

LOU MYERS, Field Ticket Office Manager, Delta Airlines, O'Hare International Airport, advised that from his records the two ticket agents working the express baggage check in counter where seat selection formerly was located were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. MYERS said that Delta handles from four to five thousand passengers a day from O'Hare and advised that the seat selection is now handled, and was at that time handled, at each gate. However, if [REDACTED] is a frequent Delta Traveler, he would have recalled that this is where seat selection had been for a number of years.

[REDACTED] interviewed at length, however, he recalled nothing of incident described. He has seen many photographs of subject, and states he cannot recall any person resembling subject.

[REDACTED] recently married, on honeymoon at the Island of Aruba, off the coast of South America, and unavailable until May 8, 1968.

The foregoing investigation was based on information furnished by the New Orleans Division on April 29, 1968, indicating that [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that about 2:00 p.m. he went to the Delta Airlines Ticket Office, O'Hare Airport, and while there, observed a man talking with one of the seat reservation agents. [REDACTED] thought he knew this man and then his attention was further drawn to him by the fact that the passenger said he wanted to go to New Orleans but did not want the flight via Atlanta. [REDACTED] spoke to this man, thinking he was his friend, apologized and then noted that this person remained at the counter and seemed to have a "hassle" with one of the two men at the counter. This conversation apparently continued for thirty minutes. [REDACTED] did not see this person again, states he believes this man was the subject after observing a new picture of RAY. [REDACTED] stated the 1968 photo of RAY does not resemble man at airport.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Immediately upon identification of the murderer of KING as JAMES EARL RAY, contact was established with the various airlines at O'Hare International Airport, with United States Customs and with airlines having international operations. On April 25, 1968, all airlines at O'Hare Airport as well as the O'Hare Detachment of the Chicago Police Department, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and United States Public Health were contacted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at which time supervisory personnel were furnished with Identification Orders and wanted flyers of the subject which they agreed to place in a prominent spot and discuss instant matter with their employees. They also advised that they would insure that the FBI was immediately contacted in the event any employee observed a person that resembled the subject.

On April 24, 1968, [REDACTED] Federal Narcotics Bureau, United States Department of Justice, Room 1836, Federal Building, was contacted by SA [REDACTED] at which time he was furnished 25 copies of the wanted flyer for JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED] advised that all sources of the Narcotics Bureau would be contacted concerning the subject and should any positive information be received about him or his whereabouts, he would immediately notify the FBI.

All ITSMV cases in the Chicago Division have been reviewed from March 23, 1968, to date where the car was stolen in or near Atlanta, Georgia. To date there has been no indication from this review that the subject was responsible for any theft that area based on Chicago information.

[REDACTED], Identification Division, Chicago Police Department, was contacted by SA [REDACTED] on April 22, 1968, with the request that the latent fingerprints presently outstanding in the Chicago Police Department unsolved criminal cases be checked against the known prints of JAMES EARL RAY. On April 26, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that he is continuing the program consistent with the available personnel. He said that he had several thousand latents in file and to this time, he has

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eliminated an estimated 200 to 300. He advised that he is aware of the importance of this matter and is personally spending a considerable amount of time when possible eliminating these latents assisted by three latent examiners when available. On May 3, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that he has eliminated about another 300 prints without developing any that could be identical with the subject.

On April 30, 1968, the Chicago Division instituted personal contacts with all of the country clubs within the territory. The contacting Agents reviewed the employment records of the various country clubs for any possibility that the subject could have been employed at the club at any time and if he had been employed since April 23, 1967. These contacts met with negative results; however, a copy of the Identification Order for the subject was left with appropriate personnel who advised that they would check all individuals who applied for employment in the future and would immediately notify the Chicago Division if there appeared to be any individual answering the physical description and photograph of the subject.

The records of the American Bartending School, 334 South Wabash, were reviewed by SA [REDACTED] and contact has been maintained with Mr. GERALD R. SANTORO, Director, on a continuing basis in the event that the subject might contact the school.

The records of the American Bartending School were reviewed in an effort to find the attendance of JOHN RAY, subject's brother; however, a search of these records going back to 1962 did not develop any information that JOHN RAY had attended.



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TRUE COPY

Dear Mr. Officer:

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*Question*

If my concepts are true (and I think in this particular case) they are and its terribly dangerous for an individual to possess, but I wish you can solve this late assassanation at Memphis.

I'm giving to give you my view on this page and charging our Government 1 million dollars for it (if you use it) & my name must never be told publicly. If you care to use my theory, please do so within a mo., also pay me within that time.

Of the 6,000,000 Jews in this country, there are about 1 and 2/5 million of them who will never assimilate here with Christians, but intend to teach all Christians that they were created to serve Hebrews as slaves, financially.

If they want a murder committed, it only cost them \$1,000 and a 1 way jet ticket to a communist country. You can see that, if that is true, you will, probably, never know what individual who pulled the trigger-- Do you know who shot the Hungarian who had a \$17,000 a yr. job with the U.N. and was ready to testify.?

Thank you,

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

P.S. Please return this letter to me sometime.

*J. Edgar Hoover,  
F.B.I. Boss,  
Washington,  
D.C.*

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Do you know who shot the <sup>pol with the W.N.</sup> ~~slang~~ <sup>man</sup> who had a \$17,000 a yr. and was ready to testify? Thank you,

Director	Mr. M. A. Jones, 4264
Mr. Tolson	Miss Osborne, 4264
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	Mrs.
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Corres.'s letter is not being returned since he says return it sometime and because of Bureau markings. It is felt the attached reply is appropriate.

(9-44903)

ATTENTION: Records Branch - Please make Bureau notations and markings on true copy since Corres. may ask that his letter be returned.

Correspondence and Tours Section

*file 4-20*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

REC- 116

44-38861-3336

April 25, 1968

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of  
April 17th.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information  
to my attention are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

ED:dkw

(3) *dkw*

*Jed*

FILE COPY

F B I

Date: 5/14/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

Via \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

680515052

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

Re Baltimore airtel, 4/30/68.

RE: THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY TAPES

Enclosed for the Laboratory are seven samples of Thermo Seal Laundry Tapes with the codes 02B-6 and 20R-3 which were obtained from Textile Marking Machines.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed tapes bearing the code 02B-6 with specimens previously submitted in this case.

*Note: Only 6 samples received.*

*C. C. Bishop*

EX-105  
REC-28

22 MAY 15 1968

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 7) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
1 - Baltimore  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 17, 1968

To:

Date:

MURKIN

Re: CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

REC-139  
44-38861-3337  
FBI File No. D-680515052 JK  
Lab. No.

Baltimore

Examination requested by:

Reference:

Airtel 5/14/68

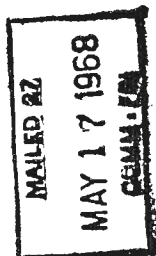
[ST 11]

Examination requested:

Document

Remarks:

It should be noted by Baltimore that only six samples of laundry tapes were received in the Laboratory.



Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 17, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680515052 JK

Specimens received 5/15/68

- K271 Three pieces of paper each bearing three sample laundry tapes, Serial No. 33607, obtained from Colesville Cleaners, Silver Spring, Maryland
- K272 Yellow piece of paper bearing two sample laundry tapes obtained from Waldorf Laundry, Waldorf, Maryland
- K273 White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Lustre Cleaners, Suitland, Maryland
- K274 White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Morningside Laundry, Hyattsville, Maryland

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machines used to prepare specimens K271 through K274 were not employed to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70 and that the machines designated K272, K273 and K274 were not used to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99. Differences were noted between the laundry tapes represented by K271 and those appearing on Q97 and Q99 but the lack of identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

K271 through K274 have been retained.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

JHM:AW (10)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

IN REPLY REFER TO

AGSC-C

3 May 1968

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

The attached correspondence from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Austin, Texas 78745, dated 22 April 1968, is transmitted as a  
matter of primary interest to your agency.

A copy of the letter advising [REDACTED] of this referral is also  
inclosed.

Sincerely,

Inclosures

*Kenneth G. Wickham*  
KENNETH G. WICKHAM  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

ENCLOSURE

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

REC-74

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
Office of The Adjutant General  
Washington, D. C. 20310

AGSC-C

3 May 1968

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Austin, Texas 78745

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your recent letter regarding the possibility of having sighted James Carl Ray.

The request that your letter be forwarded to Brigadier General Alexander has been noted. However, this matter is related to functions delegated to the Federal Bureau of Investigation rather than to military authorities.

For this reason, I am forwarding your correspondence to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20535, for any action deemed appropriate.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

KENNETH G. WICKHAM  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

Copy furnished:  
Director, FBI

5555 - 17555 - FH

SC  
April 22, 1968<sup>(37)</sup>

Department of The Army  
Brig. General Alexander, L. L.  
Washington, District of Columbia

Honorable Sir,

I hope this letter reaches you  
and you are in the best of health.  
When I left Detroit last June, 22, 67,  
I did not know where to contact you.  
I served as a private under your  
command at L. L. M. R., Pa. in 1943 & 44.  
At the time I was Private [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

If you want to contact me for  
any reason my permanent address

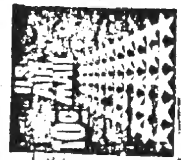
below.

As I write this letter I am  
moved to enclose a clipping  
from our local paper and add  
to it that Saturday<sup>(20)</sup> about 2:00 PM  
at the Chicken Shack or at least  
(out by Olthop and Dr. Longman where  
fried chicken is sold), I heard three  
men talking and one answered Ray  
description. This one said he would  
not sue and what was the paper  
saying. I am not going to the  
F. B. I., for here I am telling you,  
and I know you are well qualified  
to judge this for me.

Respectfully,

A large, dark, rectangular redacted area covering the signature of the letter.

Austin, Texas 78745



[Redacted address block]

Austin, Texas 78743

Department of The Army  
Washington, District of Columbia

44-38861-355  
May 13, 1968

REC-74

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Hudson

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (Enclosures - 2)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

Re Miss [REDACTED]

Enclosed for San Antonio are two copies of a letter directed to the Department of Army by the above named individual dated 4/22/68. One copy of the letter is enclosed for Memphis.

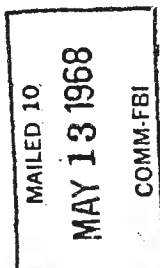
San Antonio should immediately interview [REDACTED] for any knowledge she may have in her possession relating to this case.

For San Antonio's information, a newspaper clipping enclosed with the letter was taken from the April 21, 1968, issue of the "Austin American Statesman" which was related to the subject being added to the list of the Bureau's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives.

1 - Memphis (info) (Enclosures- 1)

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ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen *pol* \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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URGENT 5-10-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS 2P

*Q*  
MURKIN

RE WFO TEL TWO THIRTYSEVEN AM, MAY NINE PAST.

IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION SET FORTH IN RETEL REGARDING RHODESIA, BUREAU ATTENTION DIRECTED TO SIMILAR COMMENTS RE RHODESIA AS REPORTED BY BROTHER JOHN LARRY RAY IN ST. LOUIS TEL OF MAY NINE PAST.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE LEGAT, CANADA, OF POSSIBILITY SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY MAY HAVE SECURED <sup>EX 102</sup> CANADIAN PAPERS IN ORDER TO DEPART CANADA FOR RHODESIA. REQUEST LEGAT, CANADA, BE INSTRUCTED RECHECK APPROPRIATE <sup>REC-21</sup> AGENCY FOR POSSIBLE INFORMATION RE ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT OR OTHER NECESSARY PAPERS FOR ALLEGED CANADIAN CITIZEN TO DEPART CANADA FOR RHODESIA. <sup>44-38861-333</sup> <sup>12 MAY 14 1968</sup>

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via 5-13-68*  
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*SEA*

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THIS WOULD INCLUDE CHECK TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT UNDER HIS OWN NAME OR ANY KNOWN ALIASES MAY HAVE SECURED CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP. IN ADDITION, LEGAT, CANADA, SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO DETERMINE WHAT FLIGHTS ARE AVAILABLE, IF ANY, WHEREBY PERSON DEPARTING FROM MONTREAL OR TORONTO MIGHT GET TO RHODESIA.

IN CONNECTION WITH INQUIRIES BUREAU WILL RAISE WITH RHODESIA REPRESENTATIVES, SUGGEST THAT BUREAU DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE NUMBER AND IDENTITY OF ALL ENGLISH SPEAKING IMMIGRANTS TO RHODESIA IN PERIOD FROM APRIL FIVE LAST TO DATE. ENGLISH SPEAKING IMMIGRANTS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO U.S. AND CANADA AT THIS TIME.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

RECEIVED: 3:13PM MSE

*cc - Liaison Section*



F B I

Date: 5/2/68

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN  
CR

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis 4/30/68 making inquiry concerning HENRY EWELL HARTFORD, WILLIAM BUDDING and J. CONRAD MORGAN.

HENRY EWELL HARTFORD is a white male, born [REDACTED] 5'7½", 140 lbs., was in the U. S. Army from 10/25/43 to 4/21/46, under SN [REDACTED]. He has been employed by the [REDACTED], since 4/6/68. He was eliminated based on physical description.

Investigation determined that WILLIAM E. BIRDSONG, [REDACTED], is apparently identical with WILLIAM BUDDING referred to in Birmingham teletype to Bureau 4/9/68. BIRDSONG has been interviewed and he is described as a white male, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], and weighs 210 lbs. He has no prior arrest record or military service. He admits being in the Avon Motel, Birmingham, on 4/1-2/68 with his wife and 2 children. The reason for his presence in Birmingham was to substitute for an employee who was absent at the [REDACTED] in Birmingham. BIRDSONG was traveling in a 1968 white Chevrolet bearing Tennessee License [REDACTED]. BIRDSONG was eliminated based on physical description.

Airtel \_\_\_\_\_

Teletype 3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis

A.M. \_\_\_\_\_

RFB/acp

A.M.S.D. \_\_\_\_\_

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Spec. Del. \_\_\_\_\_

Reg. Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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C.C. Bishop  
cc - RosenREC-21  
44-38861-3340

JTP

Refers

44-38861-3340

ME 44-1987

JAMES CONRAD MORGAN, [REDACTED]  
Memphis, is identical with the J. CONRAD MORGAN mentioned  
in Miami teletype to Bureau 4/9/68. MORGAN is a white male  
born [REDACTED] 5' 11", 264 lbs., and was a member of the  
Tennessee National Guard under Serial Number [REDACTED].  
MORGAN was eliminated based on interview and physical  
description.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Identification Division is requested to compare  
the fingerprints for HENRY EWELL HARTFORD, ASN [REDACTED] with  
latent fingerprints of an evidentiary nature previously  
furnished the Bureau in this matter.

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5/8/68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

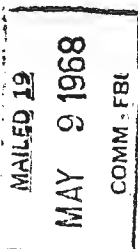
From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 3340

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Reurairtel 5/2/68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported this case  
not identical fingerprints of Henry Ewell Hartford, Army service  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ No palm prints Identification Division  
files for Hartford.



1 - Mr. Rosen

CJE:bb  
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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI ST LOUIS

328 PM URGENT 5-11-68 GMC

TO: DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND  
NEW ORLEANS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, MAY TEN, LAST.

[REDACTED]  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, INTERVIEWED MAY FOUR, LAST. DENIED  
KNOWING OR ASSOCIATING WITH SUBJECT RAY AT MISSOURI STATE  
PENITENTIARY OR ANY OTHER TIME. DID NOT RECALL EVER HAVING  
SPOKEN TO RAY.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DID NOT RECOGNIZE  
NAME OR PHOTOGRAPH AS FELLOW INMATE, MSP, UNTIL RECENTLY.  
ASSOCIATES FACE WITH INMATE AT MSP, BUT NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE  
OF RAY.  
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[REDACTED] RE-INTERVIEWED TODAY IN REGARD TO INFORMATION  
FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] DESCRIBES [REDACTED] AS  
GOOD FRIEND WITH WHOM HE "CELLED" AND "TOOK CARE OF". ALTHOUGH  
[REDACTED] UNAWARE OF [REDACTED] INTERVIEW OR SUBSTANCE THEREOF, HE  
STATES [REDACTED] IS A FRIEND AND WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO LIE ABOUT  
HIM.

WAS WITH [REDACTED] JAIL, BUT DIFFERENT TANKS AND  
DID NOT KNOW [REDACTED] THERE. ALSO WITH [REDACTED] MSP, JEFFERSON CITY  
AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DENIES ANY AND ALL CONVERSATION WITH RAY AS  
ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY [REDACTED] STILL INSISTS HE DID NOT KNOW RAY.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RECALLS NO  
INMATE MSP, FIRST OR LAST NAME RAY, WITH WHOM HE ASSOCIATED OR  
CONVERSED AT LENGTH.

END PAGE TWO

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
WIFE, [REDACTED], NEE [REDACTED] MARRIED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LAST KNOWN TO BE RESIDING [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NO IDEA OF PRESENT WHERE-  
ABOUTS. [REDACTED] DENIES EVER HAVING RESIDED IN ATLANTA. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

ADVISES HE, [REDACTED] HAS ONLY PASSED THROUGH ATLANTA STAYING  
OVER NIGHT.

DENIED BEING QUESTIONED RE [REDACTED] WHEN  
ARRESTED [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS QUESTIONED BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ONLY IN REGARD TO  
OFFENSE FOR WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED WHICH WAS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

HOWEVER, [REDACTED] ADVISED HE TOOK "BUM RAP" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN ORDER TO AVOID DIVULGING HIS WHEREABOUTS AND PERSON  
END PAGE THREE

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ACCOMPANYING HIM AT TIME OF [REDACTED]. STATED EITHER WAY  
HE HAD TO GO TO PRISON [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

REFUSED TO DISCUSS WHEREABOUTS, OFFENSE, OR ASSOCIATES  
ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THAT DATE BECAUSE OF NATURE OF OFFENSE  
AND PERSON OR PERSONS INVOLVED. ADVISED THAT ANY INVESTIGATION  
INTO THIS MATTER MIGHT COULD JEOPARDIZE HIS PRESENT PAROLE STATUS  
[REDACTED]

DENIES HAVING RELATIVES [REDACTED] DENIES  
KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW, [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] IS  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEVER HEARD OF PRISONERS PLAN TO ESCAPE TO LIBERIA  
OR HIDE OUT IN A VIRGINIA CAVE.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
RECALLS MANY PRISONERS DEGRADING NEGROES, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

IN BOTH INTERVIEWS [REDACTED] DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF "COOLEY"  
(PHONETIC), BUT ASSOCIATES NAME AND NEGRO INMATE MSP. NEVER  
HEARD OF MONEY OFFERED FOR DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

NEW ORLEANS, AT [REDACTED], LOUISIANA, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE  
AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] NEE [REDACTED] LAST KNOWN ADDRESS  
[REDACTED], REGARDING ASSOCIATION BETWEEN  
[REDACTED] AND SUBJECT RAY: AND IF THEY WERE INVOLVED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PRIOR TO [REDACTED] IMPRISONMENT  
MSP. ADVISE BIRMINGHAM RESULTS, AS NEEDED TO EVALUATE CREDIBILITY  
OF [REDACTED], WHO HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AND MADE ALLEGATIONS OF RAY, [REDACTED]  
ASSOCIATION AND [REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

END

SVW

FBI WASH DC



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

FBI WASH DC

MAY 2 1968

TELETYPE *gm*

FBI ST LOUIS

452PM URGENT 5-3-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44:775) 1P

*(P)*  
MURKIN.

SUSPECT *111*

*111*  
[REDACTED] ONE HOUR MARTINIZING CLEANERS,  
FIVE SIX THREE ONE DELMAR, SLMO, TODAY ADVISED AN INDIVIDUAL  
NAMED [REDACTED] WHO LOOKED LIKE SUBJECT, ENTERED SHOP. SHE NOTED  
HE DROVE A SIXTYFOUR CHEVROLET, BEARING CURRENT MO. LIC.

[REDACTED] CHECK REVEALS LICENSE ISSUED TO:

[REDACTED] COLUMBIA, MO.

KANSAS CITY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION. P.

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*W. J. [unclear]*

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FBI RICHMOND

-- 623PM URGENT 5/10/68 DWS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, MOBILE

FROM RICHMOND (44-657) 3P

MURKIN.

For

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL MAY NINE LAST.

C AND P TELCO, HOPEWELL, VA., RECORDS INDICATE NUMBER

[REDACTED] SUBSCRIBED TO BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOPEWELL, VA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] NOT A MEMBER OF UKA

THIRTY-SIX PRESENTLY.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED CONVERSATION HEARD IN UNIT

TWELVE OF UKA HOPEWELL ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO RELATING ONE [REDACTED]

FORMERLY A MEMBER OF INSTANT UNIT [REDACTED]

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T -- CREDIT CONDUCTED PETERSBURG AND HOPEWELL REFLECT [REDACTED] RESIDING  
FI GREATER PETERSBURG DASH HOPEWELL AREA SINCE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] UNTIL [REDACTED] RESIDED [REDACTED] HOPEWELL,  
VA.

ARREST CHECKS CONDUCTED GREATER HOPEWELL DASH PETERSBURG AREA  
REFLECT FOUR TRAFFIC CITATIONS. CREDIT CHECK INDICATES [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], AND WIFE [REDACTED] HAVE SATISFACTORY CREDIT  
RATING. [REDACTED] EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HOPEWELL, VA. [REDACTED] PD RECORDS HOPEWELL INDICATE  
[REDACTED] PLACE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DISCREET NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRY REFLECTS  
[REDACTED], WIFE, AND [REDACTED] MOVED TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED] UNKNOWN. NEIGHBOR INDICATES [REDACTED]  
FROM [REDACTED] PRIOR TO MOVING TO HOPEWELL THREE TO FOUR MONTHS  
AGO. NEIGHBOR INDICATES [REDACTED] RECENTLY QUIT EMPLOYMENT  
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[REDACTED] HOPEWELL. [REDACTED] HOPEWELL INDICATES ONLY  
[REDACTED] NATIVE WHO RECENTLY QUIT EMPLOYMENT IS ONE [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS UNKNOWN, PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA. CREDIT RE  
[REDACTED] NEGATIVE AT HOPEWELL AND PETERSBURG.

UAC NO FURTHER INQUIRIES BEING MADE.

INSERTS TO FOLLOW TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT KNOXVILLE AND KANSAS CITY.

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Date: 5/9/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJ: MURKIN

ReTPairtel to Bureau, dated 4/30/68.

Regarding JAMES RAY of Jacksonville, Florida,  
[REDACTED]Investigation Jacksonville, Florida, reflected  
JAMES JACKSON RAY was individual referred to by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was determined JAMES JACKSON RAY is not identical with subject.

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③ - Bureau  
1 - Tampa (Info)  
2 - Jacksonville  
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E.C. Bishop

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/8/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

0 MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Bureau dated 5/3/68.

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, (protect identity)  
advised SA [REDACTED] as follows on 5/7/68:

Telephone number [REDACTED] is subscribed to by  
RUDOLPH SEAMAN, [REDACTED], San Diego, California.

Telephone number [REDACTED] is subscribed to by  
MATTHEW CARRILLO, [REDACTED], Valley Centre, California.

Telephone number [REDACTED] is subscribed to by  
GLEN L. DOBERSTEIN, [REDACTED], San Diego, California.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] on 5/7/68:

Mr. RUDOLPH SEAMAN, [REDACTED], San Diego,  
California, advised he has telephone number [REDACTED] and  
during the month of December, 1967, his stepson, GUY MARINI,

- ④ - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Houston (44-1509) (Info)  
2 - San Diego

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Approved: W/83  
Special Agent in Charge

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previously from Columbus, Ohio visited he and his wife. After departing their residence, he returned East traveling through the state of Texas. It is Mr. SEAMAN's recollection that GUY MARINI telephoned he and his wife from Texas during the middle of December, 1967. The present whereabouts of GUY MARINI is unknown to Mr. SEAMAN.

On 5/7/68, PAMELA DOBERSTEIN, [REDACTED], San Diego, California, advised that she and her parents reside at this address and have telephone number [REDACTED].

According to PAMELA DOBERSTEIN, she has an uncle, a brother of her mother, named NORBERT VILLAFLO, who formerly resided at [REDACTED], Vidor, Texas. Miss DOBERSTEIN recalls the family received a telephone call from NORBERT VILLAFLO during the middle of December, 1967.

The present whereabouts of NORBERT VILLAFLO are unknown to Miss DOBERSTEIN and her family since he has departed Vidor, Texas.

Photographs of RAY were displayed to PAMELA DOBERSTEIN and RUDOLPH SEAMAN and both advised the subject is unknown to them.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on 5/7/68:

On 5/7/68, SOLEDAD GONZALEZ, [REDACTED], Valley Centre, California, advised her parents, MATTHEW and EVA CARRILLO, reside adjacent to her and that telephone number [REDACTED] is assigned to their residence. She further stated that her brothers, JOSE and RICHARD CARRILLO, ages 17 and 19, and her sister, MARIA, age 21, also reside at her parents' residence.

On 5/7/68, EVA CARRILLO advised she is unable to speak English and consequently was interviewed with the assistance of her daughter, SOLEDAD GONZALEZ. Mrs. CARRILLO stated that she generally is the only individual in the household during daylight hours and that she is unable to recall having received a telephone call from Texas in December, 1967. She stated, however, that it is possible that she did receive such telephone call and is unable to

recall it. She further advised that if the caller had spoke in English, she would have been unable to correspond and would have consequently quickly terminated the conversation and probably not recall it. Also, that if the caller had dialed a wrong number, she probably would not recall this.

All the members of the CARRILLO household consisted of JOSE, RICHARD, MARIA, and Mr. MATTHEW CARRILLO were interviewed and all advised that they have no recollection of receiving a telephone call from Texas in December, 1967. When questioned regarding friends, relatives, and associates possibly residing in the state of Texas, they all advised they have relatives residing in El Paso, but that since they are on an extremely low economic level, they do not believe they would have attempted to telephone them.

MARIA CARRILLO, upon interview, stated that during the latter part of December, 1967, including December 17, 1967, her brother, ANTONIO CARRILLO, a Catholic priest from Mexico, was visiting with her and her family and that the possibility exists that he received the telephone call. She stated he is currently residing at Casa Parroquial, Tenajapa, Chiapas, Mexico.

An additional copy of this airtel is being furnished the Bureau for transmittal to Legat, Mexico, so that Father, ANTONIO CARRILLO, presently residing at Casa Parroquial, Tenajapa, Chiapas, Mexico can be contacted to determine if he received a telephone call during the middle of December from the state of Texas while visiting his sister at Valley Centre, California.

A photograph of subject RAY should be displayed to Father CARRILLO to determine if subject RAY is known to him in view of the fact that subject RAY has a past history of travel to Mexico.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

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Re Houston airtel to Director, 5/3/68.

Re: Public Telephones on Interstate 10 -  
Houston DivisionCalling No. 769-9103, Vidor, Texas, to Tampa,  
Fla., [REDACTED], on 12/17/67.At Tampa, Florida

[REDACTED], General Telephone Company (Protect), advised records showed telephone number [REDACTED] in home of DEDRA RODGERS, [REDACTED] Tampa, installed November 2, 1967.

Mrs. MINNIE JUDGE, [REDACTED], advised May 8, 1968, Miss DEDRA RODGERS is her daughter and phones at their residence in her name. Advised no telephone call ever received at her residence from Texas; that she was home all day Sunday, December 17, 1967, and could positively state no one received a call. Photos JAMES EARL RAY

- ③ - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (RM)  
2 - Houston (44-1509) (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Tampa

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Special Agent in Charge

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exhibited and subject RAY unknown to her.

Miss DEDRA RODGERS, [REDACTED] advised May 8, 1968, she was at her residence with her mother on Sunday, December 17, 1967, and could positively state no one received a call from Texas. Photos RAY exhibited to her and RAY unknown.

[REDACTED] as above, advised May 8, 1968, old Criss-Cross Directory checked negatively for prior subscriber and telephone company cannot tell who previous subscriber was.

It is noted JUDGE and RODGERS are Negroes and reside in entirely Negro project.

No further investigation being conducted by Tampa and Houston may desire to recheck numbers.

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TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

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OO Memphis

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, etal, 4/30/68; Jackson teletype to Director, etal, 4/24/68, copies of which are enclosed for Dallas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

At El Reno, Oklahoma

On 5/7/68 records (card record only) of Federal Reformatory disclosed [REDACTED] Inmate # [REDACTED] FBI [REDACTED], a white male, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] was sentenced [REDACTED] in the Eastern District of Missouri to serve an indeterminate period under the Youth Corrections Act (5010b), following conviction for [REDACTED] -- probation revoked. He was received at El Reno [REDACTED] paroled [REDACTED] parole violator's warrant executed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was returned to El Reno [REDACTED] and was released [REDACTED] at the expiration of his sentence.

Inmate file for [REDACTED] has been transferred to the Federal Records Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

- 3 - Director  
2 - Dallas (Enc. 2)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - St. Louis (44-775) (Info)  
1 - Oklahoma City  
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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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LEAD

DALLAS DIVISION

At Fort Worth, Texas

Will at Federal Records Center, review inmate file  
for [REDACTED] (Federal Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma,  
[REDACTED] FRC [REDACTED]), for information requested of Detroit,  
Kansas City, and Oklahoma City Divisions in re St. Louis airtel.

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600 AM EDST URGENT 5-9-68 VMC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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FROM DETROIT (44-989) 7P

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Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
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Mr. Evans	
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MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL CAPTIONED "MURKIN" TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND  
DETROIT FOUR FIFTY AM, FIVE EIGHT LAST; IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
TELEPHONE CALL TO DETROIT, FIVE EIGHT LAST; DETROIT TEL TO  
DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS, TWO TWENTYFOUR PM, FIVE EIGHT  
LAST CAPTIONED "ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY, [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED]; REPORT OF SA [REDACTED]  
AT DETROIT DATED THREE TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT AND CAPTIONED "ROBERT  
JOSEPH DUNAWAY, [REDACTED]"  
DETROIT TEL TO DIRECTOR DATED FOUR TWO SIXTYEIGHT AND CAPTIONED  
[REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU - FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
OF ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY [REDACTED]

BEING SUBMITTED:

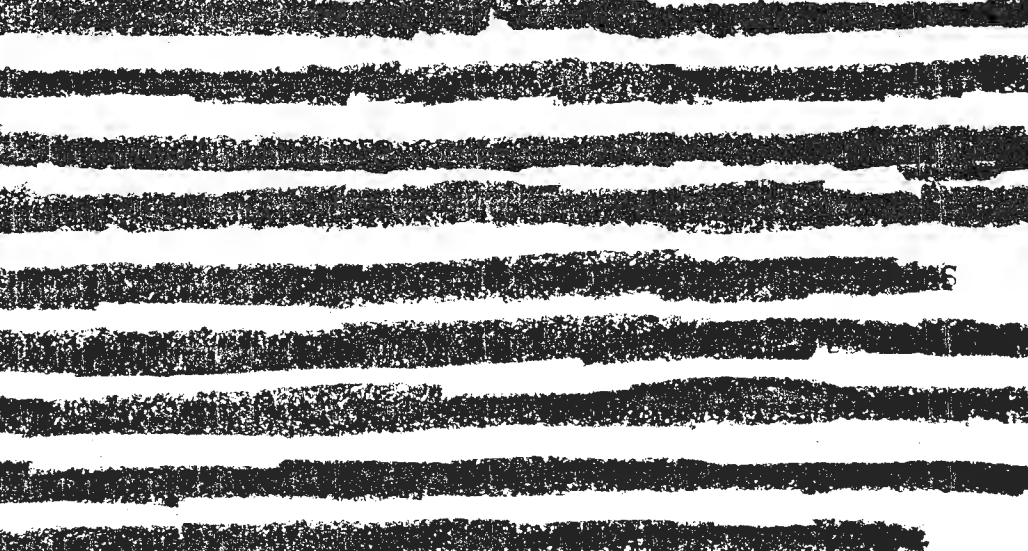
DUNAWAY, W/M, BORN FIVE TWENTY THIRTY, CLAWSON, MICHIGAN, HAS  
FBI NUMBER EIGHT FOUR ONE THREE ONE ZERO C. DUNAWAY FIRST KNOWN  
INVOLVEMENT WITH POLICE WAS SIX TWENTYSIX FORTYNINE FOR INVESTIGATION  
DASH ARREST FOR RESISTING DETROIT POLICE OFFICER. THERE FOLLOWED ON  
SEVEN ONE FIFTY ARREST BY DETROIT PD FOR LOITERING HOUSE PROSTITUTION  
WITH SUSPENDED SENTENCE ON SEVEN THREE FIFTY. ARRESTED AGAIN TEN  
TWENTYNINE FIFTYFIVE MT. CLEMENS, MICH., PD FOR A&P WHICH ON  
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ELEVEN ONE FIFTYFIVE DISMISSED AFTER PAYMENT OF COSTS WHEN WITNESS  
FAILED TO PROSECUTE. ON THREE SEVENTEEN FIFTYEIGHT, ATTACHMENT OF  
TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FRIEND OF COURT, MT. CLEMENS, MICH., PLACED  
AGAINST DUNAWAY. LAST KNOWN ARREST BY DETROIT PD SIX THIRTY SIXTYSEVEN  
FOR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT EXTORTION WHICH INVOLVED DUNAWAY AND  
THREE OTHERS WHEREIN LOCAL FISH SALESMAN, [REDACTED]  
WAS GIVEN A "SHYLOCK BEATING." MATTER PRESENTED DETROIT RECORDERS  
COURT, BOWLES GRAND JURY, AND LEFT "HANGING" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JOANNE, NEE  
SALVADORI, MASTERS FOR PAST TEN YEARS [REDACTED]  
RESIDED WITH MOTHER, MARY JANE SALVADORI, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DETROIT, MICH., UNTIL APPROXIMATELY TEN ONE SIXTYSEVEN  
WHEN MASTERS (HUSBAND DECEASED) MOVED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], DETROIT, MICH.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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ON THREE TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, WHILE THE [REDACTED] WERE OUT OF TOWN AND ALLEGEDLY ENROUTE TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, [REDACTED] W/M, BORN SEVEN FIFTEEN TEN, ALBION, MICH., WAS TAKEN FROM HIS HOME AT [REDACTED] STERLING TOWNSHIP, MICH., IN PRESENCE OF WIFE OF ONE WEEK BY THREE OR FOUR INDIVIDUALS AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN PM. WIFE OBSERVED DI MAGGIO BEING BEATEN AS BEING DRIVEN AWAY. [REDACTED]

DI MAGGIO DIED FOLLOWING DAY THREE TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT AS RESULT OF BEATING AND NEVER REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.

OTHERS IDENTIFIED TO DATE BY [REDACTED] AS  
INVOLVED IN DI MAGGIO MURDER ARE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MASTERS STATED DUNAWAY HAD KEY TO HER  
APARTMENT ON [REDACTED] AND HER MOTHER'S HOME AT [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] DETROIT, MICH. ALSO, DUNAWAY KNEW MASTERS' MOTHER,  
MARY JANE SALVADORI, WAS IN HOSPITAL [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN, [REDACTED]  
RENTED TO TWO YOUNG WHITE MALES WHO VACATED APPROXIMATELY A MONTH AND  
HALF AGO. SINCE THEN HOUSE BEEN VACANT WITH MASTERS' MOTHER'S  
NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR DARK BLUE MALIBU CHEVROLET BEING IN GARAGE WITH KEYS  
ALWAYS KEPT IN BOWL ON TV IN LIVING ROOM. MASTERS INDICATED SHE KNEW  
NOTHING OF MOTHER'S CAR BEING TAKEN OR DUNAWAY'S WHEREABOUTS UNTIL  
INFORMED FIVE EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT BY DETROIT POLICE. MASTERS STATED SHE  
DID NOT KNOW WHO KILLED DUNAWAY AND NOT KNOW ANY BASIS FOR DUNAWAY'S  
BODY BEING IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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DETROIT INVESTIGATION INDICATES NO CONNECTION BETWEEN DUNAWAY AND MURKIN MATTER.

DETROIT INVESTIGATION REGARDING DUNAWAY VIGOROUSLY CONTINUING AND POSSIBILITY BEING CONSIDERED REGARDING ITAR - MURDER.

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Date: 5/10/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, Little Rock (157-1215) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Little Rock airtel to Bureau, 5/8/68.

Referenced airtel sets forth information about

For information of Bureau and Memphis, [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] moved from [REDACTED], West Memphis, Arkansas, as of 5/9/68, owing ten days' rent. She determined from the moving company that he was moving to [REDACTED] Memphis, Tennessee.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Little Rock  
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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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May 8, 1968

Airtel

1 - Mr. McDonough

To: All SACS and LEGATS

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In connection with the captioned case there has been speculation that James Earl Ray concocted the alias of Eric Starvo Galt by combining the names of characters from books by Ian Fleming and from a book "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand. This speculation is based on the fact that in the James Bond books by Ian Fleming there is a character named Ernst Stavro Blofield and in "Atlas Shrugged" there is a character named John Galt, as well as one named Eric Starnes. Ernst Stavro Blofield is a formidable person, John Galt is a "social drop out" and Eric Starnes is described in the book as a "whiner" from a low-class family.

In view of the above and in order that Agents handling this investigation can be alert to the possibility of Ray's utilizing an alias based on characters in Fleming's books, there is set out as an attachment to this airtel a list of various characters in those books for your assistance.

Enclosure

NOTE: See memo DeLoach from Rosen 5/8/68 re MURKIN  
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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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CHARACTERS IN BOOKS

BY IAN FLEMING

CASINO ROYALE

James Bond	Smyert Shpionam	Monsieur Sixte
de Villorin	Goytchev	Lord Danvers
Duclos	Garrad-Jones	Carmel Delane
Dasilva	Petchora	Signor Tomelli
Clements	Donovan	Rene Mathis
Caffery	Harthrop-Vane	Monsieur Versoix
Fawcett	Ventnor	Adolph Gettler
Herr Nummer	Mace	Herr Gettler
Herr Ziffer	Savarin	
Smersh	Mathis	
Deauville	Charles Dasilva	
Le Touquet	Kingston	
Zographos	Monsieur Muntz	
Cypher	Trouville	
Alsace Lorraine	Royale	
Strasbourg	Vesper Lynd	
Archivist	Dior	

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DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

Galland	Felix Leiter	Sir Reginald Leeper
Sillitoe	Pickapepper	Mr. Swart
Daker	Mauve Decade	Brigadier Rademeyer
Jacoby	Bill Winfrey	Volk
Bronsteen	Kid Tatters	Bernard Nealon
Sefton Delmer	Lame-Brain Pissaro	John Blaize
DeBeers	Belair Stud	Williamson
Ronnie Vallance	Mr. Weiss	Prospector Katze
Rufus B. Saye, wa, Jack Spang	Windy Wint	du Raan
Peter Franks	Boofy Kidd	Mr. Louwrens
Tiffany Case	Ernie Cuneo	Sergeant Cilliers
Sergeant Dankwaerts	Jack Entratter	Andries Coetzze
Sergeant Lobiniere	Bobby Bilbo	Alexander Foote
Mister Grunspan-	Mr. Lucian	Desmond
Willy Behrens	Frasso	Percy Sillitoe
George Feyer	McGonigle	Ernest Oppenheimer
Michael Tree, wa, Shady Tree	Captain Hook	J. A. Brink
Seraffimo Spang	B. Kitteridge	Claasens
W. Winter	Mr. Rothblatt	Bill Syer
Mike Hammer	<u>THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS</u>	Fuchs
Rocky	Ian Fleming	LeBeers

THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS

Van Blommestein & Birt

Tim Patterson

Piet Willers

T. S. Patterson

Blake

Davis

de Graaf

Mrs. Coetzze

Christine Granville

Sammy Silberstein

Captain van der Westhuisen

William Percival Radley ("Tony")

Donald Miles

Henry Orford

Blaize

Bernard Nealon

Harry Morgan

Finkle

William N. Witherspoon

P. M. R. Willis

Ardayast Powanlian

David Mitchel

Frank Wile

Max Pop

Francis Gballeit

Arthur Sherman

Belcher

Herbert Cox

Monsieur Diamant

Harry Openheimer

Kutze

Groffelaar

Patrick Sullivan

Leiser Weitman

John Gundry

Willy Rosen

Sillitoe

Henry Brasseur

Kheir

Mr. Capper

Robert Johnson

Ernest Oppenheimer



THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS

Lyall

Philip Schreiber

Amschel Benny Engel

M. Lallet

M. Mario Pinci

Alio Giwa

Nathan Ascher Glatt

Dr. H. P. Lowe

H. J. Browning (Mr.)

Solomon Cukrowicz

David Gollansky

Alahaju Mustafa Ibrahim

Mike Collins

R. F. Sheldon

Mr. H. Rogers

Harras

DOCTOR NO

John Strangways

M

Bill Templar

Stoker Smith

James Molony

Dr. Peter Steincrohn

Major Boothroyd

Quarrel

Hugh Foot

Mr. Pleydell-Smith

Ben Gibbons

Josiah Smith

John Bryce

Waygood Otis

Julius No

Lemmy

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Havelock

Jimmy Farquharson

Aschenheim

Fayprince

Henriques

Feddens

Major Gonzales

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Haversack

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Ethan Allen

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Signor Kristatos

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Santos

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"Red" Grant

Krassno Granitsky

"Granit"

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Professor Deniken

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Lermontov

Swaine

Adeney

Wilkinson

Kerim Bey

Cecil Beaton

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Croesus

David Somerset

Bianco

Major Dansey

Gyllius

Vavra

Krilenku

Zora

Vida

Boris Kerim

Melchior Benz

Kurt Goldfarb

Stefan Trempo

"Tempo"

Captain Norman Nash

Wilbur Frank

Comtesse Metterstein

Rosa Malheur

Blackwell

Schwab

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Hambros

Williamson

Oppenheimer

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Foulks

Hagen

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Dean Swift

Lord Nelson

Sable Basilish Pursuivant

Gebriider Gumpold-Moosbrugger

Tissot

Tracy

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Marc - Ange Draco

Jean Gindicelli

Griffon Or

Sir Thomas Bond

Nell Gweynn

Boswell

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FBI MEMPHIS

544 PM URGENT 5-11-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

RE SUMMARY TEL.

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS INVESTIGATION REPORTED  
FOR THIS DATE. MEMPHIS CONTINUING TO CHECK LOOK ALIKES ON AN  
EXPEDITIOUS BASIS; HOWEVER, NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS RESULTING  
FROM LOOK ALIKE INVESTIGATION. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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7-20 PM URGENT 5-11-68 ECR

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM LITTLE ROCK

MURKIN

TELEPHONE [REDACTED] ARKADELPHIA,  
ARKANSAS, ADVISED ON THIS DATE THAT HE WAS TRAVELING FROM  
ARKADELPHIA TO MALVERN, ARKANSAS ON INTERSTATE THIRTY THIS  
DATE AND NOTICED AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A LATE MODEL MERCURY  
THAT HE THOUGHT RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY WHICH  
RECENTLY APPEARED IN NEWSPAPER. [REDACTED] PASSED THE CAR  
SEVERAL TIMES AND STATED THE MAN DID RESEMBLE RAY AND DESCRIBED  
HIM AS WEARING SUN GLASSES, IN HIS THIRTIES, WITH SHARP NOSE,  
ONE EAR PROTRUDED MORE THAN OTHER. THE CAR THE INDIVIDUAL  
WAS DRIVING WAS A TWO TONE MERCURY WITH BLACK TOP AND BEARING  
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ARKANSAS LICENSE [REDACTED]  
HAD A FORT CAMPBELL KENTUCKY STICKER ON WINDSHIELD.

[REDACTED] LAST SAW CAR APPROXIMATELY TWO TWENTYFIVE PM  
THIS DATE AS IT TURNED TOWARD HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ARKANSAS LICENSE [REDACTED]

IS REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

CREDIT BUREAU, FORT SMITH, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FORT SMITH, HAS BEEN COVERED IN  
FILES SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. LAST ADDRESS SHOWN FOR [REDACTED]  
(DATE UNKNOWN) WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. [REDACTED] PRESENTLY A STUDENT AT  
SOUTHERN COLLEGE OF ARTS, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

CHECK OF LOGICAL HIGHWAYS HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS AREA NEGATIVE  
FOR MERCURY. NO ONE AT HOME AT [REDACTED]  
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

MEMPHIS AT [REDACTED]  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED],  
AND VERIFY NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY AND ASCERTAIN IF HE WAS  
INDIVIDUAL DRIVING AUTOMOBILE WHEN SEEN BY [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Butel to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio,  
4/25/68; Bureau airtel to all offices dated  
5/7/68.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE  
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

Noted that referenced Bureau airtel sets out instructions for all offices regarding the reporting of information developed in this case.

The El Paso Office has completed the checking out of the more than 115 telephone calls received by various individuals in the El Paso Division during the period from December 15-17, 1967, which originated from telephone booths and pay stations along the route used by subject RAY en route from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana. None of the individuals contacted were acquainted with subject RAY and none of them had ever

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received any telephone call from subject RAY, according to their own statements.

The above information will be set out in an ADMINISTRATIVE insert and not in an INVESTIGATIVE insert in view of the fact that the information regarding the telephone calls came from the confidential records of various telephone companies. The detailed results of each interview pertaining to these telephone calls will not be included in the administrative insert but will be recorded in the El Paso case file, UACB.

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FBI ST LOUIS

1021PM URGENT 5-10-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS

MURKIN

SUMMARY

RE CAROL PEPPER: REINTERVIEWED.

[REDACTED] HAD NO PERTINENT INFORMATION. CLAIM-  
ED SAW SUBJECT ONLY THREE OR FOUR TIMES IN LIFE, AFTER SHE CAME TO  
SL AT AGE SIXTEEN, BUT HAS HAZY MEMORY OF MEDALS ON UNIFORM WHEN  
RETURNED FROM ARMY. NEVER ATTEMPTED VISIT AT MSP, BUT WROTE LETTERS  
TO HIM THERE IN BEHALF AND NAME OF GRANDMOTHER MARY MAHER AND CON-  
TINUED SAME THREE OR FOUR LETTERS FOLLOWING MAHER DEATH. RECEIVED  
TWO OR THREE LETTERS FROM HIM. COULD HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM  
HIM ADDRESSED TO ALBERT PEPPER STATIONERY CO AT HER RESIDENCE, BUT  
BELIEVED IF SHE HAD, IT HAD BEEN PREVIOUS TO JANUARY SIXTYSEVEN, AND  
ANY MONEY RECEIVED WOULD HAVE BEEN LESS THAN FIFTEEN DOLLARS. ANY  
MONEY RECEIVED WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN FOR MAGAZINES HE REQUESTED  
WHICH SHE NEVER SENT. COMPLAINED OF PRESS AND STATED HUSBAND HAD  
SENT REPORTS AWAY. DOES NOT DESIRE PUBLICITY. BELIEVES SUBJECT  
NOT GUILTY AND IS CONCERNED OVER NEWS CONJECTURE THAT HE MAY BE  
DEAD. CLAIMS NOT AWARE OF IDENTITIES OF ANY RAY ASSOCIATES. DE-  
NIED ANY CONTACT WITH RAY SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE OR ANY KNOWLEDGE

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OF WHEREABOUTS SINCE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILLING TO BE  
REINTERVIEWED WHENEVER NECESSARY.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY AND [REDACTED] NO ATTEMPT TO REINTERVIEW  
TODAY.

RE [REDACTED] SOURCES HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
RE POSSIBILITY OF REVERSING RAY ARMED ROBBERY CONVICTION: JUDGE  
JOHN C. CASEY, SL, WHO ORIGINALLY SENTENCED RAY, ADVISED OF POSSIBIL-  
ITY BASED ON PENDING MOTION FILED BY RAY PRIOR TO ESCAPE. BUREAU  
ADVICE REQUESTED BY SEPARATE TELETYPE.

*ST LOUIS  
Submitted  
Detailed  
Today  
JK  
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RE JERRY RAYNES; REINTERVIEWED LAST EVENING. VOLUNTEERED  
SONS JOHN AND JERRY RAY HAD SPENT NIGHT WITH HIM, HE BELIEVED MAY  
SIXTY, AND THAT THEY LEFT FOR SL FOLLOWING MORNING EARLY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THEY WERE DRINKING AND ARGUING. JOHN INDI-  
CATED RESENTMENT OF HIMSELF AND CAROL PEPPER OVER JERRY HAVING SOLD  
LIFE MAGAZINE STORY ABOUT FAMILY WHICH WAS HALF LIES. RAYNES THOUGHT  
JERRY VISITING IN SL AND SPENDING LIFE MONEY WHICH HE ALSO RESENTED.  
CLAIMED HOUSE IN EWING MO., DID NOT HAVE DIRT FLOOR WHEN FAMILY LIVED  
THERE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VOLUNTEERED HE  
HAD BEEN VISITED BY REPORTER BUT HAD REFUSED INTERVIEW. AGAIN DENIED  
CONTACT BY OR KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT WHEREABOUTS. JERRY AND JOHN GAVE  
NO INDICATION THEY HAD ANY SUCH KNOWLEDGE.

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RE [REDACTED] SULLIVAN, MO. [REDACTED]  
SULLIVAN, [REDACTED] RELATED TO  
[REDACTED] BY MARRIAGE, SAID [REDACTED] HAS STATED KING KILLER OUT OF U.S.  
PROBABLY IN ARGENTINA, BUT HAD MADE NO STATEMENT THAT RAY ESCAPE  
PLANNED BY KLAN. [REDACTED] BELIEVED MERELY EXPRESSION OF OPINION. [REDACTED]  
SUPERIOR. [REDACTED] SAW POSSIBILITY OF REWARD IF  
COULD SOLVE KING CASE THRU [REDACTED] VISITED SULLIVAN AND INTERVIEWED  
[REDACTED]. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED BY SA ADMITTED KLAN MEMBERSHIP. DENIED  
KNOWLEDGE OF RAY ESCAPE OR WHEREABOUTS, OR KING MURDER. NEVER  
HEARD OF RAY BEFORE PUBLICITY. NO INFO RECEIVED BY HIM THRU KLAN.  
CONJECTURE AS TO RAY WHEREABOUTS WERE PERSONAL OPINIONS.  
RE [REDACTED] FELLOW PRISONER: [REDACTED] WILL BE  
INTERVIEWED TOMORROW RE INFO FURNISHED BH BY [REDACTED] TO ASSIST  
EVALUATION OF [REDACTED] CREDIBILITY.  
[REDACTED] PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND RESOLUTION LOOK ALIKES CONTIN-  
UING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MURKIN.

REMYCAB MAY NINE LAST.

UNKNOWN DECEASED AT ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:

BODY OF MAN BELIEVED TO BE AMERICAN DISCOVERED BURIED IN SAND ON BEACH AT ACAPULCO NEAR PIERRE MARQUEZ HOTEL MAY TEN INSTANT. POLICE CHIEF STATES MAN ABOUT THREE ZERO YEARS OLD AND WAS APPARENTLY SHOT AND BEATEN, ABOUT THREE DAYS AGO. THREE PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE AMERICANS AND WHITE CAR WITH TEXAS LICENSE PLATES REPORTEDLY SEEN NEAR SCENE AT THAT TIME. POLICE CHIEF IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FINGERPRINTS AND WILL FORWARD TO THIS OFFICE SO THAT DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE WHETHER ANY CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

INVESTIGATION AT MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:

CHECK OF HOTELS AND MOTELS AT SALTILLO, COAHUILA, MATEHUALA, SAN LUIS POTOSI, MONTERREY, AND OTHER LOGICAL SPOTS WITHIN MONTERREY TERRITORY ON MAIN HIGHWAY BETWEEN BORDER AND MEXICO CITY HAS NOT TO DATE DEVELOPED ANY INDICATIONS THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN IN THIS AREA RECENTLY OR ANY RECORD OF HIS TRAVEL AFTER CROSSING BORDER ON OCTOBER SEVEN LAST.

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RE ANONYMOUS CALL TO MEMPHIS POLICE:

[REDACTED] HAS COMPLETED INVESTIGATION MADE MAY EIGHT, NINE, AND ONE ZERO INSTANT IN AREA FIVE ZERO MILES SOUTH OF CABORCA. SEARCH COVERED AREA OF APPROXIMATELY ONE ZERO ZERO SQUARE MILES. ENTIRE REGION ISOLATED, DESERT-LIKE LAND WITH ONLY INHABITANTS ON ONE TWO ISOLATED RANCHES.

SEARCH CONCENTRATED IN AREA ABOUT SIX ZERO MILES SOUTHWEST OF CABORCA WHERE CESSNA SUPER SKY MASTER BURNED APRIL FIVE LAST AS REPORTED IN BUFILE [REDACTED] UNDER CAPTION "UNSUB; ONE NINE SIX FIVE CESSNA THREE THREE SEVEN SUPER SKY MASTER, SN THREE THREE SEVEN-ZERO ONE ONE FOUR, FAA REGISTRATION NUMBER N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X, [REDACTED]." ORIGINAL ALLEGATIONS THAT CASE SHOWED PLANE LANDED ON FARM ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CABORCA BUT SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION SHOWS PLANE LANDED SIX ZERO MILES SOUTHWEST OF CABORCA, FOUR KILOMETERS FROM RANCH OWNED BY AMERICAN NATIONAL RAFAEL BLAND. BLAND NOT PRESENT DURING CURRENT CHECK [REDACTED] BUT [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED SON, SERGIO BLAND, WHO TOOK [REDACTED] TO PLACE WHERE REMAINS OF PLANE STILL EXIST. PLANE WRECKAGE LOCATED ON PRACTICALLY IMPASSABLE ROAD. SERGIO BLAND SAW A PLANE BURN FROM DISTANCE BUT OBSERVED NO OCCUPANTS OR ANYONE NEAR WRECKAGE, ALTHOUGH TWO SETS OF LANDING TRACKS INDICATED ANOTHER PLANE MAY HAVE LANDED. [REDACTED] SEARCHED

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ALL AREA WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF PLANE WRECKAGE BUT NO EVIDENCE OF ANY RECENT GRAVES.

SUGGEST BUREAU THROUGH APPROPRIATE DOMESTIC OFFICES ASCERTAIN WHETHER PERSONS INVOLVED BUFILE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAVE ANY PERTINENCE TO CAPTIONED CASE.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AVAILABLE PERSONS AT EACH OF ONE TWO RANCHES IN AREA BUT NO ONE HAS SEEN ANY AMERICANS IN AREA DURING PAST SIX WEEKS AND NO EVIDENCE FOUND OF POSSIBLE RECENT BURIAL PLACES.

ALL LEADS IN MEXICO RECEIVING EXPEDITE ATTENTION AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUES ON PRIORITY BASIS.

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RECEIVED: 12:52AM RM

BRD CC MR. BRENNAN

FBI

Date: 5/9/68

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN; CR

RE MYTEL MAY FOUR LAST.

RE: JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA; FORMER ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION UNABLE TO VERIFY AUSTIN'S DEATH.

REVIEW OF MENARD STATE PENITENTIARY, ILLINOIS REVEALED AUSTIN,  
AKA JAMES FREELEY, "SHARKEY", "BLACKKEY", FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DISCHARGED FEBRUARY TWENTY THREE NINETEEN  
SIXTY FIVE TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND RECEIVED FINAL PAROLE  
DISCHARGED ON JULY ELEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN THROUGH PAROLE  
OFFICE ONE SIX ZERO NORTH LA SALLE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. AUSTIN  
FURTHER DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH APRIL FIVE  
EIGHTEEN NINETY EIGHT, FIVE FEET TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES TALL,

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, GREY HAIR, DARK

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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COMPLEXION, OCCUPATION FARMER, SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD.

FAMILY INCLUDES BROTHER [REDACTED] BROTHER,

[REDACTED] NIECE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEPHEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SISTER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COUSIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AUSTIN'S CORRESPONDENCE

FILE ALSO REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING: [REDACTED]

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CHICAGO DIVISION AT CHICAGO AND WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS,  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION AT BRAZIL AND GOSHEN, INDIANA, AND  
ST. LOUIS DIVISION AT ST. LOUIS, INVESTIGATE IN AN EFFORT TO  
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW AUSTIN. SPRINGFIELD CONDUCTING INVESTI-  
GATION AT MADISON, WAVERLY, CASEYVILLE, FRANKLIN, QUINCY, AND  
SPRINGFIELD. MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED BY MAIL. P.

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SACS, CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS,  
AND ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE MY TEL THIS DATE.

RE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA.

AUSTIN'S BROTHER, [REDACTED], LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED, WAVERLY,  
ILLINOIS, AND WAS IN RECEIPT OF LETTER MAY SEVEN FROM AUSTIN  
WITH RETURN ADDRESS, [REDACTED]  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. [REDACTED] WAS NOT SURE IF HIS  
BROTHER IS EMPLOYED.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED RE SUBJECT RAY AND SHOWN  
PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY BUT ADVISED HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT  
NOR HAD HE EVER HEARD HIS BROTHER MENTION SUBJECT.

CHICAGO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN FOR ANY  
INFORMATION RE SUBJECT RAY.

COPIES MAILED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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1 - SI (44-561)

1 - Memphis (AM)

1 - Bureau (AM)

1 - Kansas City (AM)

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/24/68;  
and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/68 (██████████  
- complainant).

On 5/9/68, after several unsuccessful attempts, ██████████ was telephonically contacted and stated she had been so busy she had not found time to list the subscribers to the "Tuskegee Tribune" whom she believed to be white. She stated she would copy them on this date if she found time, prior to leaving for Berkeley, California, and would mail them to this office. ██████████ declined the offer of an agent to come to her residence or copy the list for her.

- ② - Bureau  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)  
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
2 - Los Angeles

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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)(P)

C MURKIN

Re [REDACTED]

Re Bureau airtel to Norfolk dated 5/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted on 5/7/68, by SA [REDACTED] at Newport News, Virginia:

[REDACTED] was contacted at his residence at [REDACTED] Newport News, Va. He advised that he is employed by the Newport News, Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. He advised that he is preparing a scrapbook in regard to the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated that his postcard to the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., whereby he requested wanted flyers #442 and #442a, was for the purpose of their inclusion in his personal scrapbook.

[REDACTED] advised that he has no personal knowledge of any of the principals in the instant matter.

He was furnished copies of the afore mentioned wanted flyers by SA [REDACTED].

It is noted that during the course of the interview, [REDACTED] advised that he feels that Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK is a hindrance to the investigation of the instant matter. [REDACTED] advised that soon after sending the postcard to FBI headquarters, Washington, D.C., he sent a postcard to Attorney General CLARK stating that he was "a miserable failure as Attorney General of the United States." [REDACTED] stated that

- ③ - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (Info.) (44-1987)  
1 - Norfolk  
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he felt that RAMSEY CLARK was just not competent in general and in essence his feelings toward Attorney General CLARK were not directed toward the instant investigation in particular, but just along a political line in general.

██████████ UACB no further investigation being conducted re by Norfolk.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)

MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Birmingham tel 5/9/68 to Bureau, Kansas City,  
Memphis and Mobile.

Re [REDACTED], wife of [REDACTED].  
Current Chattanooga Telephone Directory  
(September 1967) lists Chattanooga telephone number [REDACTED]  
in name [REDACTED], Chattanooga, Tenn.

On May 10, 1968, [REDACTED], Electric Power  
Board, Chattanooga, Tenn., advised records of that office  
reflect [REDACTED] secured service in 1937. Applica-  
tion contains no background information. His address for  
1945 to 1965 was [REDACTED]. Service disconnected,  
no forwarding address. January 3, 1966, Power Board Service,  
[REDACTED] lists name [REDACTED] and  
continues service this address. In January 1966 [REDACTED]  
employed as [REDACTED] for [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED] wife listed as [REDACTED] same address, niece -  
[REDACTED], and sister - [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED] no number listed, [REDACTED] both Chattanooga,  
Tenn. No other information appeared re [REDACTED].

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Knoxville

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On May 10, 1968, [REDACTED] Chattanooga Credit Bureau, advised files of that office reflect [REDACTED] last known address, [REDACTED], Chattanooga, Tenn. (1961), widow of [REDACTED], who died [REDACTED]

Credit Bureau files last report re [REDACTED] dated September, 1955. At that date wife listed as [REDACTED], both resided [REDACTED], Chattanooga, Tenn. Known to files from 1940 to date of report. Employed 1953 to date of report by [REDACTED], Chattanooga, Tenn. Previously married to [REDACTED]. Unsatisfactory credit rating. Files describe [REDACTED] as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Divorce petitions filed by [REDACTED] vs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Divorce petitions filed by [REDACTED] vs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

It should be noted that 1967 Chattanooga City Directory lists [REDACTED] wife [REDACTED] reside [REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tenn. No employment listed for either.

Newspaper clippings appearing in Credit Bureau files report arrest [REDACTED], for [REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tenn., for [REDACTED] Newspaper clipping appeared same file dated [REDACTED] listed arrest of [REDACTED] then 34 years of age, residence [REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tenn., in connection with [REDACTED] same address. [REDACTED] first arrested for [REDACTED]

May 10, 1968, [REDACTED] Identification Division, Chattanooga Police Department, advised [REDACTED] Chattanooga PD No. [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] POB [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED], same address, arrested [REDACTED] charge of [REDACTED] This charge dismissed Chattanooga City Court [REDACTED] Chattanooga PD unable to locate arrest record for [REDACTED] Note Chattanooga PD files reorganized 2 to 3 years ago and not uncommon to be unable to locate particular file even though arrest known to have occurred.

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On May 10, 1968, [REDACTED] Hamilton County Criminal Court Clerk's Office, Chattanooga, Tenn., advised files of that office reflect charges against [REDACTED] presented to Hamilton County Grand Jury [REDACTED] on charge of murder. Grand Jury returned no bill.

Chattanooga City Directories 1961 and 1964 through 1966 do not list any record for [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Chattanooga City Directories 1962-63 list [REDACTED] wife, [REDACTED] reside [REDACTED] Chattanooga, Tenn. No employment listed for either.

[REDACTED] Chattanooga, is neighborhood of extremely low income white residents of buildings which are severely deteriorated. Limited anonymous inquiry on 5/10/68 in neighborhood failed to locate anyone who knew identity of residents at [REDACTED] or who had resided in the neighborhood in excess of two months.

[REDACTED] North Chattanooga, formerly [REDACTED] operates [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has questionable reputation and not advisable to contact if desired to be kept confidential.

Anonymous inquiry was made by Special Agent on 5/10/68 at residence at [REDACTED]. Inquiry was made re [REDACTED] family, in whose name telephone is listed, and also specifically concerning a [REDACTED] who [REDACTED] [REDACTED] currently resides [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chattanooga, advised the house at this residence is the property of [REDACTED], a widow who has no children.

[REDACTED] She is currently residing with her sister at another address in Chattanooga.

[REDACTED] are reported to have resided at [REDACTED] for the past two years. They maintain the telephone at this address under the name of [REDACTED] (deceased). [REDACTED] formerly employed by [REDACTED], but [REDACTED] has not been employed in any capacity for the past 18 months or more.

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[REDACTED] was at residence at time of anonymous inquiry. He appeared extremely feeble, made no comment, and possibly senile.

Knoxville indices re all above-listed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] negative. No additional inquiry being made re [REDACTED] pending Bureau, Memphis or Birmingham request.



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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Oklahoma City 5-9-68, and  
Tampa airtel 4-16-68.

Re: DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, FBI # [REDACTED].

The results of review of Oklahoma City files concerning DONALD EUGENE SPARKS was submitted to Bureau by airtel dated 4-24-68. A lead was set forth in this airtel for Birmingham Division to attempt to interview DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, and Birmingham teletype to Direcotr 4-27-68, reflects an attempt was made by Birmingham to interview SPARKS at the De Kalb County Jail, Fort Payne, Alabama, on 4-27-68, and SPARKS refused to be interviewed. C

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info.)  
2 - Oklahoma City  
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Approved: W. T. [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: May 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach	1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McDonough	1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Martindale	

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Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Holmes  
Gandy

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

We have obtained from Modern Photo Bookstore, New York City, an undated order coupon signed Eric S. Galt. This apparently was mailed by Ray in September, 1967, when he was living in Birmingham. A latent fingerprint developed on this coupon is identical with the left thumb print of James Earl Ray. This is the first instance in which an Eric Galt signature has been directly connected to Ray by fingerprint identification, although Ray's fingerprints have been previously identified with latent fingerprints on various items of evidence recovered in this case.

The above order was for "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography" containing 2,000 entries by 197 experts covering every aspect of photography. By letter dated 9/26/67, Ray, as Galt, wrote that he was moving and the book should not be shipped until he furnished his new address. The company believes the book was never shipped although payment of \$8.95 was received with the order coupon.

*[REDACTED]* who knew Ray at Missouri State Penitentiary, has been reinterviewed and furnished the following information.

As "walk boy", Ray had free access to *[REDACTED]* cell block. Ray was a representative for one of the daily cigarette lotteries in the prison, collecting bets and paying off winners. *[REDACTED]* never saw Ray handle narcotics or other contraband.

On the one occasion that Ray mentioned a "Business Mans Organization" that had allegedly offered \$100,000 to kill people like King, *[REDACTED]* asked Ray just what this organization was and Ray replied, "I don't know but I will find out." Ray *[REDACTED]* always worked alone to minimize the possibility of being caught and said he had a place picked out where he could hide.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

When [REDACTED] was in jail en route to Missouri State Penitentiary he met a four time loser named [REDACTED] who advised him to join Cooley's organization to obtain the protection they offered in prison.

[REDACTED] later saw [REDACTED] in the penitentiary and gave him \$10 for membership in Cooley's organization. [REDACTED] Ray delivered a membership card and explained to [REDACTED] that it could also be used as a credit card for candy and similar items but not for betting.

On two or three occasions [REDACTED] had disputes with other prisoners over cigarette wagers. He appealed to [REDACTED] as a representative of Cooley's organization and [REDACTED] agreed to handle his complaints but told him there was a fee of 50% of the amount collected. [REDACTED] agreed and each time he filed a complaint with [REDACTED] Ray later brought [REDACTED] his share of the cigarettes that had been collected.

[REDACTED] denies any knowledge of Ray subsequent to his escape but states that in any event he would have no interest in the posted rewards due to his fear of Cooley's organization.

On 5/9/68 John Acord, Chairman, American-Southern Africa Council, Washington, D. C., made available the following letter he received from the subject.

"12/28/67

"DEAR SIR,

"I RECENTLY READ AN ARTICLE IN THE L. A. TIMES ON YOUR CONCIL, THE LOCAL JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PROVIDED ME WITH YOUR ADDRESS. MY REASON FOR WRITING IS THAT I AM CONSIDERING IMMIGRATING TO RHODESIA, HOWEVER THEIR ARE A COUPLE LEGAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED.

"ONE: THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ISSUE A PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO RHODESIA.

"TWO: WOULD THEIR BE ANY WAY TO ENTER

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RE: MURKIN

"RHODESIA LEGALLY (FROM THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT POINT OF VIEW).  
"I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD GIVE ME ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON RHODESIA.

"SINCERELY

ERIC S. GALT  
1535-N. SERRANO  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
90027"

It is noted the letter is in error in stating the U. S. Government will not issue a passport for travel to Rhodesia. The United States has never limited travel to this country.

Acord advised he was in Rhodesia when the above letter was received and his secretary replied with a form letter enclosing Rhodesian literature.

Acord recalled that when he was in Los Angeles in November, 1967, a man asked him about emigrating to Rhodesia but after viewing Ray's photographs Acord said this man is not identical with the subject.

Acord advised in March, 1967, that the purpose of the American-Southern Africa Council is to convince the U. S. Government its African policy is incorrect and that more friendly relations should exist between the United States and Rhodesia, South Africa, Angola and possibly Gambia.

[REDACTED] requested his identity be protected and advised he has a copy of the letter furnished by Acord. [REDACTED] is reviewing his files for any further reference to the subject and will provide us with any additional information he may find.

[REDACTED] offered all possible cooperation on behalf of his Government but asked that a formal request be made for any cooperation desired and requested that no publicity be given to either

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RE: MURKIN

the request or any information provided by the Rhodesian Government. [REDACTED] suggested the United States might wish to present its request through the American Consulate at Salisbury, Rhodesia, and requested he be advised as to the manner in which any request is made.

ACTION:

Liaison Section will arrange with the State Department for a supply of Wanted Flyers and Identification Orders to be forwarded the American Consulate in Salisbury, Rhodesia, with a request that it be determined from the Rhodesian Government whether the subject has been in that country, whether the Rhodesians have any further information concerning him and that appropriate stops be placed so that we will be immediately advised of any future information concerning the subject. The State Department will be specifically advised of [REDACTED] request that no publicity be given to our request for the cooperation of the Rhodesian Government or any information they may provide.

All other phases of this investigation continue to receive vigorous attention.

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CR  
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Memphis and  
 Kansas City, 5/8/68.

Enclosed for Bureau and all receiving offices  
 are two copies of an investigative insert reflecting  
 the results of interviews with [REDACTED], a former  
 inmate of Missouri State Penitentiary who is acquainted  
 with JAMES EARL RAY and who furnished considerable  
 information relative to RAY's prison activities.

The confidential source referred to in enclosed  
 insert is [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] who is presently employed as [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] After giving  
 this matter careful consideration, the identity of [REDACTED]  
 is being concealed at this time in view of his cooperative  
 attitude coupled with the fact that he desires his  
 identity be protected as he fears retaliation from the  
 Cooley's Organization, Missouri State Penitentiary, should  
 they learn he is cooperating or furnishing information

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 2 - Kansas City (Enc. 2)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2)  
 1 - Mobile (Enc. 2)  
 1 - New Orleans (Enc. 2)  
 1 - St. Louis (Enc. 2)  
 1 - Springfield (Enc. 2)

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to the FBI. Also, Birmingham feels that additional information may be furnished by [REDACTED], noting that JAMES EARL RAY [REDACTED] could possibly contact him in the future. Disclosure of his identity could possibly alienate this potential source of information.

[REDACTED] was interviewed on 5/6/68 by SA [REDACTED] and was again interviewed on 5/7/68 by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Information copies of this investigative insert are being furnished to the New Orleans, Mobile, St. Louis and Springfield Divisions in view of their investigative interest in this matter, coupled with the fact the results of this interview may be valuable when and if [REDACTED] is located, noting that he has been alleged to be in the New Orleans or St. Louis, Missouri, area. Also, Springfield has several relatives of RAY residing within their division.

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Confidential source, whose reliability has not been established, advised that he was received in the Missouri State Penitentiary during [REDACTED] and was immediately placed in quarantine for a thirty-day observation period which is required of all new prisoners and thereafter he was assigned to [REDACTED] and scheduled to work in [REDACTED]. In this connection, the source stated that there is only one inmate to a cell and that the Missouri State Penitentiary has five halls within the prison wall which house prisoners.

The source said that while in [REDACTED], during [REDACTED] he first became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY, [REDACTED] who worked daily [REDACTED] as a "Walk Boy." The source explained that the duties of JAMES EARL RAY as a "Walk Boy" were to take orders for cigarettes, gum, candy, etc., which could be purchased within the prison and to bring hot water for shaving and instant coffee to the inmates. The source added that JAMES EARL RAY was the only "Walk Boy" [REDACTED] and further that he was free to contact any inmate and could move throughout the hall freely. He pointed out that this was RAY's only duty in the hall and that he could remain inside during working hours, having no other assignments.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The source advised that RAY asked him [REDACTED] if he was from the State of Alabama to which he replied he was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he mentioned beer joints like the All State Tavern, another beer joint which source believed was Rose's Place and Riverview Cafe.

ENCLOSURE



RAY said that he had visited or stayed in the Birmingham, Alabama, area in the past; however, RAY never mentioned any associates, acquaintances, friends, relatives or employments in the State of Alabama. The source advised that this conversation ended with RAY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The source said that RAY never discussed his family nor did he ever indicate from which part of the United States he came from, but the source believed that RAY was from the southern part of the United States only because RAY never indicated where he was from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The source said that RAY was a very quiet individual, soft spoken, calm, clean, never laughed or enjoyed a good story, solemn face, and remained to himself most of the time. The source advised that he would often see RAY in the prison yard and on occasion attempted to strike up a conversation with RAY, but he never appeared interested so the source gave up trying to make conversation with RAY.

The source said that the only topic which would arouse RAY's interest was the subject of money. The source

stated that on one occasion during a conversation with RAY, RAY said "One of these days if I ever get out of here I am going to make myself a bunch of money." When source asked how he intended doing this, RAY replied he had contacts and there are more ways of making money than robbing banks. Source then asked RAY what his plan was, to which RAY replied "The Businessmen's Association has offered \$100,000.00 for killing MARTIN LUTHER KING and he's five years past due." The source stated he then asked RAY what the Businessmen's Association was, to which RAY replied "I don't know but I will find out." The source added that this was the first and last time RAY ever mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING nor did he ever again mention the Businessmen's Association in his presence.

The source said that RAY told him that he always worked alone and therefore limited the possibility of being caught and said "I have got a place picked out where I can hide," never mentioning where the place was located.

The source stated there was a prison cigarette lottery going on almost daily [REDACTED] and that RAY was involved in this lottery, delivering wagering tickets as well as picking these up and would deliver the winnings to inmates each night. He said there were two separate lotteries in [REDACTED]. One lottery was run by two inmates named [REDACTED] and another individual from St. Louis, Missouri, name unknown. The source described this individual as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The source said the other lottery [REDACTED] was run by an individual [REDACTED] and described him [REDACTED]

The source said that he did not like [REDACTED] wagering odds so he always placed his wagers with [REDACTED] The source stated that [REDACTED]

RAY would always handle the wagers since he could talk to any inmates in the cellblock and was reimbursed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for this service. Source estimated that there were approximately two dozen lotteries being operated in the Missouri State Penitentiary, which consisted of five separate halls housing the prisoners.

The source advised that he never saw RAY run narcotics or handle contraband at any time and on one occasion RAY showed him his arms to prove that he had never been addicted to narcotics. The source added that he never observed RAY with any large sums of money.

The source advised that there was an organization being operated at the Missouri State Penitentiary by the inmates and this organization was called "Cooley's Organization." The source said that this was a protection and enforcer organization and that while en route to the Missouri State Penitentiary he first became aware that such an organization existed. The source advised that he [REDACTED] [REDACTED] became acquainted with a prisoner, [REDACTED] whom he described as a "four time loser." The source said that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had previously served time at Missouri State Penitentiary and was being returned to this penitentiary. The source said that when [REDACTED] learned that he also was en route to the Missouri State Penitentiary, [REDACTED] advised him to join the Cooley's Organization at the Missouri State Penitentiary since he would need to get along with other prisoners and be being a member of this organization, he would obtain "special favors." The source said that [REDACTED] informed him that the Cooley's Organization would settle any grievances he may have while at Missouri State Penitentiary against other prisoners and that this was a very powerful organization, having influence with guards and could even, for a price, arrange "a murder."

The source advised that after his release from quarantine, he again observed [REDACTED] who was then working in the mess hall at the Missouri State Penitentiary. The source advised that he then approached [REDACTED] and told [REDACTED] that he desired to join the Cooley's Organization and at this time gave him a \$10.00 canteen book, pointing out that the membership fee to join the Cooley's Organization was \$10.00 and that this membership fee would make an inmate a paid up member as long as he was in prison. The source advised that [REDACTED] told him that he would obtain his membership for him [REDACTED]. JAMES EARL RAY came to his cell and gave him a card saying "Here is your card," and nothing else, and therefore he always felt that RAY was a member of the Cooley's Organization since he was so trusted. However, RAY never said to him that he was a member nor did he ever ask him.

The source said that his membership card was type written with his name on it and had the heading "Membership Cooley's Club." The source said that this membership card was like a credit card and it could get an inmate credit on purchases of candy and other sundries but could not be used for credit purposes on lotteries.

The source advised that he had two or three differences with prisoners over wagers [REDACTED] and upon getting no satisfaction, he personally contacted [REDACTED] in the mess hall at which time he displayed to [REDACTED] his membership card and filed his grievance with [REDACTED]. The source stated that [REDACTED] informed him that he would handle this complaint; however, the fee for handling his grievance was 50% of what was due a prisoner. The source added that subsequently RAY appeared at his cell [REDACTED] with his share of the cigarettes collected from his grievance.

The source stated that [REDACTED] was later transferred [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
The source said that prior to [REDACTED] departure, [REDACTED]

contacted him and instructed him who to see in the future to take complaints should he have any additional grievances. At this point, the source pointed out that most grievances would be placed either at the mess hall or the prison yard, noting that only during these periods of time all the inmates from different halls could talk with each other. The source added that he was unable to furnish any description of name of the individual he was instructed to contact in the mess hall after the departure of [REDACTED] since he had no further complaints [REDACTED]

The source stated that the Cooley's Organization was operating when he arrived at the Missouri State Penitentiary and was still doing business when he departed and he felt that this operation had been started and maintained by old cons who are now trustees and who reside in A Hall, which is the trustees' barracks. He added that he personally feared the power of the Cooley's Organization as did other inmates and in his opinion, he personally felt they could render retaliation regarding him if they became aware that he gave information concerning their organization.

The source said that during the time RAY [REDACTED] had attempted an escape which was unsuccessful and thereafter he never saw RAY again [REDACTED]. He said that [REDACTED] he did hear that RAY successfully escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary by hiding himself in a bread truck.

The source was asked if there ever circulated at Missouri State Penitentiary a rumor concerning the killing of three Negro inmates and if RAY's name was ever mentioned as a suspect or being involved in these killings. The source said that he did learn that when prison authorities first tried to integrate the prisoners, four white men with pillowcases over their heads waited

could possibly furnish additional information concerning RAY were [REDACTED] cell [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] cell [REDACTED]

Source advised that another inmate, name unknown, who occupied cell [REDACTED], was a lottery player. Another inmate, name unknown, nicknamed [REDACTED]

This source was displayed numerous photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that all photographs bear a close resemblance to RAY; however, he specifically identified the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the time he was incarcerated. The source said that he would have no difficulty in identifying RAY should he ever see him again, even if he attempted to disguise his identity; giving as his reasons that RAY was definitely "slough-footed" and his toes pointed out noticeably when he walked causing his heels and soles to wear down on the outside edges. He has a prominent cleft on his chin, which is noticeable and remarked that RAY liked his booze and that he had the impression from talking with him that he was a heavy drinker. The source also added that in his opinion from his knowledge of RAY in prison that he thought RAY had a normal sex life.

The source advised that the only other person that he knew that RAY might have been closely associated when in prison was a full-blooded Indian prisoner who was the barber [REDACTED] but whose name he could not recall. The source stated that he definitely had not been contacted by RAY since he has been released from prison [REDACTED] and stated that he would notify the Birmingham FBI Office if RAY ever attempted to contact him in any way or manner in the future.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *HR*

FROM : C.L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-10-68

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 9:30 p.m., a person who refused to furnish his identity said he had the following anonymous tip regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. This person, who sounded as though he might be a Negro, said he was calling from Brooklyn, New York. He said his tip was this: [REDACTED] The person calling was then asked if the address given above was in Brooklyn, and in reply he said "That is all I have to say" and hung up.

## ACTION:

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Above information was furnished to Night Supervisor [REDACTED] New York Office, who advised there was a [REDACTED] Street in Brooklyn, New York. He was instructed to identify [REDACTED] to determine if he is identical with the subject and to interview him for any information of value he might have.

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Date: 5/10/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReWFOtel 5/10/68, concerning review of Passport Records, USDS.

WFO has arranged with FBI Laboratory for preparation of brochure containing photographs, handwriting samples, and typewriting samples necessary to perform logical review of pertinent passport files. A representative of the FBI Laboratory will instruct Agents performing reviews at Passport Office regarding pertinent identifying characteristics.

WFO is perfecting arrangements through Passport Office for instant review and it is anticipated review will be commenced on 5/13/68, it being noted that such review could not be initiated prior to that date in view of involved arrangements necessary to conduct appropriate searches.

WFO will advise the Bureau of any pertinent developments.

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- ③ - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
1 - WFO

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C. C. - Bishop

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Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge



1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 13, 1968

Re: **MURKIN**  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562709 JK

Examination requested by: **Denver**  
Reference: **Airtel 5/7/68**  
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**  
Remarks:

You will be separately advised regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q328 through Q333.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
2 - Denver (157-203) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 13, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
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Re: MURKIN  
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Specimens received 5/8/68

- Q328 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 26, 1968, and the signature "Carl Ray"
- Q329 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 27, 1968, and the signature "Carl Ray"
- Q330 Application for Frontier Credit Travel Card bearing hand printing and the signature "Carl Ray"
- Q331 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt, dated April 15, 1968, bearing the signature [REDACTED]
- Q332 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 16, 1968, and the signature [REDACTED]
- Q333 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt showing amount of contract as \$316.08 and bearing the signature [REDACTED]

Result of examination:

Although little in the way of comparable letters is present, differences were noted between the "H. J. Schumacher" signatures on Q331, Q332 and Q333 and the Carl Ray signatures on Q328, Q329 and Q330 and between these signatures and the known writings of JAMES EARL RAY.

It was determined that the questioned hand printing on Q322 (Frontier Airlines temporary credit card #31088) and that appearing in the lower right-hand portion of the Q328 transportation receipt were prepared by the same individual.

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It was further determined that the hand printing on Q328 and Q332 was not prepared by the individual who prepared the hand printing appearing on the Q330 application and that the hand printing on these three items mentioned was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

Q328 through Q333 are being returned to Memphis separately.

FBI

Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: [REDACTED] - LOOK ALIKE

By teletype dated May 1, 1968, the Los Angeles Division advised that [REDACTED] Carriage Inn Motel of Van Nuys, California, had reported that a man who occupied room [REDACTED] in that motel for a week resembled subject RAY's photograph.

It was determined that the person who had registered into room 225 had registered under the name [REDACTED] Seattle, Washington, and indicated on the registration card that he was an employee of [REDACTED] at Renton, Washington. Registration card revealed that this person had rented this room from April 21, 1968, to April 27, 1968.

Los Angeles advised that other motel personnel could not recall [REDACTED]

The Seattle Division has determined that [REDACTED] Social Security No. [REDACTED], residence address [REDACTED] Seattle, has been employed by [REDACTED] since December 12, 1956, and [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

③ - Bureau  
2 - Memphis  
2 - Seattle  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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It is further noted that [REDACTED] is listed in the current phone book in Seattle at the same address with telephone number [REDACTED].

No further investigation being conducted by Seattle regarding [REDACTED].

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1 - Mr. Hudson

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) 3367

MURKIN

RE: ~~REDACTED~~ - LOOK ALIKE

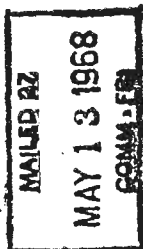
ReSEairtel 5/8/68.

Seattle has not conducted sufficient investigation to eliminate ~~REDACTED~~ as a suspect in this case. Immediately determine whether ~~REDACTED~~ Seattle, Washington, was in fact, registered at the Carriage Inn Motel at Van Nuys, California.

1 - Memphis

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI CHICAGO

147PM URGENT 5/10/68 EOM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND NEWARK (44-854) KANSAS CITY (44-760)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE LOCKSMITH INSTITUTES.

HOFFMAN LOCKSMITH SUPPLY CO. RECORDS SEARCHED. NO  
INDICATION SUBJECT EVER MADE ANY PURCHASES FROM THAT FIRM.  
INQUIRY DEVELOPED NO LOCKSMITHING SCHOOLS, CHICAGO, BUT THAT  
TWO MOST ADVERTISED SCHOOLS WERE BELSAW, ONE ZERO EIGHT TWO  
FIELD BLDG., KANSAS CITY, MO., AND LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE,  
LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY. PRENTICE HALL CO., CHICAGO, ALSO  
ADVERTISES COURSES IN LOCKSMITHING.

CONTACT THAT FIRM REVEALED FIRM PUBLISHES BOOK "MODERN  
LOCKSMITHING" WHICH WAS SOLD TO LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, LITTLE  
FALLS, NEW JERSEY. BOOK ALSO SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS ANSWERING  
ADVERTISEMENTS IN POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE. RECORDS REVIEWED  
FOR ANY INFO RE SUBJECT NEGATIVELY. SALES RECORDS MAINTAINED BY  
PRENTICE HALL, INC., ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NEW JERSEY, WHICH ALSO WILL

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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SELL BY INDIVIDUAL ORDERS.

KANSAS CITY, AT BELSAW, AND NEWARK AT PRENTICE HALL, INC.,  
ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NEW JERSEY, REVIEW APPROPRIATE RECORDS  
TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT COULD BE IN CONTACT WITH THOSE FIRMS  
IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE,  
LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY.

AMCC TO MEMPHIS.

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1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REBHTELS OF MAY SEVEN AND EIGHT LAST.

YOU SHOULD, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW  
ALL ASSOCIATES OF RAY AS GIVEN BY ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] YOU SHOULD ALSO PRESS EVERY EFFORT  
POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING  
THE COOLEY ORGANIZATION. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THESE  
LEADS BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND HANDLED IN A MOST  
EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM  
AND MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, BIRMINGHAM  
1 - SAC, MEMPHIS

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Birmingham advises that

NOTE: [REDACTED] a former inmate at Missouri State  
Penitentiary and associate of Ray at the Penitentiary, furnished  
information concerning the identity of known individuals to  
associated with Ray while Ray was incarcerated at Missouri State  
Penitentiary. [REDACTED] also related information as to the Cooley  
organization operating in Missouri State Penitentiary. Efforts

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are underway by several divisions to identify any members of this organization as it is an organization alleged to be operating to give special favors and considerations to inmates as well as ex-inmates. Kansas City being instructed to immediately pursue all leads in this regard.

FBI

Date: 5/10/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

Referenced airtel names seven former inmates of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) who should be contacted to ascertain if they can furnish any information concerning subject RAY. Enclosed with referenced airtel is additional background data obtained from MSP records on 5/6/68, regarding these seven former inmates. A review of this data indicated logical inquiry to locate these individuals should begin with contact of closest relatives and/or residences in other field Office territories as follows:

[REDACTED] is indicated as having a girl friend, [REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] California. Also it is stated that [REDACTED] indicated he would be employed by [REDACTED] California.

Regarding [REDACTED] the MSP records show that on [REDACTED] was incarcerated at [REDACTED] California.

Regarding [REDACTED] he stated he would live at [REDACTED] California, and his mother is listed as [REDACTED] California.

San Francisco should attempt to locate each of the above individuals.

- ③ - Bureau  
2 - Chicago (Encl 1)  
1 - Kansas City (Info) (44-760)  
1 - Memphis (Info)  
2 - San Francisco (Encl 1)  
2 - Los Angeles

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LA 44-1574

[REDACTED] listed the following relatives, all residing in the State of Illinois:

Mother

[REDACTED]  
Illinois

Sister

[REDACTED]  
Illinois

Sister

[REDACTED]  
Illinois

The Chicago Division should attempt to locate

The Los Angeles Division will institute investigation to locate the remaining three former inmates.

For information of Chicago and San Francisco a copy of referenced airtel with enclosure are attached.

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FROM DETROIT

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FBI ST LOUIS

1050PM URGENT 5-12-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE [REDACTED] FELLOW PRISONERS.

[REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED. RECALLS JIMMIE RAYE AND BROTHER LARRY, BOTH INMATES MSP, DIFFERENT DESCRIPTION THAN SUBJECT. TRUE SPELLING OF NAME OF [REDACTED] EXWIFE, EMPLOYMENT AND MEMBERSHIP ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS OBTAINED. INTERESTED OFFICES ADVISED BY SEPARATE TELETYPE. [REDACTED] ASSOCIATE, [REDACTED] FORMER MSP INMATE KNEW SUBJECT WELL IN PRISON. [REDACTED] RAY [REDACTED] BETWEEN MAY TENTH AND SEVENTEENTH, SIXTYSEVEN, SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE, IN VICINITY SOUTH ELEVENTH ST. SL. NOTE THIS IS AREA OF [REDACTED] RESIDENCE. RAY

POORLY DRESSED. HAD MOUSTACHE. [REDACTED]

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.  
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*McAdams  
Laffey*

VIA TELETYPE

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8-49 PM URGENT 5-10-68 VLB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND WASHINGTON FIELD -PLAINTEXT-

/WFO VIA WASHINGTON/

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 1P

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MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

RECORDS, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, <sup>EV</sup>REVIEWED FOR YEARS SIXTY SEVEN AND SIXTY EIGHT. NEGATIVE RE ANY CONTACT, PERSONAL OR BY CORRESPONDENCE, FROM ERIC S. GALT. HEAD OF SOCIETY OUT OF STATE AND WILL RETURN MAY THIRTEEN NEXT AT WHICH TIME HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED. NO PRIOR INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT BIRCH SOCIETY IN THIS MATTER.

LOS ANGELES IN POSSESSION OF NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE AMERICAN SOUTHERN AFRICA COUNCIL OTHER THAN FURNISHED BY WASHINGTON FIELD IN LETTERS DATED AUGUST TWENTY SIX, SIXTY SIX AND MARCH THIRTY, SIXTY SEVEN

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FBI

Date: 5/9/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: *WMM* SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: *MURKIN*

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 5/7/68.

Re ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ - Complainant

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, La Habra, California, advised SA's ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ and ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ on 5/9/68, that he is an employee of ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ at ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ La Habra, California. He stated that on the morning of 4/10/68, at approximately 9:00 or 9:30 a.m., he was having some work done on his automobile in the Texaco Station at the corner of Central Avenue and Beach Boulevard in La Habra, California. While there a young man driving a very old Chevrolet, possibly a 1952 or 1953 model, two-door sedan, parked his automobile near the service station on Highway 39 heading north. He got out of the car and walked to the service station and asked for the keys to the rest room. He was in the rest room approximately one minute, hung the keys of a nail inside the service station, walked back to his car, and left. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ stated that this car was in very poor condition and that he had difficulty starting it.

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ described this individual as being approximately 34 years of age; 6'2"; 160 pounds; brown hair, cut very short in a crew type cut; very palid complexion; and as wearing a dark pullover sweater with tight pants and boots. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ stated that this individual was also wearing a cap very low on his forehead, appeared to be fervid, and to be very dangerous.

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██████████ stated that he saw a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in the local newspaper and chose the one that was taken in 1960 as being the one that looked like the individual he had seen. ██████████ stated that although he is 65 years of age, he has a very sharp mind and a photographic memory and a special talent for recognizing people from photographs.

██████████ was shown wanted flyer 442-A and upon examining it closely stated that he was not sure that the person he had seen in fact did resemble the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1960.

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FBI ST LOUIS

610PM URGENT 5-12-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND NEW  
ORLEANS.

-- FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

OMURKIN

RE NO TEL TO BU AND SL TEL TO BU, BOTH MAY ELEVEN LAST.

RE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED TODAY. NOW RECALLS ONE JIMMY RAYE  
(PHONETIC) WM, TWENTY-SEVEN, SIX FOOT ONE, ONE FIFTY LBS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RAYE STILL AT MSP ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]. RAYE  
HAD OLDER BROTHER, LARRY RAYE, FORMER INMATE MSP. BELIEVES JIMMY  
RAYE CONFUSED WITH SUBJECT RAY BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISES WIFE, [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]  
(PROBABLY MAIDEN NAME) AND [REDACTED], EMPLOYED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS  
[REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]  
SHREVEPORT AND ATLANTA. PARENTS AND REALTIVES BELIEVED TO RESIDE  
ATLANTA. [REDACTED] MEMBER OF [REDACTED] ANONYMOUS  
CLUB, SHREVEPORT, LA. MAY HAVE BEEN AA MEMBER IN ATLANTA:

FRIEND OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED], FORMER MSP  
INMATE, [REDACTED] ADVISES SUBJECT RAY WELL KNOWN TO  
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HIM MSP. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RAY ON SOUTH ELEVENTH ST., SLMO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BETWEEN MAY TEN AND SEVENTEENTH, SIXTYSEVEN. SUBJECT  
RAY POORLY DRESSED, WEARING MUSTACHE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECALLS INMATE MSP KNOWN AS (FNU) COOLEY (PH)  
DESCRIBES AS WM, FORTY-FIVE YEARS OLD AT PRESENT, SIX FEET,  
ONE FIFTY LBS, SLENDER, BLACK HAIR, WALKS WITH LIMP. IN MSP ON  
TWO OCCASSIONS. LAST RELEASED PRIOR TO NINETEEN SIXTY WHEN SUBJECT  
RAY ENTERED MSP. THIS PERSON TRIED TO BE AN INTELLECTUAL. READ  
SCIENCE AND SEX BOOKS CONTINUALLY. WORKED IN KITCHEN MSP.

ATLANTA ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE WIFE OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND INTERVIEW REGARDING ANY ASSOCIATION OF [REDACTED]  
WITH SUBJECT RAY. [REDACTED]

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY JIMMY  
RAYE (PH) MENTIONED BY [REDACTED] AS PERSON PROBABLY REFERRED TO BY  
[REDACTED] OF BIRMINGHAM.

ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY COOLEY AS DESCRIBED.

NEW ORLEANS AT SHREVEPORT WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE  
AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] RE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SUBJECT RAY  
AND [REDACTED].

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. W. P.

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FBI

Date:

5/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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OO: Memphis

RE: MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

Re Los Angeles airtel, 5/3/68.

Records of the [REDACTED] reflect that [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED] was received at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] to serve a [REDACTED] sentence for [REDACTED] committed in the Los Angeles, California area.

The following interview of [REDACTED] was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED] advised that he served a sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) at Jefferson City, Missouri from [REDACTED] through [REDACTED], where he was confined as a result of having been convicted of [REDACTED] in St. Louis, Missouri. He advised that he knew RAY from about [REDACTED] until [REDACTED].

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2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
2 - Seattle (RM)  
2 - Sacramento (RM)  
2 - Kansas City (RM)  
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[REDACTED] He advised that RAY came to MSP with a man by the name of RAY PRUITT.  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that PRUITT and RAY may have met in St. Louis, Missouri, [REDACTED] stated PRUITT knows RAY [REDACTED]

He advised that when PRUITT and RAY arrived at the penitentiary [REDACTED] PRUITT and RAY lived in "K Hall" [REDACTED] PRUITT in effect, was RAY's sponsor. [REDACTED] advised that RAY worked in the bakery. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] examined the photographs and drawings of RAY and stated that the drawing of RAY in which his eyes were open is not a good likeness in that it completely changes the appearance of RAY's eyes which are smaller and more slanted. [REDACTED] consisted of the following individuals:

- (1) JAMES EARL RAY
- (2) RAY PRUITT
- (3) [REDACTED]
- (4) [REDACTED]
- (5) [REDACTED]

He advised that [REDACTED] the five of them, had "a little thing going for them" in that they were selling amphetamine pills and other stimulants to inmates at the prison.

He stated that while he was confined to the penitentiary, that they had a semi-riot at the jail as prison authorities sought to integrate the prison and as a result, a few Negroes were stabbed and that the jail was not integrated while he was there.

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[REDACTED]

He advised that he figures that they made about \$1,000 a month or more selling these pills each month. He advised they paid a guard \$100 to bring the jar in and after expenses, cleared about \$1,000 a month.

[REDACTED] stated that RAY is a very quiet individual. He stated he did not know what RAY's opinions were of Negroes.

He advised RAY had a friend who sent him some narcotics. He advised he did not know any more than this about that matter.

[REDACTED] advised that RAY was close-mouthed and never discussed anything with anyone, particularly he would not discuss any ideas or plans he had about escaping.

He described RAY as having a quick temper and a violent temper, but believed that RAY was in sufficient control of himself not to let his quick and violent temper unmask him. He said it was his opinion that if somebody got into an argument with RAY about something that RAY would control his emotions so as not to attract attention to himself, but he stated RAY was the type that would and could lay for the guy and later give him a good working over.

[REDACTED] stated, "I do not believe RAY would go to booze." He advised it was his belief that RAY liked narcotics but not hard stuff, and that he would probably just use the stimulant type. He advised that RAY could handle narcotics "real good."

He stated he did not believe that RAY at this time would engage in the sell of narcotics in view of the fact that he is an escaped convict.

[REDACTED] later stated, "RAY doesn't like Negroes. I believe

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RAY is capable of killing KING. RAY could plan it." He added it was his speculation "he must have had help." He stated, "I don't believe RAY killed KING. I couldn't see RAY getting into that bag as he was an escapee."

[REDACTED] advised that he never met any of RAY's family or friends from the outside while they were in jail and RAY never met any of his family or friends from the outside either. He stated, "I have no idea where RAY may be. I have no knowledge of RAY's outside connections. I believe RAY could have saved about a good sum of money from his share of the profits of the sale of amphetamine." He advised in the event RAY was going to escape he believes the other people in the clique would loan or give RAY as much money as they had available to them. He advised that RAY used to read about foreign countries in his cell. He advised that PRUITT, [REDACTED], worked in the library and would bring the books to RAY. He advised that [REDACTED] are still in MSP. He advised he does not know where PRUITT is.

[REDACTED]

He advised that all four of them had been in MSP at one time or another and he believed that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] might know RAY. He advised that [REDACTED] is in Folsom Prison, [REDACTED] is in Mc Neil Island and [REDACTED] and is confined in [REDACTED] in the State of California.

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LEADS

KANSAS CITY

AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO.  
Will review appropriate records to determine present whereabouts of RAY PRUITT, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who were inmates of the prison at the time RAY was confined.

(2) Will set out leads to have PRUITT, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] interviewed if not already done.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Will review appropriate records of the Los Angeles County Courts to determine the present location of [REDACTED] who was arrested and convicted with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] in the Los Angeles area [REDACTED]

SACRAMENTO

AT FOLSOM PENITENTIARY, CALIF. Will interview [REDACTED] who was arrested with [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Los Angeles [REDACTED] and who was reported to be an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time RAY was confined there.

SEATTLE

AT MC NEIL ISLAND PENITENTIARY, WASHINGTON. Will interview [REDACTED] who was arrested with [REDACTED] Los Angeles [REDACTED] and who was reported to have been in the Missouri State Penitentiary with RAY.

Will interview [REDACTED] to determine if he has any knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts.



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Date: 5/10/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)(P)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re [REDACTED] Complainant, Clarendon Hotel  
Court, Arlington, Va.

ReBuairtel 5/9/68.

Re Bureau phone call to SA [REDACTED]  
morning of 4/19/68, to the effect that one [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Clarendon Hotel Court, 3824 Wilson Blvd.,  
Arlington, Va., had, on 4/17/68, at approximately 7 A. M.,  
observed an individual in the office of this motor court who  
closely resembled the photograph of ERIC GALT.

SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] responded  
to the Clarendon Motor Hotel Court and contacted [REDACTED]  
who advised that he noticed an individual in his motor court  
lobby at approximately 7 A. M. on the morning of 4/18/68 by  
himself and described him as a white male, 5' 10" - 5' 11",  
dark hair, and well-dressed wearing a light gray suit.

[REDACTED] mentioned that on the evening of 4/18/68,  
he observed the FBI photo of GALT appearing in the "Evening  
Star" newspaper and felt compelled to call this to the  
attention of the FBI.

[REDACTED] advised he has no one staying at the  
motor court by the name of GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN  
WILLARD, the aliases of GALT. [REDACTED] thereafter, made

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C. C. [REDACTED]

Approved

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available to SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the registration cards for all residents of the motel for the period of 4/18-19/68. A review of these registration cards reflected no identifiable name with that of the subject, GALT, or his aliases.

There were no registered guests from Memphis or the Atlanta area. [REDACTED] mentioned that he did not know if this individual was a guest or if he had just stopped in the motel.

A surveillance was thereafter undertaken for the remainder of the morning and the "look-alike" did not reappear in the lounge. [REDACTED] thereafter made arrangements with [REDACTED] to immediately contact the Alexandria Resident Agency of the FBI, should the individual be seen or an automobile be observed.

[REDACTED] reflected that there are 108 units in this motel, and it is impossible to acquaint himself with each of the guests. He stated that he would remain alert and keep the newspaper photograph available at the front desk, should this man reappear.

No further investigation is contemplated at this time in this regard unless additional information is received from the Clarendon Motor Hotel Court.

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FBI-BUFFALO

10:21AM URGENT 5/7/68 SKC

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO (44-1114) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

RE PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT ORDERED BY SUBJECT FROM SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT.

RE BUFFALO TELETYPE, MAY ONE LAST.

ON MAY SEVEN INSTANT, [REDACTED] EASTMAN KODAK CO. (EKCO) OFFICE, ROCHESTER, NY, ADVISED A REVIEW OF SIX THOUSAND WARRANTIES FOR KODAK DUAL PROJECTOR M-NINE FIVE-Z FAILED TO REFLECT ANY INFORMATION FOR SUBJECT UNDER KNOWN NAME OR ALIASES.

[REDACTED] ADVISED A REVIEW OF REPAIR RECORDS COULD BE MADE HOWEVER APPROXIMATE TIME INVOLVED WOULD BE FORTY AGENT HOURS AT EACH OF SEVEN REGIONAL CENTERS AND IF DESIRED, LETTER WILL BE DIRECTED FROM COMPANY, PRIOR TO AGENT CONTACT.

TIME NEEDED FOR REVIEW OF RECORDS THIRTYFOUR CAMERA REPAIR SHOPS IN U.S. UNKNOWN AS VOLUME OF RECORDS KEPT IF ANY, NOT KNOWN TO COMPANY.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE BUFFALO WHETHER REVIEW OF RECORDS EKCO TO BE MADE SO LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICES CAN BE DIRECTED TO REGIONAL CENTERS AND REPAIR SHOPS.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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REK/co*

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Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Buffalo (44-374)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 3379  
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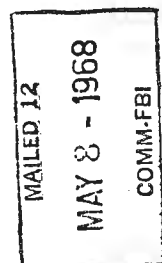
ReButel dated 5/7/68.

Referenced communication indicates that a review of 6,000 warranties for concerned projector failed to reflect any information for subject or his known aliases.

According to officials of Eastman Kodak Company a review of the repair records could be made, however, this would involve quite a lengthy checking procedure.

You should recontact the company officials to determine if stop can be placed with them regarding future equipment repairs.

Armed and dangerous.



1 - Chicago (44-1114)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE: Subject purchased a Kodak Dual Projector by mail from Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, in October of 1967. This projector has not been found to date, and it is felt that subject may have it serviced and he could possibly utilized any warranty. The Buffalo Office has been making inquiry at Eastman Kodak to determine if warranty of projector filed and this resulted in negative

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Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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findings. A review of repair records can be made, however, approximate time involved would be 40 Agent hours at each of seven regional centers and possibility exists that projector could be serviced at 34 shops recognized by company to do repairs. If seven centers to be checked, the company could direct letter prior to Agent contact. The Buffalo Office is being requested to ascertain if appropriate stops can be made with the company for future repair orders.

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Date: 5/10/68

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CR  
 OO: Memphis

Re Los Angeles teletype, 4/29/68.

Re: Telephone Booths, St. Francis  
 Hotel, Los Angeles

Records of Pacific Telephone as of 4/30/68, reflected  
 that the following numbers were listed to the individuals  
 set out below:

362-6160, San Francisco, Australian  
 Consulate General;

365-9763, coin telephone, 811 Whipple Avenue,  
 Whipple Avenue Lodge Motel, Redwood City;

HELEN E. JOLICOEUR,  
 Redwood City;

FRED DAHL,  
 Mill Valley;

332-5592, Village Cab Co., 1 Ebb Tide Ave.,  
 Sausalito;

LEONARD A. WIDEN,  
 San Jose.

C. C. - Bishop

3 - Bureau (RM)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
 2 - San Francisco  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. BRUCE RAE, Consul, Australian Consulate General, 350 Post Street, San Francisco, on 4/30/68, advised that there was no way of determining who called the Australian Consulate from Los Angeles, California in December, 1967. He advised a check of the records of the Consulate did not disclose any reference to RAY under his name or aliases.

On 5/1/68, it was determined that telephone number 365-9763 was a public coin-box phone in a booth outside the Whipple Avenue Lodge.

Mrs. ROBERT FAEZ, Temporary Manager, advised on 5/1/68, that the records of the motel did not indicate that RAY had registered at the lodge on 2/19/68 using his name or any of his aliases. She advised the photograph of RAY was not familiar to her.

NICK A. CORN, Owner, Whipple Avenue Lodge, on 5/2/68, advised after reviewing the register of guests for 2/19/68, stated that he knew most of those registered on that date as they were frequent guests of this motel and none of them resemble RAY in any respect.

HELEN GUILLES, formerly HELEN JOLICOEUR, [REDACTED], Redwood City, on 5/1/68, advised she received no calls from the Los Angeles area on her phone. She suggested that a former tenant, RON FORBES, might be able to furnish some information.

RON FORBES, [REDACTED], San Francisco, Calif., on 5/2/68 [REDACTED] advised he does not recall receiving telephone calls on the dates in question. He advised his former wife who resided in Los Angeles did call him about the pertinent time. He stated she was in Miami, Florida at this time, not in Los Angeles.

RON FORBES on 5/7/68, advised that since furnishing the above information, that he checked some records and determined that the telephone calls in question were

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undoubtedly telephone calls he received from his estranged wife [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said that on one occasion when his wife called him at his residence, that he suggested she call him at a pay phone located in the neighborhood. He stated that the pay phone was located in the vicinity of the Whipple Avenue Motel.

FORBES advised that the names JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT mean nothing to him and he only knows of them because he read about them in the paper.

On 4/30/68, FRED DAHL advised he has not received any telephone calls from Los Angeles but suggested that a younger man by the name of ROBERT FRASER, who lived with him at one time, might have received these calls.

On 5/4/68, FRASER <sup>EMPLOYED by VILLAGE CAB</sup> advised that in February, 1968, he received several telephone calls from Los Angeles, Calif. from his sister JULIE WANDREY. He advised that he had no idea from what telephone these calls were made.  
[REDACTED]

On 4/30/68, LEONARD A. WIDEN, [REDACTED] San Jose, Calif., advised there is no one in the family named LENORE and further advised he does not recall receiving a phone call and does not know RAY or GALT.

On 5/2/68, LEONARD WIDEN advised that he had determined that his wife's sister, HARRIET COLLASINO, of New York City flew into Los Angeles on 2/19/68 to visit her mother. He advised the mother had no telephone and Mrs. COLLASINO placed a long-distance call to his residence in San Jose on the same evening from a public phone.

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FBI MIAMI

638PM EDT URGENT 5/10/68 LAS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987),  
-- MINNEAPOLIS, NEW YORK AND CHICAGO (44-1114)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU MAY TEN INSTANT AND MIAMI TEL TO  
BUREAU MAY NINE LAST.

IN RE MIAMI TEL NAME OF AIRLINE INSERTED IN PLACE OF  
IDENTIFYING NUMBERS. EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) IBM SET UP FOR  
TEN NUMBER TICKETS. WHEN AN AIRLINE USES NINE NUMBERS FOR  
TICKETS FOLLOWING IDENTIFYING NUMBERS, EAL INSERTS A ZERO  
FOR THE FOURTH NUMBER. ALL OFFICES, IN CHECKING TICKETS LISTED  
IN RE MIAMI TEL, DROP FOURTH NUMBER AS SHOWN, WHICH IN EACH  
INSTANCE IS A ZERO.

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~~CORR LINE THREE NEXT TO LAST WORD SHOULD BE PLACE~~

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cc - Long

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
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Miss Gandy	

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FBI ATLANTA

708PM URGENT 5-10-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI, AND  
SAVANNAH

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
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*John DeLoach*  
*Loft*

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TEN INSTANT.

EXPANDED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX CHECK CONTINUING.

ELIMINATION OF LOOK-ALIKE REPORTS CONTINUING.

[REDACTED] FBI NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECEIVED [REDACTED] SENTENCE USDC, NDGA, ATLANTA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND TRANSPORTED TO FCI, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECK REFLECTS DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS  
INDICATE SIX TICKETS REFERRED TO IN MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR  
MAY NINE LAST HANDLED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY. TEN OTHER  
TICKETS IDENTIFIED AND NONE PURCHASED BY [REDACTED] TICKETS  
HANDLED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCIES SHOULD BE LOCATED WEEK OF  
MAY TWELVE NEXT.

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DAL RECORDS FURTHER REFLECT JOHN WILLARD MADE RESERVATION ON EAL ON APR. ELEVEN LAST, CHANGED FLIGHT, AND FLEW APR. TEN LAST ON EAL AND RETURNED TO ATLANTA APR. FIFTEEN LAST ON DAL FLIGHT NO. TWENTY. HE LEFT CONTACT NUMBERS MIAMI [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND SAVANNAH [REDACTED] [REDACTED], ROOM [REDACTED] MIAMI NUMBER APPARENTLY IS RESIDENCE.

JIMMY GARNER, ATLANTA, REINTERVIEWED AND AGAIN STATED IF HE OBTAINS ANY INFORMATION OR IS CONTACTED IN ANY WAY BY SUBJECT, HE WILL NOTIFY ATLANTA FBI OFFICE.

ATLANTA INDICES NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED]

JACKSONVILLE, AT TALLAHASSEE. INTERVIEW [REDACTED]. FOR INFORMATION JACKSONVILLE, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] INDICATED [REDACTED] POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION. JACKSONVILLE OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING ASSASSINATION.

MIAMI ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY JOHN WILLARD THROUGH PHONE NO.

[REDACTED] FOR INFORMATION MIAMI, WILLARD REPORTEDLY BOARDED EAL FLIGHT AT ATLANTA AND ALSO TRAVELED TO MIAMI ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN SEVEN AND THEN RETURNED  
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TO ATLANTA ON DAL FLIGHT TWENTY ON APR. FIFTEEN. APPARENT  
CONFUSION REGARDING WILLARD'S FLIGHTS WAS RESULT OF HIS MAKING  
EAL RESERVATIONS THROUGH DELTA AIRLINES AT SAVANNAH.

SAVANNAH ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WILLARD THROUGH CONTACT PHONE

[REDACTED] ROOM [REDACTED]

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732PM URGENT 5-10-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE BH TEL THIS DATE RE JAMES W. BROWN

[REDACTED], INTER-  
VIEWED MAY FOURTH. NAME AS GIVEN, NOT [REDACTED] BELIEVED SLPD  
FIFTY NINE PHOTO OF RAY BETTER LIKENESS THAN WF FOUR FOUR TWO A.  
RECOGNIZED NEWSPAPER PHOTO AS BEING FORMER FELLOW PRISONER. RAY  
QUIET TYPE SELDOM NOTICED. NO PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS OR ANY-  
THING WHICH WOULD ATTRACT ATTENTION. UNABLE TO RECALL EVER HAVING  
SPOKEN TO RAY OR EVER LIVING IN SAME DORM. RAY ESCAPE ATTEMPTS  
ATTRACTED NO ATTENTION AS NUMEROUS INMATES ATTEMPTED FREQUENTLY  
[REDACTED] IN MSP [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS  
SERVING [REDACTED] SENTENCE FOLLOWING [REDACTED]

NEVER HEARD OF OFFER TO KILL KING, BUT SAID WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE  
ANYONE COULD PICK UP A QUOTE FEW BUCKS BY KILLING GUYS LIKE THAT.  
END QUOTE. SUGGESTED KLAN OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT PAY.

NAME COOLEY OR COOLEY ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN TO HIM BUT  
MIGHT BE NAME OF NEGRO PRISONER. [REDACTED]

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REMEMBERED [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] AS FELLOW PRISONERS.

SL WILL REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] CONCERNING MATTERS MENTIONED BY

[REDACTED] WITHOUT DISCLOSING [REDACTED].

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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903PM URGENT 5-10-68 MHR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN

MAY FIVE, LAST, [REDACTED] ARK. STATE REVENUE  
DEPT., LEWISVILLE, ARK., ADVISED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING PHOTO OF  
JAMES EARL RAY, IN MAY EIGHT, LAST, ISSUE OF SHREVEPORT, LA., TIMES  
NEWSPAPER, USING NAME [REDACTED] PURCHASED NON-TITLE SIXTY  
SEVEN DASH EIGHT ARK. TRAILER LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ON MAY EIGHT LAST, FOR SIXTYTHREE MODEL SHERATON HOUSE-  
TRAILER, FORTY SIX FEET BY EIGHT FEET.

[REDACTED] SHOWED SIXTYFOUR TENN. TITLE NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FOR ABOVE TRAILER. NAME APPEARED AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WITH ADDRESS OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], MEMPHIS. [REDACTED] GAVE PRESENT ADDRESS OF  
[REDACTED] BLYTHEVILLE, ARK. [REDACTED] ALSO OBTAINED  
SIXTYSEVEN DASH EIGHT ARK. TRAILER LICENSE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FOR SMALL TYPE TRAILER.

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[REDACTED] IN /CCOMPANY OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAMES OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHO ALSO PURCHASED NON-TITLED SIXTYSEVEN  
DASH EIGHT ARK. TRAILER LICENSES FOR SMALL TRAILERS NUMBERS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION, BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., REVEALED MAN KNOWN AS  
[REDACTED] LEFT [REDACTED] EARLY MONTH SIXTYEIGHT.  
[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS MIGRANT SPRAY PAINTER, TRAVELING FROM CITY  
TO CITY OPERATING LATE MODEL PANEL OR VAN TYPE TRUCK, MAKE AND  
MODEL UNKNOWN, WITH SPRAY PAINT EQUIPMENT IN REAR OR CARRIED  
ON SMALL TRAILER.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS IN THE TEXARKANA, HOPE,  
AND LEWISVILLE, ARK., AREA, NEGATIVE THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS WM, FORTY YEARS, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN, ONE  
EIGHT ZERO POUNDS, MEDIUM OR HEAVY BUILD, BUSHY BROWN HAIR,  
PROMINENT BUSHY EYEBROWS, PALE BLUE EYES, DEEP SET, VERY NERVOUS,  
THREE/EIGHTHS INCH SCAR RIGHT SIDE NOSE, LIMPED ON RIGHT FOOT  
SLIGHTLY, WEARING WHITE SHIRT, TAN TROUSERS AND BROWN WOOD<sup>K</sup> SHOES,  
RED RUDDY COMPLEXION.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED WM, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE FOOT NINE,  
ONE FOUR FIVE POUNDS, SMALL BUILD, REDDISH, BLOND, BUSHY HAIR,  
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GRAY EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WEARING TAN SHIRT AND TROUSERS.

BOTH MEN APPEARED TO BE CONSTRUCTION OR OUTDOOR TYPE WORKERS.

MEMPHIS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] TO SIXTYFOUR TENN. TITLE,  
AND ADDRESS ON [REDACTED]; THRU [REDACTED] ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]  
CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY BOTH MEN AND FURNISH  
RESULTS TO LITTLE ROCK EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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FBI CHICAGO

1255PM URGENT LMA

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
BIRMINGHAM(44-1740), AND ATLANTA (44-2386).

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY NINE LAST.

RE GINGER NANCE.

GINGER NANCE ADVISED THIS DATE SHE DID NOT GIVE HER  
NAME TO ANY BARTENDER OR LEAVE HER NAME AT ANY BARS WHILE  
IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. NANCE ADVISED SHE FREQUENTED THE  
FOLLOWING BARS IN LOS ANGELES:

VEGAS ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD.; RABBIT'S FOOT ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD.;  
BLACK HORSE ON WESTERN, AND RED VEST ON WESTERN.

LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES; CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE  
NAMED BARS TO DETERMINE IF KATZWINKEL OR NANCE LEFT THE  
NAME AND ADDRESS AT ANY BAR OR WITH ANY BARTENDER NAMED  
ESTABLISHMENTS.

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FBI NEW ORLS

846PM URGENT 5-10-68 CDC TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND JACKSON 157-9586  
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY TEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE [REDACTED]

NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN REFERENCE TO ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE ENTITLED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE ENTIRE FILE IN THIS  
CASE WAS SENT TO JACKSON AT THE TIME JACKSON OFFICE OPENED  
IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE OF JACKSON  
THE INDICIES REFERENCE IS [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED]

RE TELEPHONE CHECKS

TO DATE SUBSCRIBERS OF TELEPHONES IN NEW ORLEANS AND OTHER  
AREAS OF LOUISIANA CONTACTED REGARDING LONG DISTANT TELEPHONE  
CALLS BASED ON NUMBERS PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED BY HOUSTON. NO  
PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED TO DATE. IDENTITIES OF THREE SUBSCRIBERS  
WITH NON PUBLISHED TELEPHONES DETERMINED AFTER SUBPOENA OBTAINED  
AND FURNISHED TO TELEPHONE COMPANY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING, ARMED AND DANGEROUS. MAY 14 1968

MEMPHIS.

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Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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FBI EL PASO

1212 AM 5-11-68 URGENT PTM

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), KNOXVILLE.  
FROM EL PASO (157-186) P

MURKIN

RE EL PASO TEL DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST AND RICHMOND  
AIRTEL DIRECTOR MAY SIX, LAST.

RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, FRIEND OF [REDACTED]

RETEL CONTAINS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]  
FT. BLISS, TEXAS RE WIFE, [REDACTED], AND TWO CHILDREN,  
WHO WERE OVERDUE IN RETURNING TO EL PASO AND WHO [REDACTED] HAD  
REPORTED AS MISSING. [REDACTED] AND WIFE HAD BEEN SEPERATED SINCE  
NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND WIFE HAD BEEN LIVING FAYETTEVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA.

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RETEL STATED [REDACTED] JUST LEARNED HIS WIFE LIVED WITH ANOTHER  
MAN WHILE [REDACTED] WAS IN VIETNAM IN SIXTYSIX AND SIXTYSEVEN AND HE  
PLANNED DIVORCE ACTION. [REDACTED] WAS OF OPINION WIFE HAD PROBABLY  
RUN OFF WITH SOME MAN. RECALLED THAT HE AND WIFE PLANNED TRIP TO  
TAMPA, FLORIDA, IN SIXTYFOUR WHICH WAS CALLED OFF MAY 1968 OVERSEAS  
TRANSFER. WIFE REMARKED TO [REDACTED] AT THE TIME THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE  
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CHANCE TO SEE FRIEND EARL IF THEY WENT TO FLORIDA. [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY QUESTIONED HER MORE THOROUGHLY RE THIS, AT WHICH TIME WIFE SAID THAT, AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, SHE AND HER COUSIN [REDACTED] MADE TRIP TO TAMPA, FLORIDA, WHERE SHE MET ONE ERIC RAY, WHOM SHE CALLED EARL. WIFE CLAIMED EARL MUCH OLDER THAN SHE. WIFE NOT KNOWN TO HAVE EVER CORRESPONDED WITH EARL. [REDACTED] WONDERED IF WIFE WAS POSSIBLY IN CONTACT WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY SHE MET IN FLORIDA.

RICHMOND OFFICE SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] AS [REDACTED] AND INTERVIEWED HER AND [REDACTED], MOTHER OF [REDACTED] AT CLARKSVILLE, VIRGINIA. BOTH DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ALLEGED TRIP TO TAMPA BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]. BOTH DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ERIC RAY, AKA EARL. RICHMOND WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE [REDACTED] FOR INTERVIEW IN SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA, AREA.

[REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY STATED HE NEVER DISCUSSED TAMPA TRIP WITH ANYONE BUT WIFE AND DID NOT KNOW IF ANY TRUTH TO IT. [REDACTED] NEVER SAID ANYTHING TO HIM TO INDICATE SHE HAD EVER CORRESPONDED WITH OR MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH ERIC RAY, AKA EARL.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE AS FOLLOWS: WIFE, [REDACTED] WAS IN EL PASO FROM MAY THREE TO MAY SIX LAST AND THEN DEPARTED FOR  
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HOME OF PARENTS OF [REDACTED] IN  
BRISTOL, TENN, WHERE SHE PLANNED TO RESIDE. [REDACTED] IS MAN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LIVED WITH WHILE [REDACTED] WAS IN VIETNAM AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PLANS TO SEND [REDACTED] EXACT  
ADDRESS IN BRISTOL SO HE CAN SEND DIVORCE PAPERS TO HER. [REDACTED]  
CURRENTLY STATIONED POPE AFB, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. TELEPHONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. [REDACTED] HAD FEW WORDS WITH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND DID NOT QUESTION HER RE ERIC RAY.

KNOXVILLE, AT BRISTOL, LOCATE [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] RESIDENCE  
AND INTERVIEW HER IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY  
POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY, AKA EARL, WHO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY HAD CONTACT WITH IN FLORIDA IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN.  
IF POSSIBLY IDENTICAL, DEVELOP ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION RE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ASSOCIATION WITH HIM.

IF [REDACTED] NOT LOCATED ASCERTAIN EXACT WHEREABOUTS THROUGH  
[REDACTED] AND SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE HER INTERVIEWED. [REDACTED] BN  
[REDACTED], TRAVELLING WITH TWO CHILDREN, [REDACTED] AGE FOUR,  
AND [REDACTED], AGE THREE. [REDACTED] TRAVELLING IN SIXTYSIX FORD  
TWO DOOR, BROWNISH RED WITH WHITE TOP, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT VIRGINIA  
LICENSE PLATES [REDACTED].

AIRMAIL COPIES RICHMOND AND CHARLOTTE.

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323PM URGENT 5-12-68 TAB

-- TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY  
FROM: CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TEL MAY ELEVEN LAST.

RE BROTHER JERRY WILLIAM ~~RAY~~. REINTERVIEWED IN DEPTH THIS DATE.  
STATES NEW PHOTO OF SUBJECT IN BUSINESS SUIT IS GOOD LIKENESS  
EXCEPT SUBJECT FULLER IN FACE THAN JERRY HAS EVER SEEN HIM.

STATES BROTHER JOHN DROVE HERE IN SIXTY ONE PLYMOUTH  
DURING JUNE OR JULY LAST WHEN JERRY LIVING TECHNY ROAD,  
NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS. JERRY'S EX-WIFE DID NOT MEET HIM AT  
THAT TIME BUT HAD MET JOHN PREVIOUSLY CHRISTMAS LAST IN  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. JOHN AND JERRY SWITCHED CARS, JOHN  
LEAVING IN SIXTY TWO RAMBLER. BOTH CARS NOW AT FATHER'S  
FARM, CENTER, MISSOURI. AT THAT TIME JOHN GAVE NO INDICATION  
OF BEING AWARE SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS.

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IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS, JERRY STATES SUBJECT ONLY SENT HIM FIFTY DOLLARS FROM PRISON. CONFRONTED WITH DETAILED LIST OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF SUBJECT FROM PRISON INDICATING TWO HUNDRED SIX<sup>X</sup>TY SIX DOLLARS SENT. JERRY STATES MUST BE IN ERROR SINCE ONLY AMOUNT HE RECOGNIZES IS FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS TWENTY FIVE CENTS SENT TO HIM JUNE TWENTY TWO, SIXTY FOUR, WHEN HE WAS IN ST. LOUIS AND NEEDED MONEY TO RETURN TO CHICAGO. SUGGESTS MONEY LISTED TO HIM WAS INSTEAD PAID TO BROTHER'S ATTORNEY, NAME UNKNOWN, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI.

JERRY FURNISHED ITINERARY WHILE LAST IN ST. LOUIS STATES BOTH JOHN AND CAROL STILL BELIEVE SUBJECT VICTIM OF FRAME-UP OR USED AS "FALL GUY". ALL BASED ON INFO FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. STILL NO INDICATION FROM THEM OF ANY INFO RE SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE.

STATES NEVER HEARD OF "COOLIES" NOR EVER HEARD BROTHER MENTION. NOW RECALLS BROTHER FRIENDLY WITH [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WHILE IN JEFFERSON CITY PRISON.  
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JERRY NOW RESIDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS. NO PHONE. NEAREST  
PHONE FOUR BLOCKS AWAY. CONTINUES EMPLOYMENT AT SPORTSMAN'S  
COUNTRY CLUB. WILL CONTACT CASE AGENT DAILY. COVERAGE CONTINUING.  
PROFESSES COOPERATION.

KANSAS CITY, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, IDENTIFY SUBJECT'S  
ATTORNEY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, AND INTERVIEW APPROPRIATELY.

MAKE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND SET OUT LEADS TO  
INTERVIEW.

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TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL FOUR EIGHTEEN PM, FIVE ELEVEN INSTANT.

RE: [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA REVEALS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN NON-EXISTENT FOR THREE YEARS. [REDACTED]

CONSISTED OF [REDACTED] WHICH WERE TORN DOWN THREE  
YEARS AGO AND REPLACED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOSSIER CITY,

ADVISED FIVE ELEVEN INSTANT THAT [REDACTED] HAS ADDRESS OF

[REDACTED] AND NEVER USED [REDACTED] AS AN ADDRESS.

[REDACTED] SAID HE HAS NEVER HEARD OF [REDACTED] NEE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POST OFFICE EMPLOYEE, BOSSIER CITY, ADVISED  
FIVE ELEVEN INSTANT HE HAS NO ADDRESS OR FORWARDING ADDRESS

FOR [REDACTED] NEE [REDACTED] 6 MAY 14 1968

[REDACTED] BOSSIER CITY PD, AND DEPUTY SHERIFF

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[REDACTED] ADVISED FIVE ELEVEN INSTANT THEIR RECORDS  
ARE NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED] NEE [REDACTED]

CREDIT BUREAU AT SHERVEPORT, LA., WHICH COVERS  
BOSSIER CITY IS CLOSED AND WILL NOT BE OPENED UNTIL  
MONDAY A.M. A REVIEW OF CURRENT AND PAST CITY, TELEPHONE,  
AND CRISS-CROSS DIRECTORIES NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED]  
NEE [REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS WILL REINTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FOR IDENTITY AND WHEREABOUTS OF PARENTS OR OTHER  
RELATIVES OF HIS EX-WIFE [REDACTED] NEE [REDACTED] AND  
HAVE THESE RELATIVES INTERVIEWED AS TO HER PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: LEGAT, TOKYO (173-1) (RUC)  
RE : MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Remycab 4/21/68 captioned JAMES EARL RAY, aka, CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1964.

On 4/23/68, immediately after receipt of the 4/19/68 news release issued at Washington, D. C., Legat furnished the new release and photographs to the National Police Agency of Japan (NPA), Tokyo, and the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department (TMPD). These agencies subsequently made their own release to the effect that they had been asked to be alert to the possibility that the subject might travel outside of the U. S. It was stressed that there was no indication that the subject in fact traveled to Japan.

This material has also been made available to appropriate Chinese and Korean authorities.

News media in Tokyo territory have given a great deal of attention to the KING matter initially, and when the Japanese authorities made their announcement, the next day the story with photograph was again run prominently.

NPA has since gotten out their own circular for display in police stations Japan-wide. They are most eager to conduct all investigation necessary in order to assist in the location of subject. They made it very clear that at the first evidence subject may be heading for Asia, they be immediately notified as they have a Phase #2 plan set up which will entail more specific investigative steps. They were assured that this would be done.

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1 - Tokyo

RVP:lw

C. E. Bishop  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Edisad [REDACTED]  
CIA, lead washed [REDACTED]  
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With respect to [REDACTED], on 4/26/68 a photograph from an alien registration file identified as that of [REDACTED] was exhibited to the original source by CIA, and he advised that the individual who came to him asking for the sailing employment was the one in the photograph. The fingerprints of this individual were obtained surreptitiously and compared with those of the subject by NPA. Based on this fingerprint comparison, NPA declared that the individual depicted as [REDACTED] is not identical with subject, RAY. Therefore, no further inquiry is being conducted with respect to the individual referred to as [REDACTED].

Since no further inquiry is outstanding in this area, this case is being considered RUC.

SA [redacted] Seattle  
 advised to locate re number  
 + return 5/14/68

FBI

Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (175-  
 SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. LEE;  
 SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY - VICTIM  
 H. RAP BROWN - VICTIM  
 STOKELY CARMICHAEL - VICTIM  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Enclosed for WFO are two copies of this LHM.

[redacted] Secret Service, Spokane, Washington, was orally advised of this information on 5/1/68 at 8:30 AM and a copy of this LHM has been forwarded to his office.

The Spokane Police Department and Spokane County Sheriff's Office have been advised.

The Bureau is requested to advise Senator KENNEDY's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The WFO is requested to advise appropriate local authorities in Washington, D.C.

3 - Bureau (Encl 4)  
 2 - WFO (Encl 2)  
 1 - Seattle  
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ENCLOSURE

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1cc LHM LESS

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D.C. Bishop

Lewis Kaden Kennedy's  
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 advised

1-copy of LHM to  
 call to Hester  
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 Approved: [signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Airtel to SE  
 PSE: [signature]  
 5/9/68



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Seattle, Washington  
May 1, 1968

Re: [REDACTED]  
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY - VICTIM;  
H. RAP BROWN - VICTIM  
STOKELY CARMICHAEL - VICTIM

On April 30, 1968, [REDACTED], residence address [REDACTED] Spokane, Washington, was drinking at Casey's Gay 90s, 457 Northtown Shopping Center, Spokane, and engaged in a conversation and had a few drinks with an individual who identified himself as [REDACTED]. The conversation got around to racial problems in the United States and [REDACTED] indicated he was from the South and subsequently said he would pay STANLEY \$10,000 to kill RAP BROWN or STOKELY CARMICHAEL. He mentioned the Ku Klux Klan and the Minutemen and said "we" will furnish cars or planes for carrying this out and any kind of gun wanted. [REDACTED] then said "The mark has been put on RAP BROWN, STOKELY CARMICHAEL and ROBERT KENNEDY." He then gave [REDACTED] a business card from [REDACTED], Spokane, and on the back wrote [REDACTED] then "Yes", "No" and "Where". [REDACTED] said he could be called at that place and that [REDACTED] was simply to answer "Yes or No" and where he could be contacted.

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had been drinking but did not appear to be drunk. [REDACTED] reported this matter several hours later and admitted he had been drinking.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] was employed by him as a salesman on March 23, 1968, but that he has not seen him for about a week, that [REDACTED] owes him about \$150.00 for merchandise, and reportedly is doing a lot of drinking. He said [REDACTED] is a "blow hard" and that he recalls that when Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was killed [REDACTED] had remarked that he had been offered \$5,000.00 to do this job four or five years ago. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had previously been employed by [REDACTED], Spokane.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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ENCLOSURE 44-1987-10

RE: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY - VICTIM;  
[REDACTED] H. RAP BROWN - VICTIM  
[REDACTED] STOKELY CARMICHAEL - VICTIM

It was subsequently determined that [REDACTED] worked for [REDACTED] only a month and had been terminated. He was employed there through Snelling and Snelling Employment Agency, Spokane.

Records of Snelling and Snelling, East 9822 Sprague, Spokane, showed his address as [REDACTED] Spokane; wife [REDACTED] and a daughter, 13, and a daughter 19. He showed employment in October, 1967, at [REDACTED] Spokane; in May, 1967, with [REDACTED] Seattle, Washington; May, 1965 to February, 1967, with [REDACTED] of California, [REDACTED] San Francisco, California; January, 1960 to May 1965, with [REDACTED] Los Angeles, and from 1954 to 1960 with [REDACTED] Los Angeles. [REDACTED] claimed two years college at the University of Alabama from 1957 to 1959 and service in the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1952.

[REDACTED], Snelling and Snelling, advised they have been unable to collect their fee for placing [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] and that collection agencies have been trying to secure information concerning him.

[REDACTED] is described as a white, male, about 35 to 38 years of age, 5'7" tall, 140 pounds, brown hair.



5/9/68

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Bates  
1 - Mr. Trimbach

To: SAC, Seattle (44-371)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 3391

MURKIN

ReSEairtel and LHM dated 5/1/68, captioned  
[REDACTED] Senator Robert Kennedy - Victim,  
H. Rap Brown - Victim, Stokely Carmichael - Victim,  
Information Concerning."

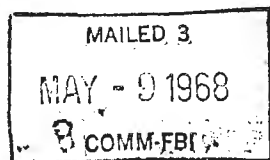
Referenced LHM contains statement allegedly  
attributed to [REDACTED] that four or five years ago he had  
been offered \$5,000 to kill Martin Luther King, Jr.  
[REDACTED] is also reported to have made an offer of \$10,000  
to [REDACTED] to kill Rap Brown or Stokely Carmichael.

[REDACTED] should be located and interviewed to deter-  
mine if he possesses any information pertaining to the  
slaying of King or if he is in any way implicated in this  
slaying. Submit results of interview with [REDACTED] in form  
suitable for dissemination and based upon results of  
interview with him, take any appropriate action warranted.

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO...

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NOTE:

The employer of [REDACTED] Spokane, Washington, advised that [REDACTED] is a "blow hard" and he recalls that when King was killed, [REDACTED] remarked he had been offered \$5,000 to do this job four or five years ago. Seattle being instructed to locate and interview [REDACTED] to determine any information he may have regarding any plot to kill King.

1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 13, 1968

To:

Date:

**MURKIN**  
Re: **CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

**44-38861**  
**D-562836 JK**

FBI File No.  
Lab. No.

**Washington Field Office**

Examination requested by:

**Airtel 5/10/68**

Reference:

**Document - Fingerprint**

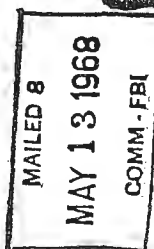
Examination requested:

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.**

**Results set forth in the attached Laboratory report were previously furnished telephonically to the Washington Field Office.**

**Specimen Q334 was personally delivered by SA [redacted] on 5/9/68.**



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**44-38861 339**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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**2 - Washington Field Office (44-703), Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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**THM:AW (10)**

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 13, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562836 JK

Specimens received 5/9/68

Q334 One-page typewritten letter dated 12/28/67, beginning  
"Dear Sir, I recently read an article in the..." and  
signed "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q334 are the same style as those appearing on items previously received in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt. It can not be determined whether the same typewriter was employed to prepare all of these items because of the lack of significant identifying defects; however, no significant differences were noted.

It was determined that the "Eric S. Galt" signature on Q334 was prepared by the writer of signatures in this name appearing on other items previously submitted.

Specimen Q334 has been retained.

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FBI CHICAGO

432PM URGENT 5/6/68 JSM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO SUMMARY TEL MAY ONE LAST; ATLANTA TEL INSTANT.

RE JAMES E. BODKER

BODKER'S SISTER, BROTHER-IN-LAW AND MOTHER PLACE HIM IN  
CALUMET PARK, ILL., ON DATE OF KING MURDER. BODKER INTERVIEWED  
MAY TWO LAST. BEARS VERY LITTLE PHYSICAL RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT  
AND ELIMINATED. HE STATES RETURNED HERTZ CAR TO THEIR CHICAGO  
OFFICE.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, CHICAGO WILL NOT PROCESS HERTZ  
VEHICLE AS SET FORTH IN RE ATLANTA TEL. UAC NINE AM MAY SEVEN  
NEXT. WILL CONTACT HERTZ OFFICIALS TO RELEASE VEHICLE.

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FBI JACKSVLE

1139AM EST URGENT 5/11/68 GWC

TO: DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA (44-2387)

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 1P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU DATED MAY TEN LAST.

[REDACTED] FBI NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TRANSFERRED TO THE U.S. PENITENTIARY,

ATLANTA, [REDACTED]

END

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FBI SAVANNAH

1228PM URGENT 5/12/68 PNP

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/, JACKSONVILLE AND PITTSBURGH

FROM SAVANNAH /44-1768/ 2P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY TEN LAST, NO COPY TO PITTSBURGH.

FOR INFO PITTSBURGH, ATLANTA ADVISED EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECK  
REVEALED DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS INDICATE A JOHN WILLARD MADE  
RESERVATION ON EAL APRIL ELEVEN LAST, CHANGED FLIGHT, AND FLEW  
APRIL TEN LAST ON EAL AND RETURNED ATLANTA APRIL FIFTEEN LAST ON  
DAL FLIGHT NO. TWENTY. LEFT CONTACT NUMBERS MIAMI [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND SAVANNAH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ROOM [REDACTED]. LATTER NUMBER IS SAVANNAH  
DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. AT WHICH INQUIRY DEVELOPED JOHN C. WILLARD,  
[REDACTED] SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING [REDACTED],  
DRIVING CHEVROLET CAR NY LICENSE [REDACTED]  
CHECKED INTO ROOM [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED] TWENTYSIX LAST AND OUT  
MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST. CHECKED IN AGAIN INTO ROOM [REDACTED]  
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SAME BACKGROUND INFO, WITH A [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GAINSVILLE, FLA., ON MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST AND OUT  
ON MARCH THIRTYONE LAST.

PITTSBURGH RESOLVE IDENTITY OF WILLARD, WHICH IS ALSO ALIASES  
OF SUBJECT RAY. RESET LEAD FOR JACKSONVILLE TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AT  
GAINESVILLE, FLA., IF NECESSARY.

MIAMI, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND JACKSONVILLE ADVISED BY MAIL.

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~~CORR....JACKSONVILLE NOT ADVISED BY TELETYPE.~~

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FBI ST LOUIS

7:40 PM 5-11-68 URGENT REM

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN SUMMARY

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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Advise  
SL Judge  
CASE

RE RAY RELATIVES: NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE [REDACTED] FELLOW PRISONER (BIRMINGHAM).

[REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED. REITERATED DOES NOT KNOW RAY.  
DENIED CONVERSATIONS WITH, PLANNING ANY ATLANTA ROBBERY, BEING  
QUESTIONED RE [REDACTED] RELATIVES BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA,  
KNOWLEDGE OF COOLEY. [REDACTED]

ALLEGED [REDACTED] SENTENCE BUM RAP TO AVOID DISCLOSING OWN ACTUAL  
WHEREABOUTS AND ASSOCIATE AT TIME. NEW ORLEANS REQUESTED TO  
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] WIFE AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY SEPERATE  
TELETYPE. EX 101

REC- 69 44-38861-3397  
RE [REDACTED] SL FILES SHOW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JACKSON SIXTYFIVE. JACKSON REQUESTED TO ADVISE CG BY  
SEPERATE TEL.

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FBI KNOXVLE

512PM URGENT 5/11/68 DCK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHARLOTTE, AND RICHMOND

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN

RE EL PASO TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE MAY  
TEN LAST, AIR MAIL COPIES OF WHICH FURNISHED RICHMOND AND  
CHARLOTTE BY EL PASO.

INVESTIGATION BRISTOL, TENN., REVEALS [REDACTED]  
NOT SON OF ONLY [REDACTED] FAMILY LISTED IN BRISTOL, TENN., OR  
VA., WITH CREDIT BUREAU OR IN CURRENT CITY AND TELEPHONE  
DIRECTORIES. CREDIT BUREAU HAD INQUIRY JAN. SIXTYSIX FROM A  
BRISTOL LOAN CO. RE [REDACTED] SALTVILLE,  
VA., WHO WAS IN USAF. NEITHER CREDIT BUREAU NOR LOAN CO.  
HAVE PARENTS NAME OR ADDRESS. REC-69 101 44-38861-3398

BRISTOL, TENN. PD ARRESTED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], SALTVILLE, VA., ON [REDACTED] FOR  
[REDACTED] AND RELEASED SAME DATE. DESCRIBED WHITE MALE,  
BORN [REDACTED] SIX FT., ONE SIXTYFIVE LBS.,  
BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, NO RELATIVES LISTED.

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CHARLOTTE, UPON RECEIPT RE TEL, INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] POSSIBLY [REDACTED] POPE AFB, FAYETTEVILLE,  
N. C., TELEPHONE [REDACTED] TO  
DETERMINE NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARENTS AND CURRENT LOCATION  
OF [REDACTED] THEREAFTER HAVE [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED  
AS SET FORTH IN RE TEL.

RICHMOND WITHHOLD INVESTIGATION SALTVILLE, VA. UNTIL  
CHARLOTTE ASCERTAINS ABOVE INFORMATION SINCE [REDACTED]  
MAY BE LOCATED IN N. C. OR ELSEWHERE.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED EL PASO AND MEMPHIS

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FBI CHICAGO

1150 AM URGENT 5/11/68 APK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ST. LOUIS AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN. RE: JERRY WILLIAM RAY.

JERRY RECONTACTED THIS DATE ADVISED THAT HE HAD DEVELOPED NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS DURING VISIT TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. HAS RETURNED TO WORK AT SPORTSMANS COUNTRY CLUB, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS AND IS NOW RESIDING AT [REDACTED], LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS. ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIVING AWAY FROM EMPLOYMENT MADE BY CLUB MANAGER IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHICAGO OFFICE.

RAY WILL BE EXTENSIVELY REINTERVIEWED NINE AM MAY TWELVE, NEXT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 5/7/68.

Re [REDACTED] - Complainant

For information Birmingham referenced Bureau airtel included a letter from [REDACTED], Fontana, California, in which she stated that an old man, who has second sight, told her the man who killed Dr. KING was still in Memphis, Tennessee, within three blocks of the murder cite, that his name is [REDACTED], and that he had a slight limp in his right leg.

[REDACTED] Fontana, California, advised SA [REDACTED] 5/9/68, that within three or four days after Dr. KING was murdered she had attended a second hand auction at Chino, California. While there, she met an old man, identity, address, and present location unknown, who told her in conversation regarding the KING murder that he had had a vision shortly thereafter and in his vision saw the man within three blocks of the place of the murder. Further the nam had a slight limp in his right leg and was going by the name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated she had not reported this until 5/1/68, when she had directed a letter to the Bureau setting forth these facts. She said that she would have no way of identifying the old man, whom she had talked with, whom she described as being approximately 80 years of and quite feeble.

- ② - Bureau  
 1 - Memphis (Info)  
 1 - Birmingham (Info)  
 2 - Los Angeles

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Approved: C.C. Bishop  
 Special Agent in Charge  
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Date: 5/11/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKINRe Bureau airtel to Charlotte dated 5/9/68,  
regarding ~~REDACTED~~ Complainant.

Results of investigation conducted by Charlotte pursuant to complaint made by ~~REDACTED~~ were set out in Charlotte airtel to the Director dated 4/23/68. For the assistance of the Bureau, three Xerox copies of this airtel are enclosed herewith.

C. C. - Bishop

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3 - Bureau (Encls. 3)  
2 - Charlotte  
GHC:ajh  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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4/23/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call 4/20/68, regarding unknown individual driving 1960 Chevrolet, bearing N. C. license [REDACTED].

On 4/20/68, it was determined that this license number was issued to [REDACTED], East Spencer, N. C.

On 4/20/68, [REDACTED], Spencer, N. C., advised he is familiar with [REDACTED] a former resident of Spencer, N. C., who presently resides at East Spencer, N. C. He was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised there does not appear to be any resemblance between RAY and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED], East Spencer, N. C., on 4/20/68, advised that [REDACTED] has resided in East Spencer for several months but she is not personally acquainted with him.

[REDACTED] Town Hall, East Spencer, N. C., advised on 4/20/68, that [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] and has resided there since at least 12/29/67. He is not personally known to [REDACTED].

On 4/20/68, CHARLES E. HATCH, Chief of Police, East Spencer, advised he is familiar with [REDACTED] inasmuch as he has arrested him several times for drunkenness. No records are maintained by the PD and the dates of arrest are not known.

3 - Bureau  
② - Charlotte

CFW:cbv

(5) [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE

Special Agent in Charge

CE 44-1365

HERON advised that a photograph of RAY does not resemble [REDACTED]

On 4/20/68, Chief DAVE SCHULTZ, Salisbury, N. C., PD, advised that [REDACTED] was recruited [REDACTED] by his department. SCHULTZ does not know [REDACTED] personally.

On 4/22/68, [REDACTED] Salisbury, N. C., advised that [REDACTED] has been employed by that company since 1/23/68, and is still so employed. She said that the payroll records show that he did not report for work on 3/20/68 or 4/4/68, but that he did work on 3/29/68 and 4/3/68.

In view of arrest of [REDACTED] on 4/4/68, and failure of individuals who knew [REDACTED] to identify him with photographs of RAY, no further action being taken by Charlotte.

Insert being prepared and will be submitted to Memphis.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to Atlanta, et al., 5/8/68:

[REDACTED] Travel Associates, Pascagoula, Miss., advised ticket number 396-718-957, was issued to [REDACTED], South Burnaby, British Columbia, telephone [REDACTED] on 4/5/68.

She said [REDACTED] was a Canadian shipyard employee who came to Pascagoula on 2/6/68, as a temporary employee of Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation and that he purchased above ticket to return home.

[REDACTED] Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, advised that [REDACTED], a Canadian employee of this company, resigned on 4/5/68, to return to Canada.

2 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis  
2 - Atlanta  
2 - Jackson

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W E.D. Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/10/68

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director, Memphis, Kansas  
City and Pittsburgh, 5/9/68.

Shawnee Mission, Kansas, was interviewed this date and  
was eliminated as a suspect in this matter.

C. C. Bishop

EX 10T  
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44-38861-3404

③ - Bureau  
2 - Atlanta  
2 - Memphis  
2 - Kansas City  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Date: May 13, 1968

MURKIN  
Re: CR

OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562868 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles  
Reference: Airtel 5/8/68  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q335.

This report supplements and confirms Bureau teletype to Los Angeles dated 5/10/68, airmail copy to Memphis.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
2-Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
FBI

RECEIVED

*Ans. 2260*

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Date: May 13, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN  
CR

Lab. No. D-562866 JK

Specimens received 5/10/68

Q335 One-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear sirs,  
Please send in plain envelope the list..." and  
ending "...any list covering S.F. Bay Area."

## Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writing  
on Q335 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI#405942G.

Q335 has been photographed and is returned to  
Los Angeles separately.

FMD:taw (9)

*7/11/68*

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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F B I

Date: 5/10/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68, re telephone calls made from Interstate 10, Houston Division, 12/15-17/67.

Telephone # [REDACTED] determined through check of the telephone directory of the Bartlett, Ohio area to be listed to MYRTLE MYERS, [REDACTED] Vincent, Ohio.

Mrs. MYRTLE MYERS, [REDACTED] Vincent, Ohio, advised SA [REDACTED] 5/9/68, that the telephone call made on 12/16/67 from telephone # 453-9015, Houston, Texas, to her number was made by LORETTA KING, estranged wife of her son, PAUL KING. Mrs. KING has made a number of calls from Houston, Texas and other southern cities during the past several months, the last being from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida area.

[REDACTED]

Mrs. MYERS advised that the telephone call was definitely not made by JAMES EARL RAY.

② Bureau  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Houston (44-1509)  
2-Cincinnati

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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F B I

Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 4/26/68, and  
Bureau airtel to Philadelphia, 5/2/68.

Philadelphia, Pa., today advised that he served in the  
U. S. Navy, where he was fingerprinted and had U. S. Navy  
Serial Number [REDACTED]. He advised he was born [REDACTED] at  
Philadelphia, Pa.

The Identification Division is requested to  
compare the fingerprints of [REDACTED] from his fingerprints  
taken while he was in the U. S. Navy with the latent  
fingerprints developed from the gin bottle.

In view of [REDACTED] having been fingerprinted  
while in the U. S. Navy, Philadelphia, at this time, is  
not fingerprinting [REDACTED].

Information copy furnished Memphis.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Philadelphia (44-1368)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 3407

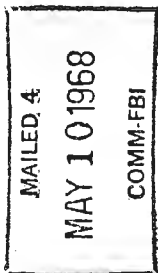
MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel 5-6-68, naming [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Navy service [REDACTED] for elimination purposes  
with the latent fingerprints previously reported of value on a  
gin bottle.

One of the latent fingerprints previously reported  
on the gin bottle is identical with the right ring fingerprint of  
[REDACTED]. The three remaining latent fingerprints on this bottle  
are not identical with the fingerprints of [REDACTED].

1 - Mr. Rosen

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 5/12/68

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 8:15, 5/11/68, an individual who identified himself as [REDACTED] Emporia, Kansas, telephone number [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Bureau and spoke to SA [REDACTED] on duty in the Special Investigative Division. [REDACTED] who stated he is [REDACTED] spoke as though he may have been drinking.

[REDACTED] advised that on Sunday, 4/28/68, while driving north on Highway 71, he picked up a hitchhiker near Carthage, Missouri, and he now feels this individual could be identical with James Earl Ray. He said the hitchhiker was well dressed, had brown hair, wore a hat, and carried a very heavy suitcase. He described him as 5'9" or 5'10", 175 or 180 pounds, and in good physical condition. He furnished his name to [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] and said he was 47 years of age, having been born in [REDACTED], where his mother presently resides. He also mentioned that his brother [REDACTED] "owned half the town" of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that the hitchhiker said he had been in Germany during World War II and stated he was a karate expert. He told [REDACTED] that he was employed by [REDACTED] Holton, Kansas, as [REDACTED] and also said he was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He said his father's name was also [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] said the hitchhiker did not resemble the photographs he had seen of James Earl Ray; however, [REDACTED] feels he could have disguised himself. He also mentioned that the hitchhiker appeared to be about 47 years old as he claimed. He stated the hitchhiker rode with him to [REDACTED], and insisted at being let out at a railroad crossing there, which he said was two blocks from his mother's home, although

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. R. E. Long  
Room 2260

1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Mr. Auerswald

OJA:jmm  
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Memorandum to Mr. Gale  
Re: MURKIN

[REDACTED] offered to drive him to her home. He advised that the hitchhiker mentioned once during the ride that Dr. Martin Luther King got what he deserved, but he said nothing to indicate he was in any way involved in the assassination. He told [REDACTED] he had not had much luck hitchhiking and said he had ridden with a truck driver from Springfield, Missouri, to Carthage, Missouri.

Bureau files contain no record of the caller and nothing which could be identified with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], based on the information he furnished.

ACTION:

At 9:40 p.m., 5/11/68, the information received from [REDACTED] was telephonically furnished to SAC Karl W. Dissly of the Kansas City Office. He advised that [REDACTED] will be promptly interviewed and thereafter investigation will be conducted to determine whether or not the individual mentioned by him is identical with Ray.

*[Handwritten signature]*

5/14/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, St. Louis (44-775)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

ReSLtel 5/13/68.

For the information of St. Louis the records of the Chicago "Tribune" and Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed concerning allegation of Ray involved in a \$50,000 southern bank robbery. No reference has been located to this robbery as described by [REDACTED]

Armed and dangerous.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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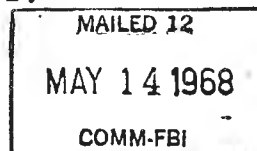
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**NOTE:**

[REDACTED] previously alleged Ray was involved in a \$50,000 southern bank robbery which was reported in the Chicago "Tribune" on or about 6/23-24/67. The Chicago "Tribune" and Bureau bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as [REDACTED] described. St. Louis being advised of results thereof.

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5-14-68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Jackson

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

ReMErep dated 5-8-68, of SA [REDACTED] entitled [REDACTED]

Page five of rerep contains information in the statement furnished by [REDACTED] that a white man who was sitting in back of the victims said "we could kill you all just like we did Martin Luther King." Jackson conduct sufficient investigation in an effort to identify the individual so that he may be eliminated or established as a suspect or co-conspirator.

1 - Memphis

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EX 101

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

[REDACTED]

San Diego Calif  
April 27, 1968

Sirs:

Until resently I have had a great deal of respect for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have often said that whe the FBI put a net out for any one he could stop running for surely he was about to be caught.

I still think you are a very efficent agency, but since you intered the search for the person who killed Dr. Martin Luther King, I have lost all respect for you.

I don't believe you are looking for the real murderer. I think you're looking for a patsy -- like Oswald.

Sooner or later you'll come up with you perfect "fall guy."

I predict it will be someone who has a perfect alibi for Nov. 22, 1963 -- most likely someone who was in prison at that time. I predict further that he will be mentally retarded and either caught or wanted for some other crime. That way he will probably never be brought to trial for the murder of Dr. King.

And so while the FBI are playing Hide and Go Seek with someone who by now could be in Egypt, there is someone who conspires to get rid of persons whose performance they do not like, by shooting them in the head.- This vicious killer is still running loose.

I would remind you that the Monster nearly always destroys its Maker. I would remind you further that sooner or later the FBI will turn in a performance they do not like and they will proceed to get rid of you.

*Handwritten:*  
L/...  
M... 5-2-68  
HCS:ped

[REDACTED]

San Diego, Calif. 92113)

[REDACTED]

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

[REDACTED]  
San Diego, Calif. 92113

COPY:nm

44-38861-3411 *Handwritten initials*

San Diego Calif

April 27, 1968

Sirs:

Murder

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they will proceed to get rid of you.

REC-74

44-38861-3411

May 3, 1968

  
San Diego, California 92113

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 27th has been received.

With respect to your comments concerning the investigation of the slaying of Martin Luther King, you may be assured that this Bureau will make every effort to carry out this investigation with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

You may also wish to know that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and prosecutive action, with regard to violations of Federal laws, is within the province of the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

MAILED 8

MAY 3 1968

COMM-FBI

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent.

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TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

Letter contained in envelope addressed to the  
Director, from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Santiago, Chile (office address); or [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Santiago, Chile (home address).

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a retired detective [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I would like to cooperate with you in helping  
capture the murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King. All I require  
is that you show an interest in my cooperation.

To facilitate my work, I would like you to send me  
a photograph and pertinent information concerning the accused.  
With this material, I am certain that within two or three  
days, I will be able to inform you as to the city or location  
where the murderer is now hiding.

As an illustrative example of my ability, I can tell  
you that a few years ago, I furnished precise information on  
the whereabouts of [REDACTED]  
The Argentine Embassy was allegedly offering two million pesos  
for the capture of the above individual. I never received the  
reward because it was not true that the Embassy was interested  
in his capture.

I am enclosing a resume about the work I performed  
when I worked for [REDACTED] Now I am  
a private detective.

/s/ Illegible  
[REDACTED]

My office address in Santiago is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], and my house is located in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

(Translator's Note: Enclosed along with the above letter was  
a "brief history of the political events which I knew and dealt  
with personally in Chile from 1931 to 1933.")

TRANSLATED BY: [REDACTED]

May 7, 1968

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REC-116

44-38861-3412

May 13, 1968

AIRMAIL

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hudson

~~REDACTED ADDRESS~~  
Santiago, Chile

Dear ~~REDACTED NAME~~

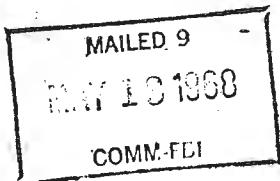
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter postmarked May 3, 1968, and its enclosure.

Your offer to be of assistance is appreciated. If you should learn of any information which you feel might be of value, it is suggested that you contact the American Embassy, Santiago, Chile. I am enclosing one copy of Wanted Flyer 442-A, which is printed in the Spanish language, relating to James Earl Ray who is being sought in connection with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



Enclosure

- 1 - Legal Attache, Buenos Aires (information) (Enc. 3)
- 2 - Office of Security, Department of State (via Liaison) (Enc. 6)
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

FJH:jlh (8)

NOTE: On the basis of available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bureau files. He indicates he is a retired detective of ~~REDACTED~~ and currently a private detective.

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Date: 5/10/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ERNEST S. GALT - Suspect.

Re Bureau airtel to New York, 5/9/68.

New York airtel to Bureau dated 4/24/68, identified referenced suspect as ERNEST STANLEY GALT who was eliminated as a suspect in instant matter by New York in investigation conducted on 4/10-11/68.

3 - Bureau  
1 - New York

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 5/13/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (P) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Miami airtel dated 5/6/68.

The Randolph, Mass., List of Persons by Streets listed the following as residents of [REDACTED]  
Randolph, Mass:

[REDACTED]  
Personnel, Randolph, Mass. PD, on 5/7/68, advised their records contained no information concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Randolph, Mass., on 5/8/68, advised that [REDACTED] was a roomer at her residence for about 3 or 4 months during the Spring of 1967. She said [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and worked somewhere on Cape Cod, place unknown. When he left, she did not know where he went nor did she know his current whereabouts.

She described [REDACTED] as follows:

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (info) (RM)
- 1 - Kansas City (info) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (RM)
- 2 - Miami (RM)
- 1 - Milwaukee (info) (RM)
- 1 - Boston

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Per [Signature]

White male, about 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds, receding brown hair, blue eyes, 2 inch scar under right side of nose, age about 38.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to [REDACTED] and she stated that [REDACTED] positively was not RAY and that he did not resemble him.

On 5/10/68, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Boston FBI Office and said that he could be reached at [REDACTED], Milton, Mass.

[REDACTED] was interviewed on 5/10/68 and advised the following:

He said that he left Pompano Beach, Florida, on 4/2/68 and that he is [REDACTED]. He travelled to Chattanooga, Tennessee, with a fellow worker, [REDACTED], Pompano Beach, Florida, to secure a job with the TVA. He arrived at Chattanooga the same night. Union Hall told him there was no immediate work. He left Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 4/3/68 and went to Hamilton, Ohio, and checked into the Country Club Motel on Route 4 on 4/3/68. He secured work through the Union with [REDACTED], Middletown, Ohio, where he worked for about two weeks.

[REDACTED] is staying at the residence of his brother, [REDACTED], Milton, Mass., before departing for New York City, N.Y., to seek employment.

The following is a description of [REDACTED]

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB	[REDACTED]
POB:	Boston, Mass.
Height:	5 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Weight:	165 pounds
Hair:	Brown, receding
Eyes:	Blue

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Complexion: Dark, tanned

Scars and Marks: 1 inch scar left jaw;  
2 inch scar under right  
side of nose

Inasmuch as [REDACTED] has accounted for his whereabouts on 4/4/68 and is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, no further action is contemplated.

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VIA TELETYPE

MAY 9 1968

ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

VNR 2 622 PM URGENT 5-9-68 ALL  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) (PLAINTEXT)  
FROM SAN JUAN (157-61) 2P

MURKIN

LEAD  
FOR  
BUREAU

Mr. [Signature]  
[Signature]

ON MAY NINE INSTANT

[REDACTED] PUERTO RICO, PERSONALLY ADVISED SHE WAS ON VACATION ON ISLAND OF CURACAO ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST AND WHILE HAVING LUNCH AT LIDO RESTAURANT, CURACAO, BETWEEN TWELVE NOON AND ONE P.M. SHE OBSERVED TWO MEN IN THE RESTAURANT, ONE WHO BORE STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO NEWSPAPER PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY. SHE STATED THIS PERSON SAT WITH HIS BACK TO THE WALL, AT THE SECOND TABLE TO THE RIGHT OF THE ENTRANCE DOORWAY INTO THE RESTAURANT SECTION OF THE LIDO.

[REDACTED] STATED SHE OVERHEARD PERSON ORDERING HIS MEAL AND HE HAD A VERY DEFINITE SOUTHERN ACCENT.

[REDACTED] NOTED SHE IS OF THE NEGRO RACE AND SHE FELT SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN PREJUDICED IN THINKING THIS INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLED RAY; HOWEVER AFTER CAREFUL THOUGHT AND CONSIDERATION SHE FEELS THAT THIS PERSON COULD VERY WELL HAVE BEEN RAY.

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EJM. ylh

cc. Long

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[REDACTED] DESCRIBED THIS PERSON AS WEARING SLACKS  
OF UNKNOWN COLOR, RUMPLED WHITE SHIRT, ABOUT THIRTY SEVEN  
YEARS OF AGE, APPROXIMATELY SIX FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED  
EIGHTY TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYFIVE LBS., VERY DRY SANDY COLORED  
-- HAIR, COMPLEXION WAS RUDDY AROUND THE CHEEKS AND NOSE. THE ONLY  
DISTINGUISHING FEATURE OF PERSON WAS A DEFINITE CLEFT IN CENTER OF  
CHIN. PERSON HAD A FLESHIER FACE THAN THAT OF RAY. SHE HAD  
OBSERVED IN NEWSPAPER PHOTOS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE HAD NOT SEEN PERSON DESCRIBED  
PRIOR TO THE ABOVE ENCOUNTER AND DID NOT SEE AFTER THE ENCOUNTER  
ON APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST. SHE ADVISED SHE COULD NOT FURNISH  
ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

ABOVE INFORMATION FURNISHED TO BUREAU FOR APPROPRIATE  
HANDLING.

END

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FBI WASH DC

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44-38861-3415

May 13, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

2 - Mr. McDonough

James Earl Ray is being sought in connection with the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On May 9, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Puerto Rico, advised that she was on vacation on the island of Curacao on April 25, 1968, and while having lunch in the Lido Restaurant, Curacao, between 12 noon and 1 p.m., she observed two men in the restaurant, one of which bore a striking resemblance to the newspaper photograph of James Earl Ray. She stated this person sat with his back to the wall at the second table to the right of the entrance doorway into the restaurant section of the Lido.

[REDACTED] stated she overheard this person ordering his meal and he had a very definite southern accent. [REDACTED] noted that she is of the Negro race and she felt she might have been prejudiced in thinking this individual resembled Ray. However, after careful thought and consideration, she feels that this person could very well have been Ray. [REDACTED] described this person as wearing slacks of unknown color and rumpled white shirt. According to [REDACTED] he was about 37 years of age, approximately six feet tall, 180 to 185 pounds, very dry sandy colored hair and complexion ruddy around the cheeks and nose. The only distinguishing feature of the person was a definite cleft in the center of his chin. This person had a fleshier face than that of Ray as indicated in newspaper photographs.

[REDACTED] advised she had not seen the person described either before or after the encounter on April 25, 1968, and she could not furnish any additional information.

You are requested to conduct any logical and appropriate investigation at Curacao in order to possibly resolve the identity of the person observed by [REDACTED].

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NOTE:

Two copies furnished Liaison for transmittal to State Department for appropriate handling.

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Jul 6 - 8pm



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad *Conrad*

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : W. D. Griffith *Griffith*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Tolson ☒  
DeLoach ☒  
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Tele. Room ☐  
Holmes ☐  
Gandy ☐

*McDonnell*  
*J. Edgar*

By teletype Friday, 5/10/68, Washington Field Office (WFO) proposed to the Bureau a program involving review of the files of the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, in an effort to identify a possible passport application that may have been made by the subject in a name other than his own or known aliases he has used. Such a review would involve examinations of photographs appearing on the applications, typewriting, possibly hand printing and the amount of script involved in the applicant's signature. Such a program involves literally thousands of documents. General Investigative Division has approved this program.

WFO has requested the Laboratory's assistance in preparing a packet of writings, typewriting and photograph suitable for issue to each Agent participating in the survey that would facilitate the search. This material has been prepared along with a chart pointing out the more unusual characteristics involved in the handwriting, hand printing and typewriting attributed to the subject. In addition, Supervisor James H. Mortimer has met with members of the squad distributed the requested material, described and explained the characteristics they should look for and answered questions posed by them. WFO has been instructed that any applications selected by virtue of this screening should be promptly submitted to the Laboratory for an examination by our experts. Attached is one set of photographs depicting the material furnished to WFO Agents.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

Enclosure

44-38861

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer

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RECORDED

22 MAY 15 1968

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Carl C. Biggs  
Biggs Bldg.  
STREET AND NUMBER  
Missouri  
STATE  
Jefferson  
CITY  
Business  
RELATIONSHIP

James E. Ray  
00416  
FHC  
REGISTER NO  
BOX 900 JEFFERSON CITY MISSOURI 65102  
B.B.  
HALL  
CELL NO 9

Dear Sir;

ON or about the 7 of Sept 1966 I was committed to the Biggs Building on order of the Cole County Circuit Court. On my arrival at Biggs Building I had with me my trial transcript and other legal papers valued at about \$300.00 I also had \$9.00 in commissary books. Mr. Perry said I could not take them to the ward that they would be kept in my personal property upon leaving Biggs bldg. Mr. Perry said they could not find them, and that they might have been sent back to the prison, the officials said they wasn't returned here either. I would appreciate it if you would have some one to see if they could find this property as I can't replace it. I know before I left the receiving office it was put in a desk drawer in the receiving office.

Thanks

James E. Ray

DEAR SIR;

WOULD YOU SEND THESE ITEMS  
SPECIAL DELIVERY. *U/P*

THE MANUAL DID NOT LIST THE  
SHIPPING WT. ON THE ITEMS I  
ORDERED SO I ADDED \$10.00 IF  
IT IS MORE WILL PAY ON RECEIVING.

ON SENDING ORDER WOULD YOU SEND  
ME ANY MANUALS YOU MITE HAVE ON

1. SOUND STRIPERS. *Let*

2. DESCRIPTIVE CIRCULAR ON  
2 & F AUTOMATIC CINE PRINTER.

3. THE PRICE OF THE EUMIG MARK  
S SOUND PROTECTOR. *THANKS*

*239.<sup>00</sup>*

ERIC S. GALT

2608 HIGHLAND AVE.

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

I WOULD LIKE THIS ORDER  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS

35205

10-5-67

DEAR SIR:

I RECEIVED YOUR ORDER OF FOUR ITEMS THE 4th.

I WAS WELL PLEASED WITH EVERY THING EXCEPT  
THE CAMERA, which i am returning.

THE CAMERA YOU SENT HAS ONLY ONE FILM SPEED  
AND I WANTED THE KODAK M8 WHICH HAS 4.

AS I THINK I TOLD YOU ON THE PHONE I WILL  
HAVE TO LEAVE FOR MEXICO SATURDAY AND WILL  
BE UNABLE TO WAIT. DUE TO MEXICO HIGH CUSTOMS  
I WOULD NOT WANT IT SENT THEIR.

UPON MY ARIVAL IN MEXICO I WII SEND YOU  
MY ADDRESS AND YOU CAN MAIL WHAT EVER REMITTANC  
THEIR.

SINCERELY

*pett*  
*10/9*

*Eric S. Galt*

INVOICE NO. I79530

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STYLE OF LETTERS:

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HANDPRINTING:

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USE OF SMALL LETTER "h" - 7 (NUMERAL SEVEN)

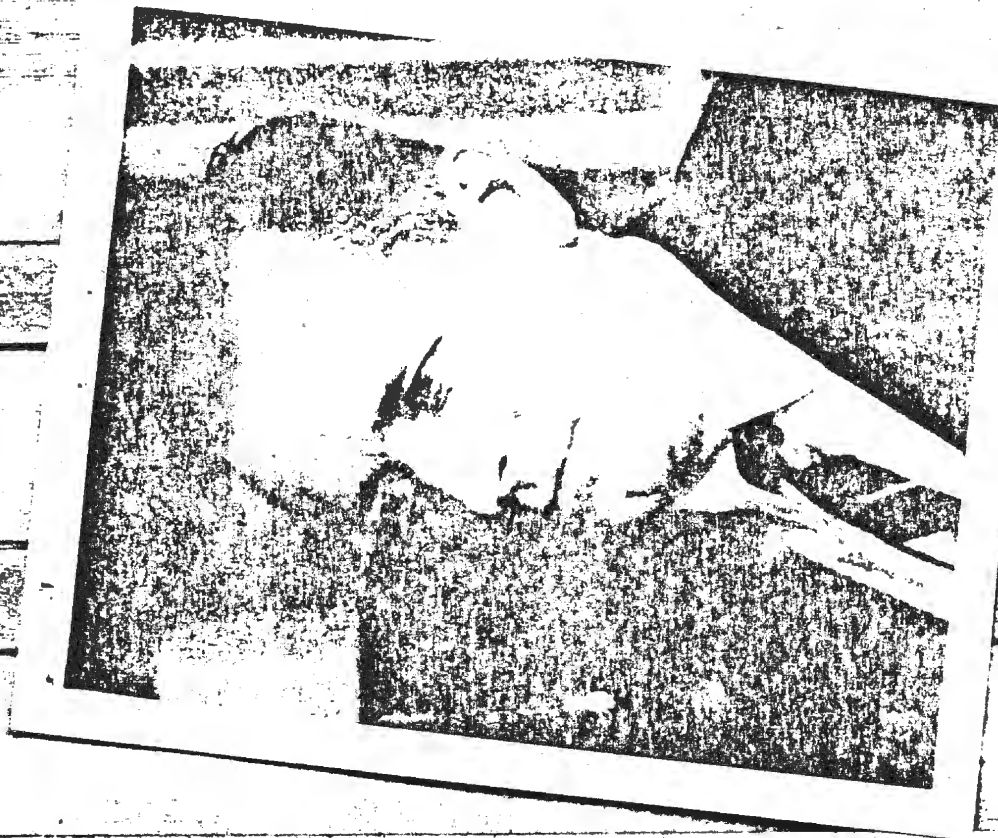
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Y - J - 7 - B



JAMES EARL RAY



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Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)  
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CR  
 OO: MEMPHIS

Attached to the Bureau copies of this communication and to receiving offices are Xerox copies of two items which appeared in the Auckland, New Zealand press on the dates 3/14/68 and 4/30/68. These clippings had been received by Mr. BILL MOBLEY, a friendly reporter for the Birmingham Post Herald who had considered writing an article about them but after determining from the Birmingham Police Department that no CHARLES TAYLOR or THOMAS TAYLOR is employed as a patrolman, he discontinued his efforts.

Mr. MOBLEY made the news clippings available on the bare possibility that the overseas telephone calls may have been made by fugitive RAY. It is believed that the following action by Los Angeles is warranted.

LEADSLOS ANGELESAT SAN BERNADINO, CALIFORNIA:

Will attempt to determine from telephone

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2) (44-1574)
- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (44-1987)
- 2 - Birmingham

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MAY 10 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_



BH 44-1740

company records the identity of the CHARLES TAYLOR who evidently completed a call to the Auckland, New Zealand Police Department at 5 AM their time on March 14, 1968, and if identity established will determine whether possibly identical with subject.

AT SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA.

Will conduct similar investigation regarding the call to Auckland reportedly made on Sunday night (their time) 4/28/68.

# WHEN IN DOUBT HE ASKED A POLICEMAN

A San Bernadino (California) man, Mr Charles Taylor, apparently believes that the best way to find out something is to ask a policeman—even if it means a \$60 transpacific telephone call.

Mr Taylor rang the Auckland police at 5 a.m. today to ask about New Zealand and the living conditions here.

"I'm thinking of coming out to Australia or New Zealand," he told Senior Sergeant R. V. Downie, officer in charge of the communications section.

Mr Taylor wanted to know about the climate, the terrain, wages, prices,

taxes, jobs, hunting and fishing.

"I told him that we had a good climate and that in Auckland we've just had record temperatures for March," said Senior Sergeant Downie.

"I said there was little snow in the North Island but plenty in the high country of the South Island in the winter.

"I told him the country

was mainly farmlands—the best in the world — with a mountain range down the centre of the South Island.

## Enthusiastic

"He seemed enthusiastic when I told him about the fishing and hunting here."

For his \$60 Mr Taylor learnt that butter costs 28c a pound, shoes about \$10 to \$12, suits about \$30 to \$50 and that an average wage was \$40 to \$50.

He found out that there were about 6000 registered unemployed but plenty of employment vacancies were being advertised and a qualified man should have little trouble in getting a job.

Mr Taylor even wanted to know what was going to happen in Vietnam.

Senior Sergeant Downie said: "I don't know and there are a lot of important people about who would like an answer to that question too."

Senior Sergeant Downie added: "I don't think the call was just a rich whim as he finished up by saying he would have to go because the call was costing him a lot of money."

March 14/68

## Policeman calls NZ again (\$150)

America's phoning policeman was on the job again on Sunday night with another transpacific call to his Auckland counterparts for a discussion about New Zealand.

Patrolman Thomas Taylor, of Birmingham, Alabama, rang from Santa Barbara, California, where he is on holiday.

He spoke to Senior Sergeant R. V. Downie, in charge of communications, for 40 minutes, a call which would have cost him more than \$150.

He first rang Senior Sergeant Downie six weeks ago to inquire about conditions in New Zealand with the idea, he said, of immigrating.

Last night he was content just to have a friendly talk. He spoke of the

Wahine disaster, which he had heard about, and asked questions on the work done by the Auckland police.

Patrolman Taylor said it would be four or five years before he came to New Zealand, if he came, but said he would ring Senior Sergeant Downie three or four more times.

"I didn't ask him if he was married or had a family or how long he had been in the force," said Senior Sergeant Downie.

"I'll save that for next time."

April 30/68

May 9, 1968

Airtel

1 - Mr. McDonough

To: All SACS  
LEGATS, Mexico City  
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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NOTE: See Memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 5-9-68, same caption  
EJM:jlh.

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eLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
chr \_\_\_\_\_  
ishop \_\_\_\_\_  
asper \_\_\_\_\_  
ullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Airtel to All SACS and LEGATS, Mexico City and Ottawa  
RE: MURKIN

unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

Armed and Dangerous.

KING ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS--FBI  
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 37

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 13 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
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FBI INDAPOLS

8:48PM URGENT 5-13-68 DPL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS, AND  
SPRINGFIELD, MAY TEN LAST.

RE: SUBJ. BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY

RECORDS INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY (ISR), PENDLETON, IND.,  
UNAVAILABLE NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS, RECORDS ISR PENDLETON, IND.,  
DISCLOSE "JOHN LARRY RAYNS" AKA JACK, PRISON REGISTRY NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], SENTENCED TWO TO FIVE YRS. FOR SECOND DEGREE  
BURGLARY, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, IND. ON JAN. TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN  
FIFTY. RAYNS PAROLED MAR. TWENTYONE FIFTYTWO, TO STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, TO RESIDE WITH UNCLE, WILLIAM E. MAYHER, ALTON, ILL.  
AND TO WORK FOR LEE R. MOREHEAD, OF ALTON. HE VIOLATED PAROLE  
BY ABSCONDING FROM PAROLE SUPERVISION ON APR. TWO FIFTY AND  
BEING ARRESTED IN HOLTVILLE, CALIF., DEC. THREE FIFTYTWO, AS A  
SLEEPER, ACCORDING TO FBI REPORT, USING ALIAS "JOHNNY LARRY RAY":  
ALSO FOR BEING ARRESTED FOR LARCENY ON APRIL SEVEN FIFTYTHREE,  
AT QUINCY, ILL. THIS ARREST RESULTED IN A ONE TO TWO YEAR  
COMMITMENT TO ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, ILL.

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cc - Long

SLK

SPRINGFIELD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF FOREGOING.

[REDACTED], ISR, ADVISED THIS DATE FILE REFLECTS RAYNS HAD NO FORMER PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT WHILE IN ISR. FILE SHOWS ON SEPT. SIXTEEN FIFTY, RAYNS WAS PLACED IN GUARD HOUSE FOR SLACKNESS IN WORK. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FILE SHOWS HE ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOL QUINCY, ILL., FROM THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTYEIGHT, COMPLETING EIGHTH GRADE. WORKED IN FURNITURE FACTORY AT ISR.

HIS ACCOMPLICE IN ABOVE BURGLARY WAS EUGENE MILLS, ISR # [REDACTED] ALSO SENTENCED JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTY, IN KOSCIUSKO CO., IND., FOR SAME CHARGE. MILLS, IN STATEMENT, SAID HAD BEEN WORKING AS FARM HAND NEAR QUINCY, ILL., FOR FIVE MONTHS. AFTER THIS JOB HAD GONE TO QUINCY WHERE MET RAYNS ON DEC. THIRTY FORTYNINE IN POOL HALL. STATED WAS LEFT IN ORPHANAGE, NEVER SAW PARENTS, SINCE ELEVEN YRS. OLD HAS BEEN TRAVELING THROUGHOUT U.S. ORPHANAGE AT FIVE FOUR NINE FIFTH AVE., WEST NORTH, KALISPELL, MONTANA. WAS IN U.S. AIR FORCE FROM SEPT. NINE FORTYSEVEN TO JAN. SEVENTEEN FORTYNINE UNDER AFSN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MILLS PAROLED IN INDIANA AND LAST UNDER SUPERVISION IN RUSH COUNTY, IND., WHERE WORKING FOR [REDACTED] MILLS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE FEB. TEN FIFTYFOUR.

END PAGE TWO.....

IP 44-563

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██████████ STATES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE RAYNS UNKNOWN TO PRISON  
OFFICIALS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.  
AM COPIES BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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FBI WASH DC

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AM  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
C. MURKIN

Enclosed are three newspaper clippings in captioned matter, one showing the two most recent photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, one captioned "Ray Indictment Believed OK'd" and "FBI Hints Conspiracy Against King."

In connection with the newspaper article captioned "Ray Indictment Believed OK'd," it is noted that the local Attorney General's Office has refused to confirm or deny to the newspapers that the Grand Jury did indict JAMES EARL RAY.

A &amp; D.

3 BUREAU (Enc. 6)  
1 MEMPHIS

ENCLOSURE

RGJ:BN  
(4)

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10 MAY 10 1968

C. C. Bishop

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FBI  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTIONMulligan  
Lacy  
Sey

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)



**TWO MORE FACES**—The FBI yesterday released these photographs of James Earl Ray, the ex-convict sought in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The photo at left, showing Ray wearing dark glasses, was taken in Mexico in November, 1967. The photo at right was taken somewhere in California in late January or early February of this year. The FBI refused to say how or where the photographs were obtained.

—UPI Telephoto

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date:

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title:

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office:

MEMPHIS

☒ Being Investigated

114-38861  
ENCLOSURE

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## Ray Indictment Believed OK'd

Speculation Grows That  
Grand Jury Passed  
True Bill

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

According to widespread speculation at the Courthouse, the Shelby County Grand Jury has returned a murder indictment against James Earl Ray, sought as the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The attorney general's office refused to confirm or deny that the grand jury at its session Monday indicted Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt. So did Criminal Court Clerk James A. 'Bubba' Blackwell. Mr. Blackwell pointed out that Ray is not in custody and that he would be subject to a \$1,000 fine if he told of the indictment of a person not arrested.

The reference docket, which usually shows the name and offense of each person indicted, shows Indictment No. B-16645 was returned against someone for some offense. But places for the name of the person, the offense and the prosecuting witness are left blank. Only the date and signature of W. F. Bowld, grand jury foreman, are filled in.

A reporter who asked also to see the grand jury minutes book for Monday found minutes covering all the 107 indictments noted in the reference docket except B-16645.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 5-9-68  
Edition:  
Author: FRANK P. AULON  
Editor:  
Title:

Character:  
or  
Classification:  
Submitting Office: MEMPHIS  
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Asked if Ray has been indicted, Robert Gunnar Jensen, agent in charge of the Memphis FBI office, said, "No comment — that's my stock answer."

Almost without exception, the clerk lets Criminal Court reporters see the full list of those indicted, specifying which ones are not in custody and requiring their names not be published. The exception made for B-16645 is the only one recalled in years. Until Monday at least the worldwide search for Ray, charged with shooting Dr. King with a scope-sighted rifle here April 4, had been conducted on the strength of a murder warrant issued in General Sessions Court.

To indict persons not in custody is customary procedure, although it normally would confer no advantage in a manhunt over a warrant. An assistant attorney general said, however, that an indictment might carry more weight in seeking extradition of a suspect from a foreign country.

Both the Criminal Court judges and the attorney general's office are looking ahead to the possibility Ray is alive and will be brought back here for trial. Precautions are stressed to assure the trial would leave no room for reversal of a conviction on grounds of improper publicity.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# FBI Hints Conspiracy Against King

By VICTOR RIESEL

WASHINGTON, May 8. — The FBI's central Martin Luther King desk, under the personal direction of J. Edgar Hoover, is operating on the hard theory that the Negro leader was the victim of a conspiracy of "several or more persons."

There are those high in the Justice Department, therefore, who believe that Eric Starvo Galt-James Earl Ray was a hired killer, heavily paid and amply supplied with cash. Most of this was in \$20 bills.

Evidence is piling up inside the bureau to justify investigation of a conspiracy beyond Galt and a man he said was his brother. This evidence moves the case swiftly beyond the conjectures of amateur detectives and dilettante criminologists.

Part of the evidence is the provable free flow of cash (some \$7,000) Galt-Ray was able to pour out whenever he wished. In addition to the white Mustang, the dance lessons and the bartenders school fee, the accused assassin criss-crossed this country in a manner no poor man could. The car has 19,000 miles on its speedometer.

Whether or not he drove, he is known to have lived well in cities so distant from each other that Galt-Ray would have had to have traveled more than 15,000 miles in the past nine or ten months.

Whoever planned his itinerary, his make-up, his aliases, had a novelist's imagination. Ray, for example, is (or was) a James Bond fan. "Eric Starvo" is one of Bond's suave characters. The name "Galt" was contrived by novelist Ayn Rand, who fashioned the "John Galt" in "Atlas Shrugged" after the late John Gall, one of the most prestigious of capital attorneys and once a power in the iron and steel industry.

So the pseudonym apparently not the creation of an illiterate, reflects a smooth fellow, suave and dynamic and a leader of men.

No one in the FBI or the Justice Department, despite weeks of questioning, would conjecture over the nature of the conspiratorial cell. It could be Klan-like. But it could be northern as well as southern.

One thing is certain. There's been a fantastic search. For example, every "John Willard", (Galt's Memphis board-inghouse alias) in the United States has been checked out.

Investigators don't put much stock in the interpretation that because Galt-Ray frequented Atlanta and Birmingham the conspiracy was centered in the Deep South. The probes believe that the white car and the Remington rifle were purchased and planted in such a manner that the leads would point southward.

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COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 5-9-68

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Author: FRANK P. AULSEN

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Galt-Ray had Chicago connections of some kind, it's believed. There is obvious evidence and there are leads which the authorities grimly refuse to discuss. The obvious leads are the letters which Eric Starvo Galt received from Chicago while living in the Birmingham rooming house.

The Bureau and the Justice Department, as well as Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, are silent because they think too much has been said already.

But there is no doubt that at least 3,000 of the FBI's 6,000 men and virtually all its 600 resident agents (placed so

that the FBI can get to any part of the nation in an hour) are working on the murder of Martin Luther King.

This is the second biggest manhunt in history — second only to the investigation of the John Kennedy assassination

when each of the Bureau's 6,000 agents was involved in some fashion.

Where is Galt-Ray? Of course he can be on any continent. But the prevailing Justice Department theory now is that the killer is in some tiny

hamlet or village — so small that big town dallies just aren't followed closely by all the residents.

So, the federals now are preparing to get the sniper's photo into those isolated clusters of rural communities. It worked once in a bloody murder case

years ago and the technique may produce results again.

What thought is there of the nature of the conspirators?

There's only conjecture. There are literally thousands of cells made up of men and women capable of planning

this murder. They are not all Klan operations either.

Many units have tiny "armies," storm troopers, arm band identifications, private uniforms. They drill in secret in lonely woods and curtained basements. They are in the heart of many big cities.

They are of all extremes. They would have the kind of money Galt-Ray spent and still not be wealthy. Or they could be provocateurs.

One thing is certain: The Justice Department believes it has evidence leading to a conspiracy.

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Date: 5/10/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (REGISTERED)  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 RE: MURKIN

" Re Memphis telephone call to Los Angeles 5/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a photograph of RITA STEIN taken 5/18/67.

Referenced Memphis telephone call advised that information received by Memphis Office indicated that two elderly women, 40-42 years of age visited JAMES EARL RAY while he resided at the Harkey Apartments in Montreal, Canada. Apparently this information was contained in a portion of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) report received by the Memphis Office. This RCMP report noted that possibly these women were identical to RITA STEIN and MARIE MARTIN.

The Los Angeles Division is not in possession of a photograph of MARIE MARTIN.

#### LEADS

The Bureau is requested to furnish copies of the enclosed photographs to Legat, Ottawa, Canada, so they in turn can be exhibited to Mr. (FNU) QUINTAL, Harkey Apartments, Montreal, Canada, to determine if STEIN identical to one of the two women who visited RAY while he resided there.

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 4) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - New Orleans (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)
- 2 - Memphis (Info.) (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. C. - Bishop Special Agent in Charge

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NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Is requested to obtain photograph of MARIE MARTIN from the New Orleans Police Department and send copies of them to the Bureau for dissemination to Legat, Ottawa, Canada, so as to determine whether MARTIN is identical to one of the two women who visited RAY in Montreal.



1 - Mr. Long

May 13, 1968

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AIRTEL

44-38861-3422

To: Legat, Ottawa

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of a photograph of Rita Stein taken 5-18-67, furnished by Los Angeles Office.

Los Angeles by airtel 5-10-68, referenced a Memphis telephone call to Los Angeles 5-9-68, and advised as follows: "Referenced Memphis telephone call advised that information received by Memphis Office indicated that two elderly women, 40-42 years of age, visited James Earl Ray while he resided at the Harkey Apartments in Montreal, Canada. Apparently this information was contained in a portion of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) report received by the Memphis Office. This RCMP report noted that possibly these women were identical to Rita Stein and Marie Martin." The Los Angeles Division is not in possession of a photograph of Marie Martin.

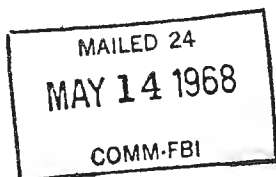
You should arrange to have above photograph displayed to appropriate personnel at Harkey Apartments, Montreal, Canada, to determine if Stein is identical with one of the two women who visited Ray while he resided there.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Foreign Liaison

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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

F B I

Date: 4/20/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

JAMES EARL RAY, aka  
 FUGITIVE  
 UFAC - ROBBERY  
 (OO: KANSAS CITY)

Re San Francisco teletype to Bureau, 4/19/68.

Enclosed for each, Memphis, Atlanta, Chicago, Birmingham, and San Francisco, are 2 photographs of WALTER TERRY RIFE, [REDACTED]

Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, dated 7/8/55, forwarded early this date AMSD to San Francisco by Routing Slip.

The attached photographs of WALTER TERRY RIFE should be used to further eliminate RIFE as suspect in MURKIN. Numerous individuals verify RIFE as working long hours at his restaurant during each date of pertinent period.

RIFE continues to reside at [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, and has stated he will be immediately available for future interviews. He has shown a very cooperative attitude.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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- 1 - Bureau (44-38861)
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2)
  - 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) 2 - Chicago (Enc. 2)
  - 2 - Birmingham (Enc. 2)
  - 2 - San Francisco (173-65) (Enc. 2)
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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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## MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

APR 24 1968

By file # <u>[redacted]</u>		Name of Subject <u>James Earl Ray, aka</u>	Date <u>4-23-68</u>
FBI # <u>306 443 A</u>	Serial # <u>[redacted]</u>	Other Identifying # <u>MSP00416</u>	Fugitive Index # <u>1 21 426</u>
Prosecution dismissed <u>405 942G</u>		Subject Located	
City _____		Reason and/or by whom: _____	
Date _____		_____	

Action to be taken

Cancel fugitive stops for Index \_\_\_\_\_ Cancel want in LEB \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Gen'l Fug \_\_\_\_\_ Add additional aliases \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SS \_\_\_\_\_ I. O. # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Deserter \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Fug Card 7-26-67

Ident Memo Received ☒ Yes ☐ No

☐ Description

Add Conspiracy - (Civil Rights)

to fug. Card

Ref file # 44-38861 for call from [redacted] 4/25/68

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MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

APR 23 1968

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[REDACTED]		James Earl Ray, aka		4/22/68
FBI #	Serial #	Other Identifying #	Fugitive Index #	
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Action to be taken				
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Date: 4/24/68

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Los Angeles teletype 4/22/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four (4) exposed, undeveloped sheets of color film and four (4) Polaroid pictures of reproductions of laundry marks placed on shirts and bed linens. Also enclosed for Chicago are four (4) Polaroid pictures of the above laundry marks.

The above laundry marks represent a collection of laundry marks placed on shirts, bed linens, and other items of clothing belonging to JAMES EARL RAY, while using the name ERIC STARVO GALT in the Los Angeles, California, area. These laundry marks may still be on various articles of clothing and linen in the possession of RAY.

Chicago is requested to complete arrangements for publication of the laundry marks in American Trade Magazine publications, if Bureau approval has been given to this project.

## ENCLOSURE

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 8) (AMSD)
- 2 - Chicago (Encls. 4) (AMSD)
- 2 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)
- 1 - Atlanta (Info) (44-2386)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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Special Agent in Charge

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The Bureau may wish to furnish copies of the color photographs to all continental offices as well as the Legat, Ottawa for use in eliminating suspects. and Dry Cleaning trade publications will be distributed in Canada as well as the entire United States.

The packet containing the undeveloped sheet contains exposure and film type data for information the Color Film Processing Unit at the Bureau.

FBI

Date: 4/10/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Francisco teletype, dated 4/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Memphis, and Birmingham  
are two copies each of a photograph of H. LOHMEYER, California  
State Prison Number [REDACTED]

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 2)(RM)  
2 - Birmingham (Encs. 2)(AM)(RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Encs. 2)(AM)(RM)  
1 - San Francisco  
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FBI # <i>405 942 G</i>	Serial # <i>MS P 00416</i>	Other Identifying #	Fugitive Index # <i>121426</i>
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Prosecution dismissed			
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Action to be taken			
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Date: 4/30/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, Richmond, etc., 4/26/68.

It is noted that the confidential source mentioned in referenced teletype is [REDACTED]. This was inadvertently omitted from retel. Error forms scored.

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- ③ - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM) (Info)  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AM) (Info)  
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM) (Info)  
2 - Dallas (1 - 44-2649)  
(1 - 157-1019) (Info)

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Approved: 70 MAY 14 1968  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JERRY O'LEARY AND  
"THE READER'S DIGEST"  
MARTIN LUTHER KING INVESTIGATION

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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Jerry O'Leary, [REDACTED] with "The Evening Star," has advised that he has been contacted by "The Reader's Digest" on the possibility of writing a story regarding the Martin Luther King case for the July, 1968, issue of "The Reader's Digest." O'Leary has been the author of two outstanding articles on the Director.

O'Leary said that the officials of "The Reader's Digest" still remember very vividly that it was an article in the November, 1960, issue of their magazine which led to the apprehension of Joseph Corbett, Jr. --the kidnap-murderer of Adolph Coors III. We, of course, cooperated with "The Reader's Digest" in the preparation of that article; and "The Reader's Digest" has told O'Leary that they are hopeful a similarly effective article concerning the fugitive in the King case can be published.

According to O'Leary, "The Reader's Digest" feels that the search for James Earl Ray contains many of the same elements as did the search for Joseph Corbett, Jr. --in that both cases involve a "loner" who used fictitious names and backgrounds to conceal true identity. With a multimillion circulation in the United States, Canada, Mexico and other countries, "The Reader's Digest" feels it may be able to stage a repeat of the success which followed its 1960 article on the Coors case.

If James Ray is still at large when the July, 1968, issue of "The Reader's Digest" goes to press, the magazine would like to publish an article setting forth brief facts of the King case and extensive data regarding Ray's background and character which might prove helpful in turning him up. If Ray is apprehended prior to mid-June, 1968, when the July issue of "The Reader's Digest" is printed, the magazine would, of course, change its approach to the article.

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1 - Mr. Bishop

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - C. L. M. 170 MAY 10 1968

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Jones to Bishop memo  
Re: Jerry O'Leary and "The Reader's Digest"

RECOMMENDATION:

That we cooperate with Jerry O'Leary and "The Reader's Digest" on this article to the extent of making available previously published information regarding the King investigation and factual information regarding James Earl Ray's character and background. In view of the many unfactual and speculating-type articles which have been published regarding this case by others, it is felt that such guidance is necessary in order to assure that "The Reader's Digest" article will be accurate and, thereby, of maximum benefit.

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I concur.  
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assumes to be  
Reader's Digest  
advised by the FBI  
5/6/68 that no  
cooperation can be  
furnished  
FBI

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Jerry O'Leary  
advised by the  
FBI 5/6/68  
that no cooperation  
can be furnished  
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

5/7 (68)

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Is there any truth to this  
article?

Do you expect to comment on  
King probe?

Isn't this an attack on F. B. I. ?  
Don't Stokey Carmichel & Rap  
Brown use treasonable methods like this  
too?

Sincerely

Who is Louie Lomax?  
A Commie?

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MR. DELOACH ✓  
MR. MOHR ✓  
MR. WICK ✓  
MR. CASPER ✓  
MR. CALLAHAN  
MR. CONRAD  
MR. FELT  
MR. GALE  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. TAVEL  
MR. TROTTER  
MR. JONES  
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MISS HOLMES  
MRS. METCALF  
MISS GANDY

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Dear Mr Hoover,

MURKIN

Is there any truth to this article?

Do you expect to comment on King probe?

Sent this as an attack on F.B.I.? Don't Stokely Carmichael & Rap Brown use treasonable methods like this too?

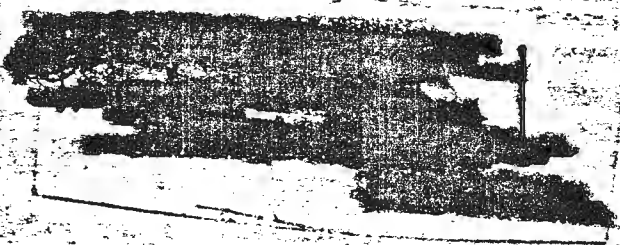
Sincerely

Who is Louis Lomax?  
A Commie?

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CORRESPONDENCE

# Leaked: A Warren-Type Probe Of Dr. King's Death

By LOUIS E. LOMAX

Special To The Times From North American Newspaper Alliance

LOS ANGELES — The search for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is more than a manhunt for James Earle Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt. For the search is that of a troubled nation trying to locate its soul, of a republic in search of its own value system.

Presidential aspirant Hubert Humphrey came close to the truth a few days ago when he said we are not lost, that we are a nation growing up and trying to find better ways. The assassi-

nation of Dr. King has intensified the search for better ways and I suspect there will be a good deal of foundation shaking, in high places at that, before the entire matter is put to rest.

I AM SPEAKING specifically of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its director J. Edgar Hoover.

It is open public knowledge that Hoover deeply disliked Martin Luther King. He once referred to King as "the most notorious liar in the nation." Now Hoover is called upon to locate King's assassin.

There are few black people indeed who believe Hoover will work overtime in this search. The feeling is not without some foundation; either the FBI is inept or the bungling of the King case is intentional.

THE FBI issued a report that James Earle Ray took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964-65. The FBI's own files show that Ray was in prison at the time.

Somebody, somehow, managed to circulate the wrong fingerprints for Ray. Up until the latter part of last week the Georgia Bureau of Investigation had wrong prints for Ray; had he been arrested in Atlanta on the day he abandoned the white Mustang he would not have been identified as Ray.

The FBI has preempted local police from the case by declaring the King murder a conspiracy. Thus the full burden of the investigation rests with the FBI. It guards it jealously; King has been dead a month now and the FBI is yet to ask the cooperation of the Los Angeles Police Department. Yet Ray lived in Los Angeles for several months and it is known that he made at least three trips from Los Angeles to New Orleans and that he carried a Los Angeles man with him on one occasion.

It is also known that he associated with a mysterious girl who left Los Angeles to visit her relatives in the Middle West.

SHORTLY AFTER I discovered telephone booths in Los Angeles from which Ray allegedly made phone calls, the FBI moved in and confiscated the telephone company records. They and only they know what those records reveal.

Let me make it plain, very plain: America's blacks never have and do not now trust either J. Edgar Hoover or the FBI. Those of us who have been assigned to cover civil rights stories in the South know all too well how much the FBI can fumble when it does not wish to solve a case.

The suspicion is defended by the fact that the FBI "leaked" a story to newsmen that suggested that a Negro with an animus toward King was behind the assassination. The story was completely false, but if newsmen had written it, Dr. King would have been smeared even in his grave.

THE FBI ATTEMPT to discredit the dead civil rights leader was so blatant that even white reporters who knew of the story recoiled in fury.

J. Edgar Hoover would do his nation a great service if he were to admit publicly his dislike for Dr. King and then share the hunt for the assassin with a less prejudiced agency.

Perhaps the cause of justice would be better served if the investigation was placed under the guidance of a Warren-type commission composed of both blacks and whites.

The murder of Dr. King was an organized and well planned exercise. This was not the deed of "some white nut." Rather there is a sense in which society itself committed the act; and it is certain that powerful men in American society were part of the deed most foul.

Sr. Petersburg Times, Monday, May 6, 1968

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Reporter Lomax With Mysterious Girl Included In The Search For Ray-Galt

NAJA PHO

May 6, 1968

Mr. Tolson  
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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

7P  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

*Murkin*

Sir, I am appalled at the behavior of you and your organization. What does your organization stand for ---- Truth or Foul Truth? Is this the Land of the Free and Justice, or is this Soviet Russia?

How dare you interfere with Jim Garrison's investigation. You had your chance to find the real killers of JFK. Now it is Mr. Garrison's turn. Stay off his back. If you want to regain the faith of the American people in your agency, start my investigating the roll of the Dallas police force in the JFK killing. There's so involved it's not even funny. And what's worse, you know they are involved.

Do you think we're all stupid. Sir, you have greatly underestimated the ability and the capability of the American people to understand what happened on November 22, 1963. You can scare C.B.S. and N.B.C., and most of the major newspapers with your propaganda, but you can't fool we Americans, who are thinking and reading about the assassination and the aftermath.

What about the Martin Luther King murder? Oh my! sounds just like November 22, 1963 all over again. Who do you think did it? I think the people behind the Kennedy assassination are the same ones behind the King murder. It's going to be a long hot summer, Mr. Hoover, unless your image concerned bureau finds the killers of our last two leaders. But you won't find them, Garrison will find them first and show your agency up.

Well, Mr. Hoover, a decision is required of you. Are we to have Truth and Justice, or are the Nazis going to get away with it.

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Sincerely Yours,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted signature]

Goleta, California 93017

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : The Director

DATE: 5-10-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages H3611. Congressman Ichord, (D) Missouri, stated "the Washington Star carried a very interesting article by columnist Carl T. Rowan yesterday in which he comments upon the growing possibility that Martin Luther King was assassinated by a hired killer in a plot which involves Cuba and Red China. There has been considerable evidence uncovered which does give credibility to this theory." He included this article entitled "King Murder Hatched Abroad?" and an article from Time magazine of May 10 entitled "The Assassination According To Capote" with his remarks. Mr. Rowan stated "The FBI has had as many as 2,000 agents working at one time, in cooperation with hundreds of local policemen and other U. S. intelligence agents, to track down every lead—including the above possibilities that the assassination was plotted with the intention of creating internal chaos in the United States. - - - The FBI is pouring vast amounts of manpower and money into the search because it knows its reputation is at stake. It also knows that if King's killer is not found all sorts of rumors will arise."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 5-9-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate subject matter files.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Miami (9-2010)

May 10, 1968

To:

Date:

UNSUB; EDITOR,  
Re: "MIAMI NEWS",  
MIAMI, FLORIDA -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION - RM  
OO: MIAMI

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

9-47966  
D-562611 IH

FBI File No.  
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: Miami

Reference: Airtel 5/6/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination and disposition of Q2.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Miami (44-1854) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)

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DUPLICATE YELLOW

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Miami (9-2010)

 Date: May 10, 1968  
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 UNSUB; EDITOR,  
 "MIAMI NEWS",  
 MIAMI, FLORIDA -  
 VICTIM  
 EXTORTION - RM

Specimens received 5/7/68

Q2 Unpostmarked postal card bearing hand printed address "Editor Miami News Miami, Florida," and hand printed message on reverse side beginning "As I Said before, I . . . .," ending " . . . good Luck F. B. I."

## Result of examination:

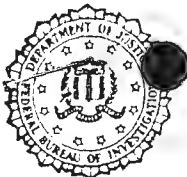
It was concluded that the hand printing on Q2 was prepared by the writer of Q1, previously submitted in this case.

Although some hand printing differences were noted in the questioned hand printing on Q1 and Q2, a definite conclusion could not be reached whether this hand printing was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI#405942G, because of insufficient comparable material and the presence of distortion in the hand printing on Q1 and Q2.

Q2 has been photographed and is being returned to Miami separately.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

May 10, 1968

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO. 92181

TO: SAC, Miami

*Murkin*

RE: UNSUB.;  
ADAM CLAYTON POWELL - VICTIM  
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER

REFERENCE: Airtel 4/29/68  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Miami  
SPECIMENS:

Two envelopes, Q1 and Q3  
Accompanying sheet of paper, Q2  
Accompanying hand printed message, Q4

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One latent fingerprint of value developed on Q2, and  
two latent fingerprints of value developed on Q4. No latent impres-  
sions of value developed on the other specimens.

Referenced Miami airtel, 4/24/68, captioned "Unsub.;  
Editor, Miami News, Miami, Florida - Victim; Extortion -  
Racial Matter," Bufile # [redacted] latent case [redacted] refers only

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- 1 - Atlanta
- 1 - Birmingham
- 1 - Memphis
- 1 - New York
- 1 - Tampa
- 1 - WFO
- 1 - Bufile (44-38861)

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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to James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, and mentions no other suspects in that case. No latent impressions of value were developed in that case and no other suspects are named in correspondence available in Bufile.

Latent fingerprints this case not identical fingerprints of Ray.

Specimens enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Washington, D. C. 20537

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of the  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 6-1000  
FBI FILE NO. 6-17000  
LATENT CASE NO. 62378

MAY 10, 1968

TO: SAC, Miami

RE: UNKNOWN;  
EDITOR, 'MIAMI NEWS'  
MIAMI, FLORIDA - VICTIM  
BUTLER - RM

*Murkin*

REFERENCE: 6-1000 5/3/68  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Miami  
SPECIMENS:

Postal card addressed to the editor of the Miami News, Q2

No latent impressions of value found or developed on the postal card, which is enclosed.

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Enclosure

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Miami (44-1000)

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- ① - Bufile (44-38861)

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*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Routing Slip  
FD-4 (Rev. 4-28-67)

Date 5/3/68

To:

☒ Director

FILE Bufile 44-38861  
SJfile 157-61

Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SAC \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ASAC \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Supv. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Agent \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ IC \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CC \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Steno \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Rotor #: \_\_\_\_\_

MURKIN

CR

RE: Attached copy of  
newspaper release on  
subject JAMES EARL  
RAY, aka.

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign \_\_\_\_\_ Reassign \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Post

☐ Recharge

☐ Return

☐ Send to \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Submit new charge out

☐ Submit report by \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Type

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Bureau requested to furnish newspaper mat  
of attached in Spanish for dissemination to  
Spanish language newspapers in Puerto Rico.

SAC CDA

Office SA SAN JUAN OFFICE

See reverse side

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, San Juan  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
MURKIN

Re San Juan routing slip dated 5/3/68.

Your routing slip requests that the news mat regarding publicity to be afforded subject be done in Spanish language for dissemination to newspapers in Puerto Rico.

The cost of producing such a mat at the Bureau would be prohibitive. You may desire to have a plate done locally for publication in the newspaper. The cost of such an item should not exceed \$20, and you should utilize the photographs of subject as enclosed.

Armed and dangerous.

Enclosures: (5)

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

REL:jdb  
(5)

NOTE: SAC, San Juan by R/S dated 5/3/68, requested that the newspaper mat as furnished by Crime Records regarding data of James Earl Ray be translated into Spanish and be done in new newspaper mat.

Crime Records advises that to have this entirely made up in Spanish in the form of a new mat would cost approximately \$1,000. Crime Records advised that a plate could be made through a local business establishment at San Juan and this plate would not exceed a cost of \$20. San Juan being instructed if they may desire to have plate made up locally.

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COMM-FBI

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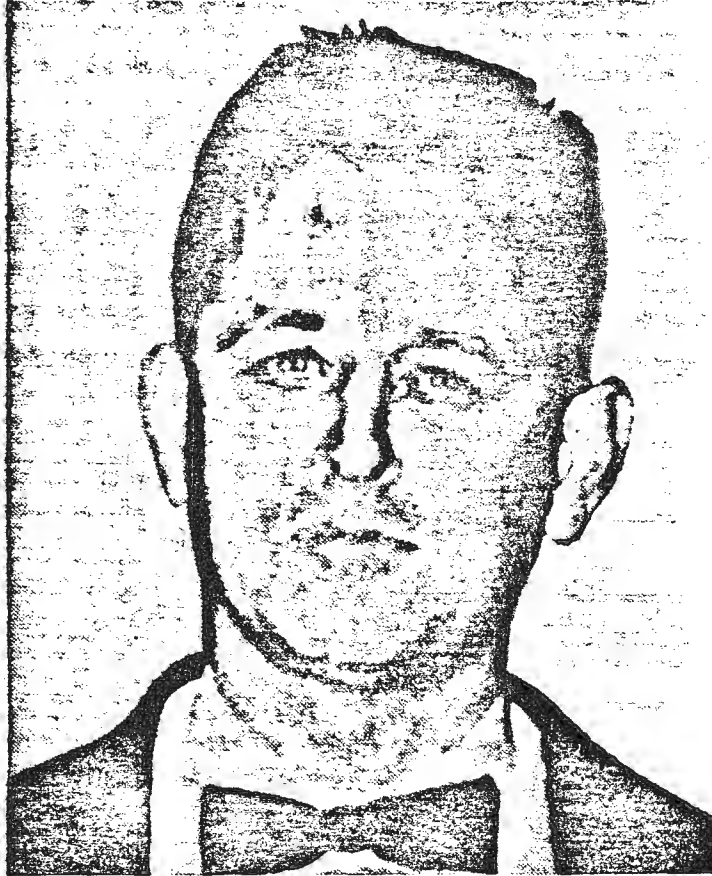
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# WANTED BY THE FBI



JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee, sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Top Ten" list to insure widespread dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to speed his location.

Ray has been intensively sought since the murder of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices were posted, determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias of Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery. His long criminal record also includes convictions for burglary and forging U.S. Postal Money Orders.

A white American, born in Alton, Illinois, on March 10, 1928, Ray is 5'10" tall, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably. Known as a "loner" and "drifter," Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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FBI

Date: 5/11/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)  
RE: MURKIN

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ReButel to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio 4/25/68;  
San Antonio teletype 4/29/68 setting forth lead to interview  
RUSSELL JOHNSTONE, St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, California;  
Los Angeles teletype 5/1/68 indicating JOHNSTONE may be identical  
with ROBERT P. ANDERSON

5/2/68

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM  
LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

3 - Bureau (Encs. 3) RM  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Chicago  
1 - San Diego  
1 - SA

TWC:fes

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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M Per \_\_\_\_\_

CC: Person

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Spec Butel in file



SA 44-1242

to have resided in St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, California, at same time as subject RAY in this case, the enclosures are forwarded to the Bureau for consideration.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

[REDACTED]

If contents of sealed letter indicate possible Federal violation on part of ROBERT P. ANDERSON, Bureau is requested to compare handwriting with known examples available in fingerprint records of Identification Division.

Copies of this communication are furnished to Los Angeles, Chicago, San Diego for information purposes.

[REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

F B I

Date: 4/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL RM  
(Priority)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (67-OB-48455)

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]

ATTENTION: PERSONNEL  
 SECTION

Re telephone call SAC BACHMAN, Newark, to SAC  
 TURYN, NY, 4/22/68, and telephone call SAC BACHMAN to  
 Bureau, same date.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of  
 memorandum from Night Supervisor [REDACTED] and  
 memorandum of SA [REDACTED] which are self-explanatory.

A review of NYO indices reflects that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] had filed an application for employment with the Bureau  
 on 1/11/68.

[REDACTED]

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- 3-Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)  
 1-Newark (Enc. 1) (Personal Attention) (RM)  
 1-New York

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] was telephonically contacted by the NYO and a date for an interview had been established for 1/22/68, however, [REDACTED] failed to appear for this interview and no further action has been taken on his application.

With regard to the actions of SA [REDACTED] NYO feels that they were proper and correct. Even though SA [REDACTED] is assigned to the NYO, the urgency of the situation concerning the possibility of fugitive JAMES EARL RAY being in the apartment complex precluded SA [REDACTED] notifying the Newark Office prior to instituting action. It is obvious from a review of NYO file on [REDACTED] briefly set out above, that he is of questionable reliability and character. Therefore, no further action is deemed warranted.

SAC, NY (67-OB-48455)

4/19/68

[REDACTED] NIGHT SUPERVISOR

[REDACTED]  
MISCELLANEOUS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 11:50 p.m., SA [REDACTED] contacted the writer and advised that the Woodbridge, N. J. Police Department had been called to the apartment opposite the apartment of SA [REDACTED] where three young men, who were babysitting there, notified the police that a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY (MURKIN) was seen in the apartment complex driving a 1968 Impala, NY license # [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] hearing the conversation and the mention of RAY, talked with the police officers. The officers subsequently made a license check through their office and determined that the license did not match the car to which it had originally been issued. It was then decided to check the residence of the owner, one [REDACTED], to ascertain if he were identical to JAMES EARL RAY. The pretext utilized was that the police had received a complaint that [REDACTED] was seen speeding on local streets. SA [REDACTED] who had accompanied the police officer, had identified himself and [REDACTED] immediately wanted to know what jurisdiction the FBI had in this matter. Without waiting for an answer, he then called the Woodbridge PD to ascertain who had made the complaint against him; however, he did not receive a definite reply. [REDACTED] then called the Newark FBI office and spoke to Security Clerk [REDACTED] and stated that he wished to make a complaint.

SA [REDACTED] explained to [REDACTED] that due to the fact that the license number did not match the car, there was a possibility that his car may have been a stolen auto which could fall within the jurisdiction of the FBI. At no time was the name of JAMES EARL RAY mentioned. Upon hearing the explanation, [REDACTED] seemed to be satisfied and, therefore, SA [REDACTED] and the police officer departed the [REDACTED] residence.

SA [REDACTED] advised that he would prepare a memo 4/20/68.

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SAC (67-OB-48455)

4/20/68

SA [REDACTED] (311)

**INFORMATION CONCERNING**

Re memo from SA [REDACTED] to SAC, NY,  
4/19/68, captioned SA [REDACTED], INFORMATION CONCERNING.

At approximately 10:00 p.m., 4/19/68, while watching television in my apartment at [REDACTED] Fords, N. J., with my wife, we heard several voices outside the door talking about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. It was evident that at least two of the participants were police officers. I overheard someone tell them that he had seen a man fitting the description of JAMES EARL RAY leave a car at one end of the apartment complex and enter one of the buildings. I decided I had better look into this, but by the time I got to the door the police had departed and no one was in sight. I went outside and found a uniformed patrolman and a plainclothes detective from the Woodbridge Township, N. J., PD sitting in an unmarked patrol car. I identified myself and advised them I had caught fragments of their conversation. They identified themselves as Detective [REDACTED] and Patrolman [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that two teenage boys who were babysitting across the hall from our apartment called, stating they had seen a man resembling RAY leave a 1968 Chevrolet Impala in front of [REDACTED] and enter the building. The car, dark body and a white top, bearing NY license [REDACTED], was still parked there and they were in the process of checking the registration through their office. They asked if I wished to join them which I did. After about 20 minutes they received a message that the license was registered to a [REDACTED] Bellmore, N. Y. The license had been issued for a 1967 yellow Pontiac.

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We checked the mail boxes in the building and found a listing for [REDACTED] in Apartment [REDACTED]. We discussed the situation and decided we would pretext the apartment by having [REDACTED] identify himself and advise [REDACTED] he had received a complaint the Impala had been seen speeding on the local street and upon checking the registration it was discovered the plates were not on the automobile to which they were originally issued. Since [REDACTED] was not certain he would be able to make the identification since he had not paid very close attention to the published photos, I stated I would accompany him and hang back in a position where I could see the person coming to the door.

At approximately 10:45 p.m. we approached the door. As we could hear a typewriter being used inside, [REDACTED] knocked and the door was opened by a woman. He identified himself and asked to see [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] appeared at the door it was obvious he was not RAY. [REDACTED] used the pretext upon which [REDACTED] became indignant and stated he had recently purchased the car and it had been officially registered. He also stated that although they had been living in the apartment for two months he didn't have to register it in New Jersey since each month he returned it to New York for a 48-hour period. Besides he stated it was now on private property and the police could not ticket him. [REDACTED] attempted to interject a more detailed explanation on what he wanted, but [REDACTED] cut him short, stating he did not want to discuss the matter in the hall, but that we should come in.

Upon entering the apartment with them I identified myself and showed [REDACTED] my badge at which point he became obnoxious and insulting, stating he was not impressed with my little tin badge. He went on to state that he did not mind the police coming around, but he didn't see how the FBI had any jurisdiction. I attempted to explain our ITSMV responsibility, but he was openly hostile and refused to listen, stating he had several complaints of his own which included such items as dogs on the loose, children knocking on his windows and loud hi-fi sets. He appeared highly irrational and was unwilling to

listen to further explanations. He called the Woodbridge Police and asked them if they knew where their detectives were and if anyone had filed a complaint against him and, if so, who? Not receiving any assistance from them, he announced he was going to call the FBI in Newark. I informed him I was with the New York Office and he would receive faster service there. He refused and insisted on calling Newark, but he could not get an operator. I told him the number could be found inside the front cover of the local phone book. He then called and spoke to SE [REDACTED] demanding to know what I was doing and what jurisdiction we had concerning his car. He told [REDACTED] that he had a complaint he thought I should cover and that was to tell the lady in the apartment above to stop her dog from barking so much. I then talked to [REDACTED] and advised him I would write a memo in the morning in the NYO. [REDACTED] then calmed down considerably and we finished explaining what we wanted. He produced his registration. We told him that was sufficient proof, shook hands and departed.

Upon arriving home I called the NYO and made a brief report as per referenced memo.

At no time during the course of our conversation with [REDACTED] did it appear feasible to announce our actual intent since it was felt this would only aggravate matters more than they already were.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (67-1000)

SUBJECT: SA [REDACTED]  
NEW YORK OFFICE;  
[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT  
PERSONNEL MATTER

DATE: 4/22/68

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Enclosed for the Bureau and the New York Office is a copy of a self explanatory memorandum submitted by [REDACTED] clerk in the Newark Office, dated 4/22/68.

SA [REDACTED] who resides in Fords, New Jersey, was advised by a detective of the Woodbridge, New Jersey Police Department on the night of 4/19/68 that a complaint had been received to the effect that [REDACTED] was considered identical with JAMES EARL RAY, aka.; Civil Rights - Conspiracy; UFAC - Robbery. Rather than telling [REDACTED] the true basis for the inquiry, SA [REDACTED] and the detective checked out his 1968 Impala which contained a New York license plate registered to a 1967 Pontiac.

At 8:45 PM, complainant telephoned the Newark Office and inquired as to the propriety of SA [REDACTED] accompanying a police officer. He was advised of FBI jurisdiction over ITSMV violations and seemed somewhat calmed.

At 11:10 PM he again telephoned and inquired as to which senator or congressman he should contact to complain against SA [REDACTED]. When informed that the matter would be given proper attention locally, complainant agreed and hung up.

At 1:00 AM on 4/22/68 the complainant again telephoned and stated that he wished to withdraw the prior complaint made against SA [REDACTED]. Our indices were negative as to complainant.

On the receipt of the enclosed memorandum I checked telephonically with the New York Office and ascertained that SA [REDACTED] is assigned to a squad under the supervision of

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 2)
- 1 - New York (Enc.) Personal Attention SAC VICTOR TURYN
- 1 - Newark

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SAC TURYN; that SA [REDACTED] had submitted an appropriate memorandum as had the night supervisor of the New York Office. Mr. TURYN informed that complainant had filed an application for employment with that office but did not appear for interview on 1/22/68.

The New York Office is forwarding appropriate memoranda to the Bureau and will make recommendations as to administrative action since SA [REDACTED] is assigned to that office.

Foregoing for information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEWARK

FROM : [REDACTED] CLERK

SUBJECT: SA [REDACTED]  
NEW YORK OFFICE;  
[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT  
PERSONNEL MATTER

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/19/68 at 8:45 PM, [REDACTED] Fords, N. J., telephonically contacted the writer to advise that a man identifying himself as a Special Agent of the FBI was currently at his apartment. [REDACTED] said the agent identified himself as [REDACTED] of the New York Office, and that he was accompanied by a detective (name unknown) of the Woodbridge, N. J. Police Department. The writer spoke telephonically with SA [REDACTED] who identified himself by credential number. A check with the New York Office verified [REDACTED] employment. [REDACTED] then related the following:

While standing in front of his home, [REDACTED] Fords, N. J., [REDACTED] was approached by a detective of the Woodbridge Police Department who related that a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY, prime suspect of a current FBI investigation, was seen driving a 1968 Chevrolet Impala with New York license plates in the area. [REDACTED] then checked with the New York Office telephonically and determined that [REDACTED] 1968 Chevrolet Impala license plates were registered to a 1967 Pontiac. This drew suspicion. The Woodbridge detective and SA [REDACTED] then confronted [REDACTED] about his car registration, at which time [REDACTED] called the Newark Office. As it turned out, [REDACTED] had registered his 1968 Chevrolet Impala properly but the Division of Motor Vehicles had not yet amended their records. [REDACTED] could not see what authority an FBI agent had to check on a possible local violation. Neither [REDACTED] nor the detective mentioned the aforementioned proposed sighting of JAMES EARL RAY in the area. [REDACTED] was informed of FBI jurisdiction over ITSMV violations and seemed somewhat calmed.

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Later at 11:10 PM, [REDACTED] again contacted this office to advise that he would like to make a complaint against SA [REDACTED]. He stated he would like to be informed which "senator or congressman" he should contact to do so. At this time [REDACTED] was told that the writer would make known the above facts to the proper authorities. [REDACTED] felt that this would not do as the FBI would "quiet the matter". He was again assured the situation would be given proper attention. [REDACTED] agreed and hung up.

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] stated he was at one time a Bureau applicant for a computer programmer position. Nothing more was mentioned regarding Bureau position.

During the second of above conversations with [REDACTED] the writer clearly overheard [REDACTED] being coached or aided as to what to say by a woman whom [REDACTED] referred to as his wife. [REDACTED] was rather belligerent not only concerning SA [REDACTED] but also toward the whole FBI in references and implications.

On 4/20/68 at 1:00 AM, [REDACTED] again contacted the Newark Office and spoke to Clerk [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated he wished to withdraw any charges against SA [REDACTED].

Newark indices negative regarding [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

FROM : A. V. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN (THE KING MURDER CASE)  
PERSONNEL MATTER

DATE: April 25, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. McDonough  
1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Mohr

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Y*  
[REDACTED] resident of Fords, New Jersey, at 8:45 p.m., 4/19/68, telephonically contacted the Newark Office to complain relative to actions of SA [REDACTED] assigned to the New York Office. [REDACTED] questioned whether SA [REDACTED] was acting within FBI jurisdiction when [REDACTED] was being checked out as suspect in the King murder case.

New York Office files show that [REDACTED] filed application for Bureau employment on 1/11/68, but failed to appear for interview set for 1/22/68, and no further action was taken on his application.

[REDACTED]

SAC, New York feels actions of SA [REDACTED] in this instance appear to be proper and no administrative action is recommended.

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DETAILS:

*copy retained in [REDACTED]*

SA [REDACTED], who resides in Fords, New Jersey, and who was at home on night of 4/19/68, was advised by detectives of the Woodbridge, New Jersey, Police Department that a complaint had been received that a man resembling James Earl Ray was seen driving a 1968 Chevrolet Impala with New York license plates in the area. The detectives stated they were in the process of checking the registration through their office and asked SA [REDACTED] if he desired to join them, which he did. After about twenty minutes, the officers received a message that the license was registered to a [REDACTED] Bellmore, New York, and the license had been issued for a 1967 yellow Pontiac.

A check of the mail boxes disclosed the apartment assigned to [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] and the officers discussed the situation and decided that a pretext interview would be conducted.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

One of the officers was to identify himself and advise [REDACTED] he had received a complaint that the Impala had been seen speeding on a local street and upon checking the registration it was discovered the plates were not on the automobile to which originally issued. Since the officer was not certain of making an identification on [REDACTED], SA [REDACTED] stated he would accompany him and be in a position where he could observe the person when he came to the door.

The officer knocked on the door and it was opened by a woman at which time the officer identified himself and asked to see [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] appeared at the door, it was obvious that he was not the subject James Earl Ray. The officer used the pretext upon which [REDACTED] became indignant stating he had recently purchased the car and it was officially registered. [REDACTED] assumed a very belligerent attitude.

Upon entering the apartment with the officer SA [REDACTED] identified himself showing [REDACTED] his badge at which point [REDACTED] became obnoxious and insulting stating he was not impressed with the "little tin badge." He went on to state that he did not mind the police coming around but didn't see how the FBI had any jurisdiction. SA [REDACTED] attempted to explain the Bureau's (Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle) responsibility but he was openly hostile and refused to listen stating he had several complaints of his own, including such items as the dogs on the loose, children knocking on the windows and loud hi-fi sets. He appeared irrational and unwilling to listen to further explanations.

Thereafter [REDACTED] called the Woodbridge Police Department and our Newark Office to complain of the situation. [REDACTED] then calmed down considerably and produced his registration after which he shook hands with SA [REDACTED] and the contact was terminated.

After SA [REDACTED] had left, [REDACTED] again called the Newark Office inquiring of what action would be taken on the complaint and when informed the matter would be given proper attention he appeared agreeable and hung up. At 1:00 a.m., 4/20/68, [REDACTED] again contacted Newark Office and stated he wished to withdraw any charges against SA [REDACTED]



Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above circumstances requiring immediate action and since there was a discrepancy in the registration records which might reflect that the car was stolen in New York and transported to New Jersey, it is felt that the actions of SA [REDACTED] were proper and no administrative action is recommended.

*gmr* *chr* *D* *JH*  
*gmr* *P* *gmr* *gmr* *✓* *h* *mr*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : LEGAT, Hong Kong

( 44-1 )

☒ Pending

☐ RUC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Character: CR

Reference: Bu 0-7 4/17 and 4/19/68

Enclosed herewith are:

- ☐ Copies of a memorandum from [REDACTED]
- ☐ Copies of a memorandum from [REDACTED]
- ☐ Copies of a memorandum from CIA, Hong Kong
- ☐ Copies of an investigative report from the Research Subunit, Consular Section, American Consulate General, Hong Kong
- ☒ Copies of news article from 4/26/68 "South China Morning Post"

Remarks:

Legat will follow with Hong Kong Police.

**No Foreign Dissemination Should Be Made Without Consent Of Original Source**

The following offices would be interested in receiving copies of the enclosures:

Memphis

5 - Bureau (Enc. 3)  
(1-Foreign Liaison)  
(2-Memphis)  
1 - Hong Kong  
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## H.K. POLICE PUT ON ALERT FOR KING MURDER SUSPECT

The Hongkong Police have been asked by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to be on the alert for an escaped convict who allegedly assassinated Dr Martin Luther King, the civil rights leader.

The convict, James Earl Ray, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is alleged to have shot Dr King in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4.

While there is no reason to suspect that Ray might be in Hongkong or coming here, the following details are given in response to the FBI's request.

During Ray's criminal career since 1949, he has used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron, John Wil-

lard, Harvey Lowmyer and James O'Connor.

He is five feet ten inches tall and weighs about 163 to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair. There is a small scar on the centre of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand.

Meanwhile, an AP report said a 41-year-old man, detained in northwestern Mexico because a hotel operator thought he looked like the accused slayer of Dr King, was released yesterday without charges.

David Daniel Kennedy, who said he was on a walking tour of the State of Sonora, denied any connection with the assassination of the civil rights leader.

Lieutenant Roberto Fletcher, of the Judicial Police in Caborca, Sonora, detained Kennedy in a

Caborca hotel because the hotel owner said he thought Kennedy resembled published photographs of Ray.

Lt Fletcher said the man carried a U.S. passport issued to Daniel David Kennedy. He said the man denied any connection with Dr King's assassination and said he was from Baltimore.

Lt Fletcher said earlier that the man he was holding made a telephone call this week to Baltimore asking that money be sent him in Caborca.

Police from Hermosillo, the Sonora State capital, took Kennedy to Hermosillo from Caborca in the early morning hours and asked the FBI to send a man to investigate.

Judicial Police in Hermosillo reported an FBI agent named Smith could see no resemblance in Kennedy to Ray.

"South China Morning Post"  
Hong Kong, B.C.C.  
Page 1, April 26, 1968

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Date: 5-7-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 44-38861  
ATTENTION: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

RE: MURKIN  
OO: ME

It is requested that the unidentified latents in the following case be compared with the available prints of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, FUGITIVE; FBI # 405 942 G; IO # 4182; WF 442-A, subject of this case:

UNSUBS;  
PERRY STATE BANK  
PERRY, MO., 3-8-68  
BB

OO: SL  
BUFILE:  
SLFILE:

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis  
2 - St. Louis  
(1 - 44-775)  
(1 - 91-4243)

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L. F. P.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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5/13/68

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To: SAC's St. Louis (44-775)  
Memphis (44-1987)

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 34 30

MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel 5/7/68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported and remaining unidentified in the case entitled "Unsubs.; Perry State Bank, Perry, Missouri, 3/8/68, BB," Bufile # [REDACTED] latent case # [REDACTED] are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #408942G. The latent impression of the lower joint of a finger previously reported in this case was compared, insofar as possible, with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, but no identification was effected. No palm prints in Identification Division files for Ray.

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- 1 - St. Louis (91-4243)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Bufile (91-29677)

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION,  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : *JH* SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are 11 lifts of latent impressions taken from a 1964 Chevrolet, 1968 Michigan license DC8114 which was found on the evening of 5/7/68, at the Atlanta Airport with one dead body inside the trunk. Fingerprints were taken from the body and submitted to the Identification Division where he was identified as *RE* ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY, FBI Number 841 310 C. The enclosed lifts were made on the automobile and on the material inside the automobile by fingerprint technicians of the Atlanta Police Department.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine these lifts for latents of value and to retain photographs for possible future comparisons.

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② Bureau  
2 - Atlanta  
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Picked up personally from  
Delta Airlines,  
Flight # 392, at 7:30 P.M. on 5/8/68

Cleveland R. [Signature]  
FBI - [Signature]  
[Signature]

5/10/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386) - Enclosures (11)  
Memphis, (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 3431

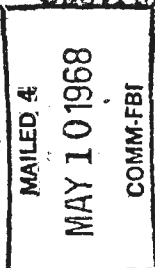
MURKIN

Re Atlanta letter 5/8/68, submitting eleven lifts of latent impressions taken from a 1964 Chevrolet, 1968 Michigan license DC8114, which was found 5/7/68, at the Atlanta Airport.

Six latent fingerprints and three latent palm prints of value were found on the lifts. The latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942C, or Robert Joseph Dunaway, FBI #841310C. No palm prints Identification Division files for these two individuals.

Based on the information furnished, no fingerprint record located for Mary Jane Salvadori or Joan Masters listed as owners of the Chevrolet in Atlanta teletype 5/8/68.

Lifts enclosed to Atlanta.



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Date: 5/9/68

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: GUESTS AT HOTEL RIO, MEXICO

Re Legat, Mexico City, airtel to Director dated 4/23/68.

Mr. and Mrs. HARVARD PALMER, residence address [REDACTED] Mercer Island, Washington, advised they were on a business trip and on a flight to Mazatlan when their plane was diverted to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They said they arrived at the Hotel Rio at Puerto Vallarta at approximately dusk, had dinner with two other passengers who were on the same airplane flight, and left this hotel on a continuing flight to Mazatlan the next morning before 8:00 AM.

The PALMERS unable to provide any information of value to this case and cannot identify RAY's photograph.

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 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - Seattle  
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Copy by 0-7  
 to Legat Mexico City  
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C. C. - Bishop

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This given to  
 [REDACTED] 5/1/68  
 Telephone 5/1/68

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 5/9/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Re: [REDACTED]

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 5/7/68 and WFO airtel to Bureau 5/2/68.

On 5/9/68 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] New Orleans, La., advised that [REDACTED] has been employed with [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] since [REDACTED] 67 under a one year contract to be served in Nigeria. [REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] departed for Nigeria in 1967 and is due to return at the termination of his contract in October, 1968.

A review of the personnel file of [REDACTED] revealed the following identifying and background information:

Race

White

Sex

Male

Born

Height

5' 9"

Weight

155 pounds

Eyes

Blue

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- ③ - Bureau  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Albuquerque (44-715)(Info)  
1 - Houston (44-1509)(Info)  
1 - WFO (44-703)(Info)  
2 - New Orleans  
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Approved: [Signature]

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent [Signature]

NO 157-10673

Hair  
Marital Status

Brown  
Married to [REDACTED]

Social Security Number  
Previous Employment

[REDACTED]  
Farmington, New Mexico  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] can be located through [REDACTED] Lagos, Nigeria. He further stated that it is very possible [REDACTED] may have resided at the Bristol Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria, during his days off or for any vacation.

BuAgent viewed a photograph of [REDACTED] which appeared on his application for employment and this picture does not appear to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 5-9-68

FROM : M. Jones

SUBJECT: MURKIN; CR.

By teletype of 5-7-68, the Memphis Office suggested that consideration be given to publishing the photograph of James Earl Ray furnished by Patricia Anderson in the next issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. The June issue of the Bulletin is already being processed; however, we can pull out the present "Wanted by the FBI" article on the last page and replace it with one of Ray. This may delay the delivery date of the magazine by one or two days; however, it is believed desirable to place the latest picture of Ray, together with a suitable write-up, in the June issue.

Attached is a letter to Memphis advising that this is being done. Also attached is a manuscript of the proposed article on Ray along with the designated photograph.

IT IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED THAT THIS MEMO BE HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY AND RETURNED TO CRIME RECORDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached article and photograph of Ray be published in the June issue of the Bulletin, and that the letter to Memphis be approved and sent.

Enclosures (3) Article, photo & letter to Publications Int.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure

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Date: 5/10/68

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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Mr. Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Re WFO teletype, 5/9/68.

On 5/10/68, [REDACTED] Rhodesian Information Office, WDC, advised that a check of records of his office located no information identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY, aka, ERIC S. GALT.

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③ - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - WFO

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 5/10/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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Re let dated 12/28/67 signed ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, received by SA [REDACTED] from JOHN ACORD, Chairman, American-Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, Washington, D. C., on 5/9/68.

The above was hand carried by SA [REDACTED] to SA JAMES MORTIMER, FBI Laboratory on 5/9/68.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 10, 1968**

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
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Specimens received 5/8/68

Photocopies of documents obtained from Alabama State Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, comprising the known handwriting of eleven individuals, further described as follows:

SPECIMEN

NAME

Kc258  
Kc259  
Kc260  
Kc261  
Kc262  
Kc263  
Kc264  
Kc265  
Kc266  
Kc267  
Kc268



Result of examination:

Nothing of particular significance was noted from such comparisons as could be made between the writings on Kc258 through Kc268 when compared with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, whose known handwriting appears on specimens K171, K211 and K257.

The submitted items have been retained.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 5 P M 44-1740

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REMYTEL MAY ONE LAST.

[REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED MAY NINE LAST AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING:  
[REDACTED] MET RAY THROUGH RAY'S "PERSONAL FRIEND," [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS DOING  
[REDACTED] SENTENCE FOR [REDACTED] AFTER CONVICTION IN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS DOING [REDACTED] SENTENCE FOR [REDACTED] AFTER CONVICTION  
IN [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE IN [REDACTED]  
CITY JAIL AT SAME TIME [REDACTED], PRIOR TO BEING SENT TO  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO. [REDACTED] RAY WAS INVOLVED IN  
POKER GAME IN THE PRISON YARD. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE OBSERVED RAY ON MORE  
THAN ONE OCCASION DEAL CARDS LEFT-HANDED. [REDACTED] INTRODUCED RAY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AS "JAMES RAY" BUT EVERYONE CALLED HIM "RAY". AT LATER TIME  
[REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE, [REDACTED], AND RAY HAD COMMITTED A ROBBERY

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OF AN OIL COMPANY IN ATLANTA, GA., PRIOR TO [REDACTED] ARREST IN [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE AND RAY HAD WATCHED AN OIL COMPANY FOR A WEEK BEFORE COMMITTING THE ROBBERY ABOUT MIDNIGHT. [REDACTED] BELIEVES [REDACTED] SAID IT WAS A ROBBERY, BUT THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN A BURGLARY. [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS SURE [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED ATLANTA AS THE PLACE OF THE ROBBERY BECAUSE LATER [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] WIFE WAS THEN (LATE SIXTYTHREE AND EARLY SIXTYFOUR) LIVING IN ATLANTA, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ABOUT SAME TIME [REDACTED] WIFE QUIT WRITING TO [REDACTED] AND EFFORTS OF [REDACTED] TO HAVE WIFE RESUME WRITING, WERE NEGATIVE. AT TIME OF MEETING RAY, RAY WAS LIVING IN [REDACTED] HALL, WHILE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE LIVING IN [REDACTED] HALL. [REDACTED] ALSO CLAIMED TO [REDACTED] THAT AT TIME OF ARREST IN [REDACTED] HAD THE NAME OF A KANSAS CITY GANGSTER (NAME NOT GIVEN BY [REDACTED], IN HIS POSSESSION WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HIM BY AN ASSOCIATE, UNNAMED, IN NEW ORLEANS, AND [REDACTED] WAS QUESTIONED EXTENSIVELY BY KCPD AS TO HIS CONNECTIONS WITH THIS GANGSTER. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] HE HAD RELATIVES IN BATON ROUGE, LA.

IN ALL HIS CONTACTS WITH RAY, [REDACTED] WAS WITH [REDACTED] AND

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SOMETIMES OTHER PRISONERS WERE PRESENT, NAMES UNRECALLED, OTHER THAN POSSIBLY [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED], FROM C HALL. RAY AND [REDACTED] NEVER HAD ANY INVOLVED CONVERSATIONS, BUT [REDACTED] WAS PRESENT ON ABOUT FOUR OCCASIONS WHEN RAY AND [REDACTED] WOULD DISCUSS THINGS. AMONG ITEMS DISCUSSED WAS ESCAPE BY EACH. RAY SAID HE WOULD TUNNEL OUT OF THE PRISON IF NECESSARY AND GO TO LIBERIA WHERE HE HAD A BROTHER-IN-LAW MAKING GOOD MONEY. NO OTHER INFORMATION RECALLED ABOUT ALLEGED BROTHER-IN-LAW. ON ANOTHER OCCASION RAY SAID HE KNEW A CAVE IN VIRGINIA WHERE HE COULD HIDE ONCE HE ESCAPED. CONCERNING THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, [REDACTED] ONCE SAID TO RAY THAT [REDACTED] DID NOT BELIEVE ANYONE SHOULD KILL THE PRESIDENT, BUT RAY SAID HE, RAY, WOULD HAVE DONE IT HIMSELF, IF HE WOULD HAVE HAD THE CHANCE, AND THAT KENNEDY WAS "NOTHING BUT A DAMN CATHOLIC." ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] RAY WAS VERY ANTI-CATHOLIC AND ANTI-NEGRO. ON ANOTHER OCCASION IN LATE SIXTYTHREE, [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE OVERHEARD RAY SAY TO [REDACTED] THAT HE, RAY, WAS GOING TO GET OUT OF THE PEN, AND THAT RAY KNEW A GUY NAMED "COLLEY" (PH) WHO WOULD HIDE RAY WHERE NO ONE WOULD FIND HIM. ALSO THIS COOLEY WOULD PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ANYONE WHO WOULD KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. RAY WAS AWARE THAT [REDACTED] CAME FROM [REDACTED], BUT DID NOT TALK TO HIM

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ABOUT ANY TOWNS IN ALABAMA, EXCEPT THAT BIRMINGHAM WAS A GOOD TOWN TO STEAL IN, AND THAT RAY HAD STOLEN A CAR IN BIRMINGHAM, BEFORE GETTING SENT TO THE MISSOURI PEN.

CREDIBILITY OF [REDACTED] HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DATE, AND IT HAS BEEN NOTED HE HAS FURNISHED CONFLICTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSONAL HABITS OF RAY, SUCH AS RAY BEING LEFT-HANDED, WALKING -- PIGEON-TOED AND SMOKING WINSTON CIGARETTES. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT IN FIRST INTERVIEW, [REDACTED] CLAIMED RAY HATED <sup>KE</sup> MNNEDY BECAUSE HE WAS A "NIGGER-LOVING SOB," WHEREAS THIS TIME [REDACTED] CLAIMED RAY HATED KENNEDY BECAUSE HE WAS A CATHOLIC. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE DID NOT KNOW RAY'S RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE KNEW NOTHING OF ANY LOTTERIES BEING OPERATED IN THE PRISON, NOR OF ANY ORGANIZATION OF PRISONERS WHO WOULD COLLECT DEBTS, AND ACT AS A PROTECTIVE AGENCY FOR THE PRISONERS. HE CLAIMED COOLEY WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME WAS MENTIONED ONLY BY RAY AND HE NEVER HEARD THIS NAME MENTIONED BY ANY OTHER PRISONER. [REDACTED] ALSO STATES THAT "A" HALL WAS FOR NEGRO PRISONERS, WHEREAS [REDACTED] (SEE MYTEL OF MAY NINE LAST) HAD CLAIMED "A" HALL WAS FOR TRUSTEES.

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES ADVISE BIRMINGHAM IF [REDACTED] HAS BEEN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. IF SO, SUTEL BIRMINGHAM RESULTS OF THIS INTERVIEW.

KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., FROM PRISON RECORDS, FURNISH FOLLOWING:

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IDENTITY OF PRISONER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED], WHO, IN LATE SIXTYTHREE, WAS DOING [REDACTED] SENTENCE. IF IDENTIFIED, SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RAY AND VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] AND/OR [REDACTED]. ASCERTAIN FROM RECORDS RE [REDACTED] IF HE, OR HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN, EVER LIVED IN ATLANTA, [REDACTED] AS CLAIMED BY [REDACTED] IF THIS INFORMATION VERIFIED, SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE WIFE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED FOR ANY INFORMATION SHE HAS RE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN HER HUSBAND, [REDACTED] AND RAY, AND IF THEY WERE INVOLVED IN ROBBERY OF OIL COMPANY IN ATLANTA, PRIOR TO [REDACTED] IMPRISONMENT IN JEFFERSON CITY. IN EFFORT TO VERIFY [REDACTED] INFORMATION, ASCERTAIN IF RAY RESIDED IN "C" HALL IN LATE SIXTYTHREE, AND IF AT THAT TIME, RAY WAS WORKING IN THE LICENSE PLATE FACTORY. FROM RECORDS OF KANSAS CITY PD, ASCERTAIN IF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE IN CUSTODY AT SAME TIME, AND IF AT TIME OF [REDACTED] ARREST, THERE WAS SOME INFORMATION HE HAD CONNECTION WITH WELL KNOWN KANSAS CITY "GANGSTER." KANSAS CITY ALSO FURNISH BIRMINGHAM PHOTOS AND DESCRIPTION OF [REDACTED]

ATLANTA ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ROBBERY REFERRED TO BY [REDACTED]

ABOVE BEING FURNISHED ST. LOUIS, AS BIRMINGHAM'S LAST INFORMATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED], WAS THAT HE WAS IN ST. LOUIS.

~~CORRECTION: PG 3 LN 5 WD 0 IS "TUNNEL" PG 4 LN 8 WD 7 IS "KENNEDY"~~

~~PG 5 LN 2 WD 5 IS YEAR"~~

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Submitted herewith for the Bureau's information are five Xerox copies of the three letters and envelopes received by the Memphis Police Department. These letters are dated April 23, 1968; April 25, 1968; and May 2, 1968. All envelopes are postmarked at Hamilton, Ontario. All letters are signed by the initial "V" and all are on what appears to be graph paper. They give every indication of having been prepared by the same individual.

It is requested that the Bureau forward copies of these letters to the Legat, Canada, for his assistance in conducting investigation which may identify the sender of these letters.

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Re: Sam. Earl Ray

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N. P. D.

He is in Mexico City,  
Copileo Ruins.

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Police Headquarters  
Memphis, U.S.A.



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Re: Earl

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On April 25 1968 he was in  
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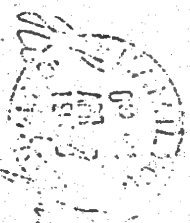
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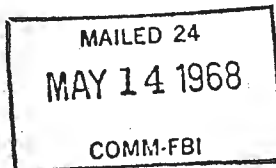
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, WFO

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REFERENCE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES  
 MAY NINE LAST.

IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED ON MAY NINE LAST ABOUT  
 SUBJECT'S (AS ERIC STARVO GALT) EXPRESSING AN INQUIRY ABOUT  
 TRAVEL TO RHODESIA, THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTION IS MADE FOR  
 CONSIDERATION BY THE BUREAU AS AN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN UNDER  
 WHAT IDENTITY HE MAY HAVE SECURED AN AMERICAN PASSPORT FOR  
 SUCH TRAVEL.

PASSPORTS MAY BE APPLIED FOR BY U.S. CITIZENS AT ANY OF  
 SEVERAL THOUSAND CLERKS OF COURT OFFICES IN THE U.S. OR AT  
 THE PASSPORT AGENCIES LOCATED AT BOSTON, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES,

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MIAMI, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK CITY, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE AND WASHINGTON, D. C. EACH PASSPORT AGENCY HAS A TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AND PROCESSES ALL APPLICATIONS FROM COURT CLERKS IN SUCH GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS.

EACH PASSPORT AGENCY, WHEN PROCESSING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS PREPARES SEVERAL THREE BY FIVE SLIPS OF PAPER FOR EACH APPLICATION SIMILAR TO THE BUREAU'S ASSIGNMENT CARDS. IT MAINTAINS ONE COPY OF THESE "ISSUE CARDS" AS A NUMBER FILE, SO THAT IT CAN CHECK BACK ON A NUMBER TO SEE TO WHOM ISSUED AND WHEN; ANOTHER COPY IS MAINTAINED SEMI-ALPHABETICALLY AND CHRONOLOGICALLY. EACH CARD CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE PERSON'S APPLICATION: FULL NAME, ADDRESS TO WHICH MAILED, PASSPORT NUMBER, ISSUE DATE, DESCRIPTIVE DATA AND A CODED NOTATION AS TO WHICH AGENCY ISSUED THE PASSPORT. THE AGENCIES RETAIN THESE CARDS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS OR MONTHS AND THEN FORWARD THEM TO WASHINGTON. THE PASSPORT OFFICE THEN CONSOLIDATES THESE CARDS FROM ALL ITS AGENCIES FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES. THOSE FILED BY NUMBER ARE IN EXACT NUMERICAL ORDER IN WASHINGTON, MAINTAINED BY YEAR.

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IT CAN THUS BE SEEN THAT THE CARDS WHICH ARE FILED BY NAME RATHER THAN BY NUMBER CONSTITUTE A SUM TOTAL OF THE PASSPORTS ISSUED BY A GIVEN AGENCY IN A GIVEN YEAR. THESE CARDS FOR SIXTYSEVEN ARE CONTAINED IN BOXES IN THE PASSPORT OFFICE. GUIDE CARDS SEPARATED THE SEMI-ALPHABETICAL BREAKDOWNS IN SUCH A MANNER THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO CHECK THE NAMES FROM, SAY, SER.... TO SET.... AND PICK OUT THOSE PARTICULAR NAMES IN WHICH PASSPORTS WERE ISSUED IN, SAY, NEW ORLEANS, IN SIXTYSEVEN. EXAMINATION OF THESE CARDS WOULD PERMIT ELIMINATION OF ALL NON-CAUCASIANS, OF ALL FEMALES, ALL CHILDREN AND ALL MALES OUTSIDE THE TWENTYFIVE TO FIFTY AGE GROUP. A LIST OF THE REMAINING ONES COULD BE PREPARED AND THEN THE ACTUAL PASSPORT APPLICATIONS LOCATED FOR PHOTOGRAPH COMPARISON AND ELIMINATION, SINCE EACH APPLICATION CONTAINS A COPY OF THE PHOTOGRAPH IN THE PERSON'S PASSPORT.

IT WOULD BE LOGICAL TO PROCESS, FIRST, THOSE APPLICATIONS FROM NEW ORLEANS, SINCE IT IS A MUCH SMALLER AGENCY THAN LOS ANGELES, AND SINCE SUBJECT IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN THAT AREA. LOS ANGELES COULD THEN BE DONE AND, IF NEGATIVE, OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCY CARDS COULD BE SELECTED FOR THE SAME

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TREATMENT. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE PASSPORT OFFICE ISSUED OVER A MILLION PASSPORTS IN SIXTYSEVEN; IT IS IN THIS LIGHT THAT THE FOREGOING APPROACH IS SUGGESTED, RATHER THAN HAVING A PHOTO COMPARISON MADE BY GOING THROUGH APPLICATIONS ONE BY ONE. THE SIXTYSEVEN APPLICATIONS ARE FILED CHRONOLOGICALLY, SEMI-ALPHABETICALLY WITH ANOTHER MILLION OR SO FOR SIXTYSIX IN THE "CURRENT FILES" OF THE PASSPORT OFFICE.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SUGGESTED THAT WFO BE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS SUCH A PROJECT WITH \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ THE PASSPORT OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ THE PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION WOULD BE TO GET ESTIMATES ON THE NUMBER OF CARDS TO BE REVIEWED AND TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR SPECIAL AGENT PERSONNEL OF WFO TO HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE PASSPORT OFFICE FILE ROOM TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT IF AUTHORIZED. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ WFO FEELS THAT SUCH PERMISSION COULD BE OBTAINED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY, BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO BE MINDFUL OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS. THE PASSPORT OFFICE IS AT THIS TIME

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INVOLVED IN PACKING AND SHIPPING THE APPLICATIONS FOR FOUR YEARS OF FILES IN SOME SIX THOUSAND BOXES TO THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL RECORDS CENTER IN SUITLAND, MARYLAND. IT IS FELT THAT TO USE ANY MORE THAN, SAY, TEN AGENTS AT A TIME IN THESE FILES WOULD CREATE SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS FOR THE PASSPORT OFFICE SINCE THERE ARE LIMITATIONS CONCERNING AVAILABLE SPACE AND THE REGULAR WORK OF THE PASSPORT OFFICE WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE UNINTERRUPTED.

IF THE SUBJECT HAS DEPARTED FROM THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE LEGALLY WITH A U. S. PASSPORT UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME, IT IS FELT THAT THE FOREGOING PROJECT WOULD HAVE AN EXCELLENT CHANCE OF IDENTIFYING HIM. ONCE IDENTIFIED, DISCREET INVESTIGATION ABROAD WOULD LIKELY BE SUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING HIM. ONCE LOCATED, WITH A FRAUDULENT PASSPORT, RESTRICTIVE PASSPORT ACTION WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN SECURING HIS RETURN TO THE U. S. AND BUREAU CONTROL.

IF THE BUREAU APPROVES THIS SPECIAL PROJECT, ~~REDACTED~~ WOULD BE REQUESTED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS MASSIVE SURVEY OF PASSPORT FILES NOT BECOME GENERALLY KNOWN AT DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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WFO RECOMMENDS THAT ANY FORMAL REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF  
RECORDS OF RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT AT SALISBURY BE HELD IN  
ABEYANCE UNTIL COMPLETION OF PASSPORT OFFICE SURVEY WHICH  
MAY LEAD TO ENTIRELY NEW ALIAS USED BY RAY IN ANY FOREIGN  
TRAVEL.

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135 PM URGENT 5/10/68 PAK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
JACKSON (157-9586), MEMPHIS (44-1987), MOBILE (157-227), NEW  
ORLEANS (157-10673) AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) P 6P

MURKIN.

PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONTACTED CHICAGO  
PD, WAS TURNED OVER TO CHICAGO FBI AND EXTENSIVELY INTERVIEWED  
EARLY MAY TEN, INSTANT.

[REDACTED] APPEARS EMOTIONALLY BALANCED. HE FREELY  
IDENTIFIED AND DISCUSSED IN DETAIL MANY OF THE PERSONS MENTIONED  
IN REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] MEMPHIS, APRIL TWO FOUR,

SIXTYTWO, IN CASE [REDACTED] BUFILE  
[REDACTED] MEMPHIS [REDACTED] 16 MAY 15 1968

[REDACTED] FROM WHICH CHICAGO CONCLUDES HE OBVIOUSLY IS WELL  
ACQUAINTED WITH PERSONS HE DISCUSSED.

[REDACTED] SAYS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS REALLY FRONT FOR ILLEGAL

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WHISKEY SALE. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

THE BIGGEST ILLEGAL "BOOZE" OPERATOR IS [REDACTED]  
(SEE REREP SA [REDACTED] WHITE, MALE, BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], FIVE FOOT TEN, ONE NINETY LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR,  
HAZEL EYES, RESIDENCE [REDACTED] TUPELO, MISS. [REDACTED] HAS KNOWN  
[REDACTED] ENGAGED IN "BOOZE" DEALS [REDACTED] AFTER  
MISSISSIPPI WENT "WET", [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DEMANDED SALE OF BOTH TAXED LIQUOR AND "MOONSHINE."

[REDACTED] STATES THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] TALKED [REDACTED] SOMETIME  
AFTER "SELMA MARCH" BOOK PUBLISHED, AND OFFERED [REDACTED] TWO THOUSAND  
FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO "HIT KING," WHICH OFFER DECLINED. [REDACTED]  
KNOWS NO SPECIFIC REASON WHY [REDACTED] WOULD WANT TO KILL KING, UNLESS  
FOR MONEY, AS [REDACTED] WILL DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY. IN ADDITION [REDACTED]  
BELIEVES [REDACTED] HIGH IN WHITE HATE GROUP, PROBABLY KU KLUX KLAN,  
AND FRIENDLY WITH IMPERIAL WIZARD SHELTON IN TUSCALUSA, ALABAMA.

ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO [REDACTED] IN TUPELO, MISS.,  
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INCLUDING [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] GOT UP A BIG MEETING, HANDED OUT LITERATURE, AND IT WAS WELL KNOWN IN THE AREA THIS WAS ACTUALLY KKK GROUP -- ALTHOUGH CALLED SOME OTHER UNRECALLED NAME.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT IN ABOUT SIXTYTWO, [REDACTED] HIRED [REDACTED] TO KILL [REDACTED] WHO HAD "BOOZE" TERRITORY BUT WOULD NOT BUY FROM [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] SHOT [REDACTED] WITH SHOTGUN, [REDACTED] WAS PRESENT, AND [REDACTED] DROVE CAR. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE INDICTED, [REDACTED] WAS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO TWELVE YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER. [REDACTED] SERVED FOUR YEARS, GOT OUT, AND WAS KILLED BY FBI AGENTS IN SHOOT OUT AFTER HICKORY FLATS, MISS., BR. [REDACTED] SAYS WORD IS THAT [REDACTED] SET UP [REDACTED] ON BR AND FOR COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

[REDACTED] DOES NOT BELIEVE [REDACTED] WAS TRIED FOR MURDER AND IN PAST FEW YEARS [REDACTED] WHO REMAINS CLOSE TO [REDACTED], SUDDENLY OBTAINED FARM, CATTLE AND HOME [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] SAYS PERSON JUST DOES NOT BECOME SO AFFLUENT THESE DAYS IN MISSISSIPPI WITHOUT "REAL CROOKED CONTACTS."

[REDACTED] CLAIMS [REDACTED] WAS TOLD BY [REDACTED] BEFORE KILLING TO TAKE OFF FOR ST. LOUIS, AS THEY WERE GOING TO  
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KILL [REDACTED] CLAIMS THEY "CHASED [REDACTED] ALL OVER THE COUNTY" BEFORE KILLING HIM.

[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY KILLED [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] RESIDENCE, ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. THEY BROUGHT TRAILER LOAD OF "BOOZE" TO [REDACTED] AND WHEN ASKED FOR PAY HE KILLED THEM, SHOT HIMSELF IN STOMACH WITH TWENTY TWO CALIBER, CLAIMED SELF DEFENSE AND [REDACTED] WHO WAS CROOKED WITH [REDACTED] NEVER EVEN INVESTIGATED CRIME.

[REDACTED] CLAIMS [REDACTED] CAN "GETAWAY WITH NEARLY ANYTHING," ALTHOUGH HAS BEEN TO BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE PRISON, BUT MAKES MORE MONEY IN PRISON THAN OUT. WHENEVER CHARGED ALWAYS TRY TO BRIBE JURY AND GENERALLY DOES, OR NEVER GETS TO JURY THROUGH BRIBES TO POLICE, SHERIFF OR JUDGES.

[REDACTED] VISITED HIS MOTHER, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FROM ABOUT APRIL EIGHTEEN TO TWENTYNINE, LAST, AND TALK AROUND TOWN ABOUT KING SLAYING WAS THAT [REDACTED] "GOT AWAY WITH ANOTHER ONE." [REDACTED] HAS NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION BUT BELIEVES [REDACTED] EITHER WAS INVOLVED IN OR KNOWS WHO KILLED KING AND GOT SOME MONEY OUT OF IT. [REDACTED] PERSONALLY FEELS [REDACTED] AND KKK INVOLVED IN MURKIN.

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[REDACTED] HAS MANY CONTACTS IN SURROUNDING STATES. DEALS WITH SHELTON IN TUSCALUSA, MAKES FREQUENT LIQUOR BUYING TRIPS TO NEW ORLEANS, AND DEALS IN "BOOZE" WITH [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HAS MANY TRUCKS ON ROAD AND KEEPS THEM HID IN BARN. HAS UNTOLD NUMBER PLACES WHERE COULD HIDE FUGITIVE, PARTICULARLY IN UNION COUNTY AND AS [REDACTED] FARM.

[REDACTED] VOLUNTEERED FOREGOING AS "GOOD CITIZEN." HE HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANYTHING. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ABLE TO DISCOVER ANYTHING IMPORTANT TO MURKIN AS ANYONE INVOLVED WOULD BE COMPLETELY CLOSED MOUTHED.

CHICAGO IS UNABLE TO REASONABLY ASSESS FOREGOING DATA FOR AUTHENTICITY OR AS TO PROSPECTS IN MURKIN. [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW SUBJECT RAY.

UACB, EACH RECEIVING OFFICE WILL CAREFULLY REVIEW FILES FOR ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED], WITH VIEW IN MIND

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OF DETERMINING HIS PRECISE KKK RELATIONSHIP AND ACTIVITIES,  
AS WELL AS SEEKING ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT RAY,  
EITHER THROUGH CONTACTS IN HIS TRAVELS, IMPRISONMENTS OR COMMON  
ACQUAINTANCES. ESTABLISH PRECISE TRAVELS AND WHEREABOUTS PAST  
SEVERAL MONTHS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO LOCATE [REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION  
RECORD AND SUTEL DETAILS OF INCARCERATIONS TO PERMIT LOGICAL  
INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO DISCOVER CONNECTION WITH RAY.

[REDACTED] HAS PROMISED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH CHICAGO.  
HE WAS FINGERPRINTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AT CHICAGO. DENIES ANY  
PRISON SENTENCE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FBI WASH DC

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IDENTP  
CALLED:  
MRS. HARRIS  
By BM Time 3:14p.

CC- MR. TROTTER

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 8 1968

TELETYPE

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URGENT 5-8-68 DRA

TO: BUREAU 44-38861, JACKSONVILLE

FROM: CHARLOTTE 44-1365 3P

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO CHARLOTTE APRIL TWENTY-SIX LAST,  
AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SAC'S SAME DATE.

IN REFERENCED TELETYPE TO CHARLOTTE, BUREAU ADVISED  
A MAIN FILE ON KING WAS REVIEWED AND IT WAS NOTED THAT  
IN CHARLOTTE TELETYPE MARCH TWENTY-FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY-  
FIVE, IT WAS REPORTED THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CLAIMED  
HE WAS APPROACHED TO SHOOT KING AND JAMES FARMER BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT DURHAM, N. C. REVEALS  
[REDACTED] HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE MAY 15 1968  
WHEN HE LEFT DURHAM AREA. ON MAY SEVEN LAST [REDACTED]

WIFE, [REDACTED] WAS LOCATED AT CHARLOTTE, N. C., AND

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AT to JK CE + ME  
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RFB: rrr

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ADVISED SHE DIVORCED [REDACTED] TWO YEARS AGO. SHE SAID THE LAST TIME SHE HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT HIM WAS IN JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS REPORTEDLY

[REDACTED] IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA,

[REDACTED]. SHE STATED HE [REDACTED] IS POSSIBLY DEAD.

AN AIRTEL CONTAINING FULL DETAILS REGARDING THREAT AND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY CHARLOTTE TO LOCATE [REDACTED] BEING PREPARED AND COPY WILL BE FURNISHED JACKSONVILLE.

[REDACTED] IS DESCRIBED AS WM, BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

JACKSONVILLE, AT DAYTONA BEACH, CHECK [REDACTED] IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] CONCERNING THREAT TO KING IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALTHOUGH JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSASSIN, INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS AND SIMILAR MATTERS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF OTHERS INVOLVED AS CONSPIRATORS.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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5/10/68

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Bates

To: SAC, Jacksonville  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 3444

MURKIN

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ReButeletype 4/25/68, and Charlotte teletype dated 5/8/68, both pertaining to [REDACTED]

Referenced Charlotte teletype indicates [REDACTED] last known to have been in a Daytona Beach, Florida, [REDACTED] in January, 1967. Attached for the assistance of the Jacksonville office in locating [REDACTED] are two copies of [REDACTED] FBI Identification record which indicates that [REDACTED] was arrested at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] 1968. One copy each of Ray's Identification record are being furnished Charlotte and Memphis for information.

Enclosures (2)

- 1 - Charlotte (info.) 44-1365 (Enc.)
- 1 - Memphis (info.) 44-1987 (Enc.)

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NOTE: In connection with investigation of individuals who have been involved in threats against Martin Luther King, we are attempting to locate and interview [REDACTED] inasmuch as [REDACTED] allegedly, in 1965, was approached to kill King. [REDACTED] is last known to have been in Florida in the territory of our Jacksonville Division and Jacksonville is conducting investigation in attempt to locate and interview him.

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MAY 10 1968

COMM-FBI

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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FBI RICHMOND

TELETYPE

322P 5-11-68 URGENT WSK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-  
FROM RICHMOND (44-657)

MURKIN, OO MEMPHIS.

REMYTEL MAY TEN LAST.

ON MAY ELEVEN INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, VA., APPEARED PETERSBURG RA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HIS DAUGHTER WAS TOLD BY A NEIGHBOR'S CHILD THAT SHE HAD  
OVERHEARD HER PARENTS MENTION THAT FBI INQUIRY WAS MADE RE OCCUPANTS  
OF [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED AT RA BY  
[REDACTED] HIS STEPSON. [REDACTED] REQUESTED INFO WHETHER FBI INQUIRY  
MADE AND PURPOSE OF SAME. [REDACTED] STATED FATHER, [REDACTED]  
IS A PAROLEE AND HE SPECULATED AUTHORITIES POSSIBLY LOOKING FOR HIS  
FATHER. DUTY AGENT AT PETERSBURG RA ADVISES [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF REPORTED FBI INQUIRY. [REDACTED] REQUESTED HE  
BE ADVISED IF INQUIRY MADE AND PURPOSE.

KANSAS CITY, KNOXVILLE AND MOBILE ADVISED BY AM.

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI ST LOUIS

1032 AM URGENT 5-11-68 GMC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO AND JACKSON

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

CHURCH

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, MAY TEN, LAST.

RE [REDACTED]

ONLY IDENTIFIABLE ST. LOUIS INDICES REFERENCE TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

REVIEW OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND ST. LOUIS REPLY AUGUST

[REDACTED], SIXTYFIVE. PRESUME JACKSON HAS FURNISHED CHICAGO

[REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS REFERENCE TO ANY [REDACTED] IS

WIRETEL FEBRUARY ELEVEN, SIXTY, ITEMS, MEMPHIS FILE

[REDACTED] AGE [REDACTED] AT THAT

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TIME. MEMPHIS ADVISE CHICAGO ANY FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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FBI MEMPHIS

TELETYPE

541 PM URGENT 5-11-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TEN, LAST, CONCERNING

RECORDS MEMPHIS OFFICE REVEAL THAT IN OCTOBER, FIFTY EIGHT,  
MEMPHIS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]  
IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] MENTIONED RETEL, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AGAIN IN FEBRUARY, SIXTY, MEMPHIS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION  
RE [REDACTED] NO [REDACTED] VIOLATIONS WERE SUBSTANTIATED  
AND NO PROSECUTION RE [REDACTED] INVESTIGATION WARRANTED DUE TO TRUE NAME  
VARIETY OF CHECKS CASHED BY [REDACTED]

RECORDS AVAILABLE MEMPHIS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY KKK ACTIVITY  
ON PART OF [REDACTED]

IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE [REDACTED] IN THE CASE  
ENTITLED [REDACTED] MEMPHIS

RECORDS REFLECT CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION RE [REDACTED] ILLEGAL  
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LIQUOR ACTIVITY IN ~~REDACTED~~ MISS. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED  
RE ~~REDACTED~~ ACTIVITIES BY THE MEMPHIS DIVISION SUBSEQUENT TO  
JACKSON BEING MADE A DIVISION. ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM,  
JACKSON, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS ADVISED BY AM. ARMED  
AND DANGEROUS. P.

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FBI WASH DC



FBI

Date: 5/11/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, CHICAGOSUBJECT UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA)  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RMOO: Birmingham  
(Bufile [redacted] (UKA)  
(CG file [redacted] (UKA) (P)MURKIN  
(Bufile [redacted] 44-38861  
(CG file 44-1114) (P)On 5/9/68, [redacted]  
[redacted] personally appeared  
at Chicago FBI Office and furnished the following  
information.[redacted] Stated that on 1/22/68, he visited  
[redacted] the Georgia School Board  
Association Convention on 1/22/68 which was held at the  
Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.

- (4) - Bureau (RM)
- 3 - Atlanta (157-193) (RM)
- 3 - Birmingham (105-722) (RM)
- 3 - Memphis (105-566) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago

HMH:svm  
(15)44-38861-  
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180 MAY 22 1968Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
CARBON COPY Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] advised that he attended the convention and met one, CALVIN S. CRAIG, who claimed to be the Grand Kleagle of the UKA. CRAIG advised that he resides at [redacted] Atlanta Georgia.

[redacted] advised that in conversation with CRAIG, CRAIG stated to [redacted] that they (not otherwise described) were going to execute the mayor and vice mayor of Atlanta, Georgia.

[redacted] also stated that CRAIG bears a strong resemblance to photographs he has seen of JAMES EARL RAY who is presently being sought by the FBI in connection with the assassination of KING. [redacted] advised that CRAIG's physical description would appear similar to the physical description of RAY. He was unable to furnish any additional information relating to the above matters.

[redacted] advised that CRAIG furnished him a card which he claimed would permit [redacted] to join the UAK for \$40 if he would do so by 6/1/68.

Chicago indices contain numerous references to an individual (s) with the name [redacted] Chicago file [redacted] appears to pertain to complainant [redacted] referred to above.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

CG indices being reviewed and results will be furnished, if pertinent. Subsequent to indice review Chicago will evaluate and give consideration to reinterviewing [redacted], for any additional information he may have and also to determine if he has informant potential.

Copies being furnished recipient offices in view of continuing interest in matter set forth above.

CG 44-1114

Since it appears [REDACTED] may offer informant potential his identity should be protected at this time.

Information relative to the alleged plot against the Mayor and Vice Mayor of Atlanta should be disseminated by Atlanta to appropriate authorities.

Atlanta advise if [REDACTED] is known to Atlanta sources or the Atlanta Police Department. Atlanta indices should be checked re [REDACTED]

Atlanta also requested to conduct appropriate inquiry to determine if information by [REDACTED] is accurate. Specifically, [REDACTED] did he attend the Georgia School Board Association Convention which was allegedly held at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel on 1/22/68.

FBI

Date: 5/13/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P

MURKIN  
CR

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 5/3/68.

Re Telephone Calls of JAMES EARL RAY during trip  
to New Orleans 12/15-17/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two (2) copies  
of an investigative insert reflecting investigation to identify  
individuals making telephone calls as set forth in referenced  
Houston airtel. Enclosed for Memphis are fifteen (15) copies  
of insert.

C. C. - Bishop

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2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 15)  
1 - Oklahoma City

JAG/cdw  
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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
12/15/67	453-9646 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Tulsa, Oklah
12/17/67	452-9260 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Tulsa, Oklah
12/17/67	468-9887 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Tulsa, Oklah

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

[REDACTED]  
Mrs. LOYD C. JONES, [REDACTED], advised on May 7, 1968, that during December, 1967, her daughter, Mrs. EUNICE HUNT, received a telephone call from her former husband, JESSE HUNT, who was then residing in Houston. The call, which was made from a pay telephone, concerned marital matters. JESSE HUNT talked more than the three minute limit and after the call, the operator said he left the booth without paying for the additional time.

[REDACTED]  
Mrs. BETTY B. WILEY, [REDACTED], advised on May 8, 1968, that during mid-December, 1967, her son, ROBERT WILEY, came from Houston, Texas, to visit her in Tulsa. ROBERT's wife, PEGGY, remained with her parents in Channelview, Texas. PEGGY called her husband at the WILEY residence in Tulsa during that period. She called from a pay telephone because her parents did not have a telephone.

[REDACTED]  
Mrs. LOUIS MAYES, [REDACTED], advised on May 7, 1968, that about the middle of December, 1967, she received a telephone call from her husband's brother, RICHARD D. MAYES, from Houston, Texas. RICHARD MAYES, a member of the U.S. Navy, was enroute to Oklahoma on leave and called to say he would be delayed due to bad weather.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
12/17/67	468-9150 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Britton, Okla.
12/17/67	673-9996 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Oklahoma City
12/16/67	452-9247 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Oklahoma City

[REDACTED] The following investigation was conducted by SA

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

[REDACTED]  
On May 8, 1968, Mrs. BETSY RIGGS, [REDACTED] advised she has been the subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED] for approximately one year. She stated that her family has previously resided in Houston, Texas, and that her daughter went to Houston on December 21, 1967, to visit friends. She stated she believes that the call to her residence on December 17, 1967, would probably have been made to her daughter by either a girl friend, SHERYL RUSSELL, [REDACTED], Houston, telephone number [REDACTED], or a boy friend, MIKE REESBY, [REDACTED], Houston, telephone number [REDACTED]. She further stated her husband, RICHARD RIGGS, travels throughout the Houston area in his job, and could have made this telephone call to the residence during December of 1967. Current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to Mrs. RIGGS and she stated the person in the photograph was unfamiliar to her.

[REDACTED]  
On May 8, 1968, JEAN JOFFRION, [REDACTED] advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED] and was the subscriber to this number during December, 1967. She stated that she does not recall receiving any telephone calls from Houston, Texas, as she does not know anyone in that city. She stated that prior to a month ago, she had a tenant by the name of DOROTHY WILLIAMS, and that the relatives of WILLIAMS resided in the Houston area. She stated WILLIAMS [REDACTED] left Oklahoma City to return to her relatives' home. She further stated that WILLIAMS did on occasion receive

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and make telephone calls to the Houston area. She stated that she does not know of the current whereabouts of WILLIAMS or any of her friends or relatives. She further advised that WILLIAMS has not changed her mailing address and is still receiving mail at that address. JOFFRION described WILLIAMS as being about 21 years old, Negro, female, and single. She stated that to her knowledge WILLIAMS was employed at [REDACTED] Oklahoma City.

[REDACTED]  
On May 8, 1968, Mrs. JO (DUANE) WILLIAMS, [REDACTED] advised she has been the subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED] for many years. She stated that she does not specifically recall receiving the telephone call from Houston, Texas, on December 16, 1967, but believes it was her husband calling, inasmuch as he was traveling in business in the vicinity of Houston during that time period. She stated he is employed for [REDACTED] and that this company is engaged in [REDACTED]. Mrs. WILLIAMS was shown current photographs of JAMES EARL RAY without effecting an identification.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
12/17/67	673-9118 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Wynono, Oklahoma

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

At Wynona, Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. LEON BUTCHER, [REDACTED] advised on May 10, 1968, their telephone [REDACTED] is actually listed in the name of Mrs. BUTCHER's mother, LILLIAN COBB, who is elderly and infirm. Mr. BUTCHER advised he is a trucker, and that in December, 1967, he was hauling wheat from Oklahoma to Houston, Texas, and was in Houston every other day prior to Christmas, 1967. On several occasions, he called his wife from a pay telephone in Houston located near the Continental Grain Company loading dock. At that time he was paying for these calls when made rather than making them collect to his home phone number, as he had run up a large bill a few months before without realizing it, and made the calls only when he had the money in his pocket to spare. Both Mr. and Mrs. BUTCHER advised the photographs and the description of Subject RAY were unfamiliar to them.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
12/17/67	673-9395 (Houston, Texas)	[REDACTED]	Wilson, Oklahoma

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

At Wilson, Oklahoma  
[REDACTED]

The current Wilson, Oklahoma, telephone directory shows telephone number [REDACTED] listed to L. C. ALEXANDER, [REDACTED] Wilson, Oklahoma.

[REDACTED], Credit Bureau, Ardmore, Oklahoma, which covers Wilson, Oklahoma, advised May 9, 1968, the full name of L. C. ALEXANDER is LEE CLINT ALEXANDER, [REDACTED] Wilson, Oklahoma. He [REDACTED], wife LOIS, and has an excellent credit rating. ALEXANDER is self-employed as [REDACTED] and his wife is [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

ARTHUR STEWART, Undersheriff, Carter County, in which Wilson, Oklahoma, is located, advised on May 9, 1968, that he has known LEE CLINT ALEXANDER and his wife all his life. They are reputable citizens of excellent character and reputation. They have never been active politically and had never been in any trouble.

[REDACTED] Police Department, Ardmore, Oklahoma, advised on May 9, 1968, that Mr. and Mrs. LEE CLINT ALEXANDER have no record in his department.

Mrs. LEE CLINTON ALEXANDER advised on May 9, 1968, that her husband was unavailable and she furnished the following information:

They have a son, A. L. ALEXANDER, who lives at Bacliff, Texas, a suburb of Houston. He calls home from time to time but she could not recall specifically anyone calling them on December 17, 1967. They do not know anyone else in the Houston area and have received no other calls from that area. She could not identify the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as identical with anyone she knew.



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TELETYPE

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FBI DALLAS

1045AM URGENT 5-13-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MURKIN.

AT ABOUT EIGHT TWENTYAM, MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT, DR. RICHARD W. JONES, PRESIDENT, AMARILLO CHAPTER NAACP, AMARILLO, TEXAS, RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM PERSON WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF. CALLER ADVISED HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM ATLANTA AND THAT PERSON WHO MURDERED KING WAS A [REDACTED] WOMAN DRESSED AS A MAN. STATED HER LAST NAME WAS [REDACTED] AND THAT SHE RESIDED [REDACTED] ATLANTA, GEORGIA. CALLER STATED [REDACTED] HAD SON NAMED [REDACTED] WHO WORKIED FOR [REDACTED] [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] HAD THREATS FROM NEGROES ABOUT HIS BOY, AGE EIGHTEEN MONTHS, AND THAT HE SENT SON TO [REDACTED], FOR SAFETY. 44-38861-34

CALLER SAID [REDACTED] RECEIVED CHECK FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PAID THROUGH CITY ATTORNEY, ATLANTA. 10 MAY 15 1968

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DR. JONES ADVISED HE THOUGHT CALLER WAS WHITE MAN FROM VOICE AND STATED CALLER ASKED THAT MATTER BE REPORTED TO FBI IN DALLAS OR MEMPHIS SINCE IF REPORTED IN AMARILLO THE "GANG" WOULD KNOW THAT HE HAD REPORTED SAME.

ATLANTA. AT ATLANTA. DETERMINE IF SUCH PERSONS EXIST AND IF ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH MURKIN.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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Date: 5/13/68

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TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P

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ReButel to all SACs 4/29/68.

Re Latent Fingerprint Checks

All law enforcement agencies in the State of Oklahoma maintaining latent fingerprints have been contacted and these agencies compared the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with unidentified latents received since 4/23/67. These agencies advised their checks were negative.

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- ③ - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Oklahoma City

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C. C. Bishop

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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5/13/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: KANSAS CITY (44-760) *Director*  
FROM: *Rent slip sent to field*  
NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

*MURKIN*

RE KANSAS CITY TEL, FIVE/TWO/LAST. RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
WESTWEGO, LA., ADVISED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE SPRING OF  
NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE [REDACTED] AND AN UNKNOWN WHITE  
COMPANION RENTED APT. [REDACTED]  
WESTWEGO, FROM HIM. HE ADVISED [REDACTED] AND COMPANION  
STAYED IN APT. ABOUT THREE MOS., THEN LEFT THE NEW ORLEANS  
AREA, RETURNED FOR A SHORT TIME, AND THEN LEFT FOR APPROXI-  
MATELY A YEAR. [REDACTED] RETURNED APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO.  
[REDACTED] ADVISED NEITHER [REDACTED] NOR HIS COMPANION  
WERE KNOWN TO HIM BEFORE THEY ARRIVED AND RENTED AN APT. FROM

(1 - BUREAU (44-38861) (AM)  
1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987) (AM)  
1 - NEW ORLEANS

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HIM. HE ADVISED [REDACTED] WAS DRIVING A MAROON VEHICLE, MAKE AND MODEL UNRECALLED.

[REDACTED] COMPANION, NAME UNRECALLED, WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, SHORTER THAN [REDACTED] AND FAIRLY GOOD LOOKING. HE DESCRIBED [REDACTED] COMPANION AS A TROUBLEMAKER WHO WAS PRONE TO VIOLENCE WHEN DRINKING.

HE DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AND HIS COMPANION AS "DRIFTERS" AND STATED THE REASON HE RECALLS [REDACTED] IS THAT [REDACTED] GAVE HIM A ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLAR WORTHLESS CHECK, DRAWN ON THE GUARANTY BANK AND TRUST CO. OF WESTWEGO, WHICH WAS RETURNED TO HIM MARKED "NO ACCOUNT."

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WOULD SEARCH HIS RENTAL RECORDS AND ATTEMPT TO FIND THE BOGUS CHECK GIVEN TO HIM BY [REDACTED] IN ORDER TO PINPOINT THE EXACT DATE OF THIS STAY IN WESTWEGO.

[REDACTED] STATED HE KNEW NOTHING CONCERNING A STOLEN MACHINE GUN AND DID NOT CONSIDER HIMSELF TO BE A FRIEND OF

NO 157-10673

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EITHER [REDACTED] OR HIS COMPANION. HE STATED HE RECALLED [REDACTED] TELLING HIM THAT HE WAS FROM EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH CAROLINA, BUT HE COULD RECALL NOTHING ELSE ABOUT [REDACTED] OR HIS COMPANION OR ANY FRIENDS THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD WHILE RESIDING IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA.

KANSAS CITY AT SPRINGFIELD, MO. WILL REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] RE THE DISCREPANCIES IN THE INFORMATION HE FURNISHED ON FOUR/TWENTY-SIX/LAST AND THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED]

NEW ORLEANS AT WESTWEGO, LA. WILL RECONTACT [REDACTED] ON FIVE/FOURTEEN/NEXT RE EXACT DATES OF [REDACTED] STAY AND THE BOGUS CHECK.

AM COPIES TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

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Date: 5/13/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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OO: Memphis

Re Houston airtel to Director, 5/3/68.

Telephone calls by Subject RAY enroute  
from Los Angeles to New Orleans

A call was placed from Houston, Texas, to Stockton, California, telephone number [REDACTED] on December 15, 1967.

This telephone number is listed to Mrs. LONNIE SHEPHERD, [REDACTED] Stockton, California, who advised on May 8, 1968, that she did receive a telephone call on or about December 15, 1968, from her sister, ALICE AYERS, who called from a public telephone in Houston, Texas. Mrs. SHEPHERD, a Negro, advised that Subject in this case unknown to her.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)  
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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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TELETYPE

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FBI PHOENIX

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5/13/68

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/  
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FROM PHOENIX /44-371/ 3P

MURKIN

REFERENCE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED  
MAY TEN, LAST.

RE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

ON MAY THIRTEEN, INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH, PHOENIX,  
ARIZONA, ADVISED NOT FEASIBLE TO TRACE PREPAID CALL FROM  
PHOENIX TO SAN FRANCISCO MAY NINE OR TEN LAST, MENTIONED  
IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

ON MAY THIRTEEN, INSTANT, MRS. JOHN NEEDLES.

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[REDACTED] PHOENIX, ADVISED HER BROTHER  
HARRY LUNSFORD LEFT HER RESIDENCE MAY SIX, LAST, WITH

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FRIEND BOB THORIN (PHONETIC) TO RETURN TO SAN FRANCISCO. SHE ADVISED ON MAY TEN, LAST, SHE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THORIN ADVISING HER HE AND LUNSFORD WERE AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, AT CHITTENDEN HOTEL.

REFERENCED TELETYPE SET FORTH INFORMATION ALAN THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO, ADVISED HE RECEIVED PERSON-TO-PERSON PREPAID TELEPHONE CALL AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL FROM UNKNOWN PERSON ALLEGEDLY CALLING FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA, DURING EVENING OF MAY NINE, LAST, OR EARLY MORNING MAY TEN LAST. CALLER ASKED QUOTE HOW IS THE MURDER COMING AT THE ST. FRANCIS END QUOTE AND THEN HUNG UP. HARRY LUNSFORD, MENTIONED ABOVE, ~~REDACTED~~ FORMER RESIDENT ~~OF~~ ST. FRANCIS HOTEL INTERVIEWED MAY THREE, LAST, CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT.

CINCINNATI DIVISION AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HARRY LUNSFORD, CHITTENDEN HOTEL, TO DETERMINE IF HE OR FRIEND BOB THORIN MADE CALL TO SAN FRANCISCO AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

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LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS DIVISIONS ADVISED BY

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Date: 5/13/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989) (P)

MURKIN

Re: [REDACTED] - Suspect

Re Bureau airtel to Detroit, captioned as above,  
5/7/68.On 5/9/68, an attempt was made to contact [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] with negative results.

On 5/10/68, [REDACTED]  
Algonac, Michigan, advised she did not send any communication to the FBI, Washington, D. C., regarding the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. She viewed photostat copy of this communication and stated this is definitely not her writing and displayed several pieces of material bearing her writing, which does not appear similar with the writing on the communication sent to the Bureau.

[REDACTED] stated this must be someone's idea of a "sick joke" and she has no information regarding the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and has no idea who may have sent such a communication to the FBI.

She viewed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she does not know anyone resembling this photograph.

She reiterated that she has no information regarding this matter and had no idea why anyone would send such a communication to the FBI and sign her name and address.

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2 - Memphis (RM)  
2 - Detroit  
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C.C. Bishop

MAY 21 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/13/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Madison, Wis. PD on 5/13/68 advised at 1:30 a.m. 2/27/68 while intoxicated one MARSHALL I. GOLDMAN, Aurora, Ill., tel. [REDACTED], was assaulted by 3 white males, Madison, Wis., and wallet stolen. GOLDMAN only able to describe assailants as possibly in 20s.

Since GOLDMAN's Lytton's store credit card [REDACTED] has been used for 9 purchases on invoices 734903, 735037, 799648, 800174, 820291 and 820694 forged with name MARSHALL GOLDMAN.

Also, GOLDMAN's Shell Oil credit card # [REDACTED] used for total purchases of \$365.45 on 3/8 and 11/68 at Shell station, 4223 Armitage Ave., Chicago, Ill., for purchases on unlicensed 1966 Pontiac.

GOLDMAN's telephone credit card has been used for following toll charges billed to tel. # [REDACTED]

3-Bureau AM  
2-Chicago Regular Mail  
2-Memphis AM (44-1987)  
2-Milwaukee  
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Approved: [Signature] 60 MAY 21 1968  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date MO. & Day	Called	Area No.	Originated From	Amt.
3/25	Chicago, Ill.	[REDACTED]	Memphs, Ten.	\$ .85
3/26	Memphis, Tenn.	[REDACTED]	Leland, Mis.	.95
3/26	Memphis, Tenn.	[REDACTED]	"	.50
3/26	Chicago, Ill.	[REDACTED]	"	1.30
3/27	Cullman, Ala.	[REDACTED]	Clakdl, Mis.	.60
3/27	Calumet Cy, Ala.	[REDACTED]	Memphs, Ten.	1.05
3/27	Cullman, Ala.	[REDACTED]	Clakdl, Mis.	1.35
3/27	Chicago, Ill.	[REDACTED]	"	1.45
3/28	Camden, Tenn.	[REDACTED]	Marks, Mis.	.85
3/28	Memphis, Tenn.	[REDACTED]	Clakdl, Mis.	.50
3/28	Memphis, Tenn.	[REDACTED]	"	.65
3/28	E. Chicago, Ind.	[REDACTED]	Marks Mis.	.65
3/29	Camden, Tenn.	[REDACTED]	Boonvl, Mis.	.40
"	" "	"	"	.40
"	" "	"	"	.40
3/29	Memphis, Tenn.	[REDACTED]	Bldwin, Mis.	.55
3/31	Memphis, Tenn.	[REDACTED]	Boonvl, Mis.	.40
4/1	Chicago, Ill.	[REDACTED]	"	.60

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Date Mo. & Day	Called	Area No.	Originated From.	Amt.
4/1	Memphis, Tenn.	[REDACTED]	Lake Cy, Fla.	\$ 1.00
4/3	Chicago, Ill.	[REDACTED]	Memphs, Ten.	2.40
4/3	Memphis, Tenn.	[REDACTED]	Chicago, Ill.	.60
4/3	Cullman, Ala.	[REDACTED]	"	.60
4/4	Chicago, Ill.	[REDACTED]	Memphs, Ten.	1.20

Detective [REDACTED] Madison, Wis. PD, suggested possible tie-in of above with instant case in view of phone calls made to and originating at Memphis, Tenn., around 4/4/68, and in view of purchase of expensive shoes on stolen credit card Lytton's Co., Chicago.

LEADSMEMPHIS OFFICE - AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

1. Will conduct investigation concerning telephone numbers at places called to determine pertinence this matter.
2. If matter cannot be resolved, will advise Chicago to secure original handwriting on charge purchases made at various establishments, Chicago, Ill., on stolen GOLDMAN credit cards.

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CHICAGO OFFICE - AT AURORA, ILL.

Will maintain contact with MARSHALL I. GOLDMAN, [REDACTED]  
for current locations where stolen credit cards used and tele-  
phone calls being made.

AT CHICAGO, ILL.

1. Will determine subscribers to telephone numbers listed  
for possible pertinence this case.
2. Will in event Memphis suggests, secure original sales  
slips with forged signatures of MARSHALL GOLDMAN for possible  
handwriting examination.

MILWAUKEE OFFICE - AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Will contact [REDACTED], Wisconsin  
Telephone Co., to whom the stolen telephone credit card angle  
of this matter has been referred.

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FBI KAN CITY

706PM URGENT 5-13-68 ELN

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

INTERVIEWS WITH PRISONERS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) CONTINUE. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE COOLEY ORGANIZATION. SUBJECT NEVER EMPLOYED AT LICENSE PLATE FACTORY IN MSP. J AND K HALLS AT MSP ARE TOGETHER AND THEY CONTAIN THREE HUNDRED SIXTYFOUR CELLS. ROSTERS ARE NOT KEPT OF EVERYONE IN A SPECIFIC HALL; YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE INDIVIDUAL PRISONER'S RECORD TO GET THE LOCATION OF HIS CELL.

ANOTHER INMATE BY THE NAME OF JAMES DUANE WRAY CONTINUES TO BE INCARCERATED AT MSP. HE IS A WM IN K HALL, MSP NUMBER [REDACTED] AND HAS BEEN THERE SINCE APRIL SIXTYTHREE. [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] MSP NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS IN CELL [REDACTED] FROM [REDACTED] UNTIL [REDACTED] WHEN HE WENT TO THE HONOR FARM. HE WAS RELEASED [REDACTED] MSP NUMBER [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS INCARCERATED FROM [REDACTED] UNTIL [REDACTED] HAD FIFTEEN CELL CHANGES NOT LISTED IN RECORDS. [REDACTED] MSP NUMBER [REDACTED]

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cc - Jorg

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[REDACTED] WAS IN THE PRISON FROM [REDACTED] UNTIL [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NUMEROUS CELL ASSIGNMENTS NEVER CELLED WITH SUBJECT.  
[REDACTED] WORKED IN [REDACTED] ALSO HAD NUMEROUS  
CELL ASSIGNMENTS BUT NEVER WITH THE SUBJECT.

[REDACTED] IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] MSP NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] STILL IN THE PRISON, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE ADVISED HE WAS IN THE  
SAME HALL AS SUBJECT BUT WAS NOT A FRIEND OF HIS AND COULD FURNISH  
NO PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING HIM. JOHN KENNETH HURTT, MSP  
NUMBER [REDACTED] ALSO INTERVIEWED. ADMITTED SENDING  
FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR STATIONERY BUT NOT CLOSE TO RAY AND SENT NO OTHER  
MONIES FOR HIM. COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI KAN CITY

500 PM URGENT 5/13/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

RECORDS TRANS WORLD AIRLINES (TWA) KANSAS CITY, REVEAL THAT COACH TICKET TWO TWO ZERO SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE ONE EIGHT, WAS PURCHASED APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT BY ~~REDACTED~~ FOR FLIGHT FROM LOS ANGELES TO CHICAGO TO ATLANTA, GA., AND RETURN FROM ATLANTA TO LOS ANGELES. TICKET SHOWS THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL LEFT LOS ANGELES APRIL SEVEN LAST FOR CHICAGO, LEFT CHICAGO APRIL EIGHT LAST FOR ATLANTA. ON APRIL NINE LAST AT ATLANTA HE EXCHANGED THIS TICKET FOR ONE GOING FROM ATLANTA TO CHICAGO TO LOS ANGELES. THE TICKET SHOWS HIM DEPARTING ATLANTA FOR CHICAGO ONE APRIL NINE LAST, AND THE RESERVATIONS TO LOS ANGELES WERE LEFT OPEN.

TWO RECORDS REVEAL THIS PURCHASER USED A CREDIT CARD IN BUYING THIS TICKET AND THAT THEY WILL HAVE FURTHER INFO REGARDING HIS IDENTITY WITHIN TWENTYFOUR HOURS.

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cc. Long

SLT

KC 44-760

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TWA RECORDS FAIL TO REVEAL ANY INFO REGARDING COACH  
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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DIVISION MOTOR VEHICLES, RECORDS REFLECT TENNESSEE TITLE ONE ZERO THREE NINE ONE NINE TWO FOUR FOR SHERATON HOUSE TRAILER ISSUED JOHNNY R. SMITH, THREE FIVE NINE SEVEN LAMAR, MEMPHIS. LEIN BY CONTINENTAL INVESTMENT CORP. PAID OFF BY OLD REPUBLIC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, JANUARY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN BASED ON DEATH OF SMITH, NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYSIX. INFORMATION OF DEATH FURNISHED BY BROTHER, NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN. POLICY NUMBER ONE ONE THREE EIGHT ZERO ISSUED FROM HOME OFFICE OF COMPANY, CHICAGO. BVS, MEMPHIS. REFLECTS SMITH DIED AT HERNANDO, MISS., AND BURIED THERE. LEADS SET FORTH TO IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE LOOK A LIKE. CONTINUOUS ATTENTION GIVEN TO IDENTIFYING AND ELIMINATING OTHER LOOK A LIKES. *REC-2744-38861-3-5* MAY 15 1968

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647 PM URGENT 5-13-68 HLH

TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861), RICHMOND (44-657), AND  
KNOXVILLE (44-696)

FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE EL PASO TELETYPE, MAY TEN, LAST, AND KNOXVILLE TELETYPE  
MAY ELEVEN, LAST.

TODAY, [REDACTED] AIR FORCE  
NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N. C., ADVISED  
HIS FIANCEE [REDACTED] RESIDING WITH HIS MOTHER  
[REDACTED], BRISTOL, VA.,  
TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

RICHMOND WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AS REQUESTED  
IN RE TELETYPES.

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FBI ST LOUIS

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843M URGENT 5-13-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOUISVILLE, AND HOUSTON

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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MURKIN

RE [REDACTED], LOOK ALIKE. FOUR EMPLOYEES OF HOLIDAY INN  
NORTH, SL, TODAY ADVISED INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME AND ADDRESS OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LOUISVILLE, KY.,  
DRIVING SIXTY-SIX TO SIXTY-EIGHT LINCOLN CONTINENTAL CONVERTIBLE,  
GREEN WITH BLACK TOP, KY LICENSE, NUMBER UNK, STAYED AT INN MAY  
ELEVEN AND TWELVE LAST. BORE STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT.  
USED GULF OIL CREDIT CARD NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN NAME OF [REDACTED] LS ATTEMPT  
IDENTIFY AND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT DATES.

HOUSTON DETERMINE IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FROM GULF CREDIT CARD OFFICE, P.O. BOX TWO ONE FOUR ZERO,  
HOUSTON, AND SET OUT LEAD TO INTERVIEW REGARDING [REDACTED] UNLESS  
LOUISVILLE SOONER ADVISES NON IDENT.

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FBI MIAMI

357PM DST 5-13-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) CHARLOTTE, SAVANNAH, AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU AND SAVANNAH DATED MAY  
TEN SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION CHARLOTTE, INVESTIGATION ATLANTA  
REFLECTS JOHN WILLARD REPORTEDLY BOARDED EAL FLIGHT TWO  
SEVEN SEVEN, APRIL TEN, LAST, FOR MIAMI AND RETURNED TO  
ATLANTA, APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, ABOARD DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT  
TWENTY. CONTACT NUMBERS MIAMI, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND SAVANNAH, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

SUBSCRIBED BY [REDACTED], CORAL  
GABLES, FLA. [REDACTED] STATES WILLARD VISITED MIAMI FOR EASTER  
VACATION. WILLARD EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, AS A

[REDACTED] WILLARD PRESENTLY STAYING MANGER

MOTOR INN, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, TELEPHONE THREE THREE  
TWO- THREE ONE TWO ONE, THROUGH MAY SIXTEEN, NEXT.

CHARLOTTE CONTACT JOHN WILLARD, IN CARE OF MANGER  
MOTOR INN AND ELIMINATE AS SUBJECT. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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URGENT 5-10-68  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM NEW ORLEANS

MURKIN.

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*Lofig*

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY AN ALLEGED FENC  
BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED THAT  
JAMES EARL RAY AND CHARLES STEIN LEFT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ON  
DECEMBER FIFTEEN, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN AND ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS ON  
DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. STEIN HAS INDICATED THAT EN ROUTE  
FROM SOMEWHERE IN TEXAS RAY MADE ONE OR TWO LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE  
CALLS FROM COIN PHONES AND ALSO INDICATED HE WAS GOING TO CONTACT  
EITHER ARCHITECTURAL OR CONTRACTING FIRM. REC-2744-38861-346

A REVIEW OF THE NEW ORLEANS CITY DIRECTORIES REVEALS THERE IS A

[REDACTED] MAY 15 1968  
GRETN, LOUISIANA, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]  
THE NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] TELEPHONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GRETN, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GRETN, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GRETN, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

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cc-ME, 5-13-68  
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IT IS REQUESTED THAT BUREAU PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO OBTAIN AND REVIEW THROUGH USE OF A GRAND JURY SUBPOENA THE TOLL RECORDS OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED TELEPHONE NUMBERS. IF BUREAU PERMISSION IS GRANTED FOR THIS REVIEW IT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH FULL SECURITY AND THE BUREAU'S INTEREST WILL BE PROTECTED.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) - 3463

MURKIN

RENOTEL FIVE TEN SIXTY-EIGHT.

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO OBTAIN FEDERAL GRAND JURY  
SUBPOENA FOR PERTINENT TELEPHONE RECORDS REGARDING

[REDACTED], ALL GREYNA,  
LOUISIANA, AND [REDACTED] OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

THIS REVIEW SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH FULL SECURITY  
AND BUREAU'S INTEREST FULLY PROTECTED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. TELETYPE COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS

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NOTE: New Orleans Division attempting to identify an alleged fence by the name of [REDACTED]. An inmate of the Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed and he stated that he knew subject Ray while they were incarcerated at Missouri State Penitentiary and advised that a fence by the name of [REDACTED] allegedly located in New Orleans, La., is a good person to dispose of stolen goods. Subject Ray and Charles Stein left Los Angeles, California, in December of 1967 making a trip to New Orleans, La., and en route, according to Stein, Ray made several long distance calls from pay telephone somewhere in Texas and indicated he was going to contact either architectural or contracting firm, New Orleans, La.

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NOTE CONTINUED:

A review of various directories for New Orleans indicates there is a [REDACTED] in Gretna, La., and also several individuals by the name of [REDACTED] listed. In view of the fact that Ray allegedly contacted a contracting or architectural firm, and in view of the information concerning a fence by the name of [REDACTED] the possibility exists that the fence may be a [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. New Orleans is being granted permission to obtain Federal Grand Jury subpoena for pertinent telephone records regarding the [REDACTED] and individuals listed under name of [REDACTED] in the New Orleans area.

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Date: 5/13/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

Re Houston airtel, 5/3/68 and Cincinnati airtel, 5/10/68.

Telephone number [REDACTED] was determined to be listed to DENIS CREMIN, [REDACTED], Cincinnati, with no toll calls made in March or April, 1968.

On 5/8/68, Mrs. DENIS (PATRICIA) CREMIN advised SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that they formerly lived in Dallas, Texas, and moved into their present apartment residence on 9/1/67. After the Agents identified themselves and explained the purpose of their contact, Mrs. CREMIN stated that the telephone call on 12/17/67 at their number in Cincinnati from Beaumont, Texas, #892-9963, was made by JAMES ROWEN, who was, at that time, engaged to PATTY ANN CREMIN, who, with ROWEN, attended Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. ROWEN's home is in Beaumont, Texas. He is age 22, 5'10½", 160 pounds; [REDACTED]

PATTY ANN CREMIN and ROWEN are no longer engaged

- 3 - Bureau  
1 - Houston (44-1509)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc.30)  
1 - Cincinnati

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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and PATTY ANN is presently attending Mount Saint Joseph College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. CREMIN advised her husband has been with [REDACTED] for the past 14 years. She stated definitely JAMES ROWEN is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY and she could furnish no information whatsoever on RAY.

Attached for Memphis are 15 copies each of inserts covering investigation concerning Cincinnati telephone # [REDACTED] and Bartlett, Ohio, telephone # [REDACTED]

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FBI CHICAGO

613PM DEFERRED 5/13/68 GGE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND NEWARK(44-854)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114), 1P

MURKIN.

RE CG TEL MAY TEN LAST ONE FORTY SEVEN PM "RE LOCKSMITHING  
INSTITUTES."

PAGE ONE, PARAGRAPH TWO, LINE ONE RE CG TEL SHOULD  
BE CORRECTED AS FOLLOWS: DELETE "THAT FIRM" INSERT NELSON  
HALL INC. PARAGRAPH TWO, LINE FIVE INSERT AFTER "NEGATIVELY."  
PRENTICE HALL CHICAGO. AMCC TO KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

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845PM URGENT 5-13-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

LEAD FOR BUREAU

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RE RAY RELATIVES COVERED BY SL: SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED  
NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE [REDACTED] WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON RECEIPT OF RE-  
QUESTED BUREAU CHECK OF SOUTHERN STATE BANK ROBBERIES LATE JUNE JULY  
SIXTY SEVEN. WILL ALSO BE QUESTIONED RE ALLEGED PRESENCE OF RAY  
IN VICINITY OF [REDACTED] RESIDENCE MAY TENTH TO SEVENTEENTH SIXTYSEVEN.

RE EX-CONS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] GIVING EVERY  
APPEARANCE OF COOPERATION. SOME DISCRETION REQUIRED IN CONTACTING  
THEM TO AVOID UNNECESSARY INJURY TO THEM IN EMPLOYMENT OR AMONG PEERS.  
[REDACTED] HAS DISCOVERED ANOTHER EX CON WHO HAS DECLINED TO DATE TO  
ALLOW REVELATION OF HIS IDENTITY TO BUREAU, BUT WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE  
BRIEFLY SEEN RAY IN SL TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING MSP ESCAPE. [REDACTED]  
ALLEGES RAY WALKED OUT OF MSP WITH VISITORS, NOT IN BREAD BOX.

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GREATER SL CLEANER - LAUNDERERS CIRCULARIZED, LOCAL LOOK AS 1968  
BEING RESOLVED. SL INITIAL REPORT IN MAIL.

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FBI ATLANTA

704PM URGENT 5-13-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT.

DELTA AIRLINES HAS NOT RECEIVED TICKETS SOLD THROUGH  
TRAVEL AGENCIES AS YET.

EXPANDED CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, ATLANTA,  
CONTINUING.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AT U. S. PENITENTIARY,  
ATLANTA, THIS DATE. STATES HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF  
SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PLOT  
TO KILL KING. STATED IN NOV. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SAW  
A PERSON IN THE FOURTEENTH ST. AREA OF ATLANTA WHO  
RESEMBLED SUBJECT. [REDACTED] STATES HE WOULD NOT FURNISH  
ANY INFORMATION EVEN IF HE HAD SUCH INFORMATION. IT IS  
NOTED MEMPHIS DIVISION INDICATES SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS  
OCT. NINETEEN THROUGH JAN. EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT ESTABLISHED  
AS MEXICO AND LOS ANGELES.

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ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY BURGLARY OR ROBBERY IN WHICH SUBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AS FILES ARE MAINTAINED ON DATE BASIS AND IN THE NAME OF THE VICTIM. ATLANTA AVERAGES EIGHTEEN BURGLARIES AND THREE ROBBERIES PER DAY.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY, FORMER TENANT AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND DID NOT KNOW ANYONE RESIDED IN APT. NO. TWO AT THE TIME OF WILLOUGHBY'S RESIDENCE. WILLOUGHBY RESIDED ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. APPROXIMATELY APR. ONE THROUGH APR. TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT. ON ONE OCCASION IN EARLY APR. SIXTYEIGHT, HE OBSERVED THREE MEN TALKING TOGETHER ON ENCLOSED PORCH AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE. HE DID NOT ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION WITH THEM NOR DOES HE KNOW THEIR IDENTITY. UPON VIEWING PHOTO OF SUBJECT, WILLOUGHBY STATES SUBJECT POSSIBLY ONE OF THE THREE MEN BUT NOTED HE HAS SEEN NUMEROUS PICTURES OF SUBJECT

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ON TELEVISION AND IN NEWSPAPERS. WILLOUGHBY BEING REINTERVIEWED TO ASCERTAIN IF HE CAN RECALL ANY FURTHER DETAILS OF HIS RESIDENCE AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE.

ATLANTA DIVISION OBTAINED IN A RESTAURANT NOT FAR FROM SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE A BROCHURE OF THE ELECTRA-DATE CORP., NO. NINE NW TWENTYTHIRD AVE., BIRMINGHAM. THIS BROCHURE REFLECTED THIS COMPANY ARRANGED DATES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR COMMON LIKES AND DISLIKES.

BIRMINGHAM CONTACT ELECTRA-DATE CORP. DETERMINE IF SUBJECT HAS MADE ANY INQUIRY OF THAT CORP.

ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS CONCERNING ROBBERY - BURGLARY SUBJECT REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN ATLANTA AREA.

ADVISE IF VICTIM WAS OIL CO. OFFICE OR GASOLINE STATION AND APPROXIMATE DATE.

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FBI NEW ORLS

728PM URGENT 5/13/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA  
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY, TWELVE, LAST,

RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CREDIT BUREAU SHREVEPORT, LA., ADVISED ON MAY,  
THIRTEEN INSTANT SHE HAS NO RECORD FOR [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], [REDACTED], OR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, SHREVEPORT, LA., ADVISED  
ON MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT HE HAS NO RECORD FOR [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], [REDACTED], OR [REDACTED], AND DOES NOT RECALL THIS  
PERSON AS A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE A.A. IN SHREVEPORT.

[REDACTED] KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RR, SHREVEPORT,  
ADVISED ON MAY, THIRTEEN, INSTANT THAT RR IS ALSO KNOWN LOCALLY  
AS THE LA. AND ARKANSAS RR. SHE STATED [REDACTED], [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] IS NOT EMPLOYED BY THAT RR AND SHE DOES

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cc- [REDACTED]

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NOT RECALL HER AS A FORMER EMPLOYEE. [REDACTED] SAID EMPLOYMENT RECORDS ARE LOCATED AT KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN OFFICES, KANSAS CITY, MO., AND SHE HAD THESE RECORDS CHECKED TELEPHONICALLY ON MAY THIRTEEN, INSTANT, AND RECORDS REVEALED FOLLOWING:

[REDACTED] WAS EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED] AT SHREVEPORT, LA., FROM OCTOBER SIXTEEN, FIFTYSEVEN, TO MAY, SEVENTEEN, FIFTYNINE, WHEN SHE FAILED TO REPORT FOR WORK AND WAS TERMINATED. THERE IS NO INFORMATION IN THE FILE TO SHOW HER PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. [REDACTED] MAIDEN NAME WAS [REDACTED]

AND SHE WAS BORN AT ATLANTA, GA., AND ATTENDED [REDACTED] ATLANTA UNTIL ABOUT FIFTYONE. SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS A [REDACTED] FOR SOUTHERN RR, ATLANTA, UNTIL ABOUT FIFTYSEVEN. HER FATHER IS SHOWN AS [REDACTED] NO STREET, ADDRESS SHOWN, ATLANTA. REFERENCES LISTED BY HER WERE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH

ATLANTA. FORMER EMPLOYERS OF [REDACTED] LISTED AS [REDACTED]  
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IN FIFTYFOUR, ATLANTA, [REDACTED] CONLEY, GA., IN FIFTYTHREE,  
[REDACTED] ATLANTA FIFTYTWO, AND [REDACTED]  
ATLANTA, FIFTYONE.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA, GA., WILL THROUGH FORMER EMPLOYER,  
REFERENCES AND FATHER, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
RE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SUBJECT RAY AND [REDACTED] AS  
SET FORTH IN RE TELETYPE AND IN ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY ELEVEN,  
LAST, FOUR EIGHTEEN P.M. AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)(P)

MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Director 5/3/68, advising that each office should determine from telephone company, long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10, over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on 5/7/68, at Hampton, Virginia:

It was determined that telephone number 703-722-7921 was assigned to the Dixie Hospital, Hampton, Virginia.

Investigation at the Dixie Hospital revealed that on 12/16/67 there were over 300 patients and 585 employees in said hospital. It was determined that after a direct dialed telephone call reached the switchboard it was undeterminable as to its final destination in said hospital. A check of the long distance telephone records for 12/16/67 failed to reveal any charge to the afore mentioned number for a call having been sent or received by said number.

No further investigation being conducted at Norfolk re this matter.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)  
1 - Norfolk  
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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/13/68

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AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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OO: Memphis

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs and Legats,  
5/7/68.

Memphis has been previously advised of negative information concerning laundries, dancing schools, financial institutions, California Department of Motor Vehicles, State Selective Service, credit and criminal, local telephone and city directories, birth records, and mental institutions on a state level, and unless advised to the contrary, Sacramento is not preparing inserts concerning these negative contacts inasmuch as they do not appear to contribute anything to the solution of this case.

Positive information concerning call made by GALT to TED GREEN, Angels Camp, (Bear Valley Lodge, Lake Alpine, California), on December 10, 1967, reported by Los Angeles.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)  
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Eliminations of telephone calls on route between Los Angeles and New Orleans have previously been submitted to Office of Origin by airtel. Unless advised to the contrary, this practice will continue and no inserts will be submitted.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 4P

MURKIN.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

RE BIRMINGHAM TELS TO BUREAU, MAY SEVEN, EIGHT AND TEN, LAST,  
AND ST. LOUIS TELS TO BUREAU, MAY TEN, ELEVEN AND TWELVE, LAST.

KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED AT  
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY IN RE BIRMINGHAM TELS, IN ORDER THAT INFO  
FROM EX-CONVICTS BEING OBTAINED BY ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA,  
MAY BE PROPERLY EVALUATED. KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO SUTEL  
SPECIFICALLY INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE "COOLEY ORGANIZATION" AND/OR  
ANY PRISONER NAMED COOLEY; ALL INFO DEVELOPED RE PRISONERS NAMED  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AS IDENTIFIED BY EX-CONVICT [REDACTED] ALL  
INFO DEVELOPED RE ANY LOTTERIES OPERATED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FROM ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] KANSAS  
CITY ALSO SUTEL WHETHER SUBJECT RAY WAS EVER A "WALK BOY" IN "J HALL"  
NOVEMBER, SIXTYSIX, THROUGH APRIL, SIXTYSEVEN, AND WHETHER RAY EVER  
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EMPLOYED IN LICENSE PLATE FACTORY, MSP, SIXTYTHREE OR SIXTYFOUR. KANSAS CITY WILL ASCERTAIN IF THERE WAS EVER A PRISONER NAMED JIMMY RAYE AS DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED] AND IF SO, FURNISH BIRMINGHAM AND RECEIVING OFFICES BACKGROUND AND PHOTO. KANSAS CITY ASCERTAIN EXACT DATES OF INCARCERATION FOR [REDACTED], NOTING IN RE ST. LOUIS TEL, MAY TEN LAST, [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE WAS IN MSP, [REDACTED] UNTIL PAROLED [REDACTED] AND WAS SERVING [REDACTED] SENTENCE FOR [REDACTED] KANSAS CITY ALSO ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF RESIDENCE HALLS AT MSP AND DATES OF RESIDENCE DURING THEIR IMPRISONMENT FOR SUBJECT RAY, AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ASCERTAIN IF RAY AND [REDACTED] EVER LIVEN IN SAME RESIDENCE HALL AT SAME TIME AT MSP.

KANSAS ALSO SUTEL RESULTS OF INQUIRY AT KANSAS CITY PD RE ARREST OF [REDACTED]

FROM INFO AVAILABLE BIRMINGHAM AS RECEIVED FROM EX-CONVICTS AND THAT DEVELOPED BY ST. LOUIS AS RECEIVED FROM EX-CONVICTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IT APPEARS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] POSSIBLY BOTH IN POSSESSION OF ADDITIONAL NECESSARY INFO RE RAY AND THEY SHOULD BE REINTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY. ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FROM [REDACTED]

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HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ALL OF RAY'S ACTIVITIES DURING TIME [REDACTED] KNEW RAY IN MSP. NOTING [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH BOTH [REDACTED] AND RAY, ASCERTAIN IF [REDACTED] AND RAY WERE ASSOCIATED.

-- DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] KNOWS A "JIMMY RAYE" AS DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED] ASCERTAIN [REDACTED] KNOWLEDGE OF [REDACTED] "COOLEY ORGANIZATION" (OR ANY OTHER PRISONER ORGANIZATION WHICH OPERATED AS PROTECTIVE RACKET FOR PRISONERS), PRISONER NAMED [REDACTED] AND ANY LOTTERIES OPERATED IN MSP. ASCERTAIN WHERE RAY WAS LIVING AND HANGING OUT IN ST. LOUIS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DETERMINE HOW OFTEN [REDACTED] HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] IN ST. LOUIS SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM MSP AND DETAILS OF THESE CONTACTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ST. LOUIS CIRCULARIZE WITH IO OF RAY LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS IN AREA WHERE [REDACTED] SAW RAY IN MAY, SIXTYSEVEN.

FROM [REDACTED] OBTAIN COMPLETE BACKGROUND RE EACH OF HIS WIVES INCLUDING PAST AND PRESENT RESIDENCES. ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF PRISONER WITH WHOM [REDACTED] HAD FIGHT [REDACTED] IT IS NOTED BOTH EX-CONVICTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STATE [REDACTED] AND RAY ACQUAINTED  
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WITH EACH OTHER WHEREAS [REDACTED] DENIES THIS ASSOCIATION. DETERMINE  
ALL TELEPHONES AVAILABLE TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

ASCERTAIN FROM ST. LOUIS PD ANY ROBBERIES COMMITTED IN MAY OR  
JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, WHICH COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY RAY,  
[REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS AND KANSAS CITY ARE NOW IN POSSESSION OF RESULTS OF  
ALL INTERVIEWS TO DATE BY BIRMINGHAM OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND THESE  
SHOULD BE USED DURING REINTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND  
PRISON RECORDS CHECKS.

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FBI LOS ANG.

7:34PM URGENT 5-14-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987),

BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE MARIE MARTIN.

MARIE MARTIN INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH UPON RETURN FROM VACATION WHICH INCLUDED TRIP THROUGH MIDWESTERN STATES TO YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO. SHE CONFIRMED INFORMATION SHE HAD PROVIDED ON PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY. SHE ADVISED SUBSEQUENT TO EXCHANGE OF TELEVISION SETS BETWEEN HERSELF AND RAY AND PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, RAY APPEARED IN NEED OF MONEY. SHE ADVISED RAY SAID HE WAS AWAITING MONEY FROM BROTHER, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. SHE ADVISED IT APPEARED NECESSARY THIS MONEY BE RECEIVED BY RAY IN ORDER TO MAKE HIS SECOND TRIP SOUTH TO OR THROUGH NEW ORLEANS. MARTIN ALSO SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION RAY SAID SHE REMINDED HIM OF A GIRL IN GUADALAJARA. SHE SAID RAY ALSO ADVISED HE LIVED IN MEXICO SIX YEARS AND ALSO THAT HE HAD USED MARIJUANA ON ONE

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OCCASION IN MEXICO AND DID NOT LIKE THE EFFECTS AND IT DID NOTHING FOR HIM. RAY ALSO SAID HE ATTENDED COCK FIGHTS IN MEXICO AND WAS REPULSED BY THEIR BARBARIC NATURE. SHE REMARKED RAY APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND AND SPEAK SPANISH. SHE SAID SHE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE HERSELF.

MARTIN ADVISED THAT AFTER THE TRIP TO OBTAIN CHILDREN OF RITA STEIN IN NEW ORLEANS, RAY SAID HE HAD VISITED FRIENDS IN INDUSTRIAL CANAL AREA OF CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY OF NEW ORLEANS. NO FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF THESE FRIENDS MADE BY RAY.

MARTIN ADVISED THE PACKAGE SHE GAVE RAY FOR DELIVERY TO HER DAUGHTER IN NEW ORLEANS CONTAINED PHOTOGRAPH RECORDS AS WELL AS CLOTHING. THIS WAS ASKED IN CLARIFICATION OF PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BY MARTIN AND HER DAUGHTER. \* 100 LA 44

INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES HAS ESTABLISHED NO REGULAR BANKING CONNECTIONS, AND RAY LACKED SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION OTHER THAN ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE TO CASH PERSONAL TYPE CHECKS. IT APPEARS MONEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT RAY THROUGH WESTERN UNION OR SOME SIMILAR FACILITY PERMITTING EASY NEGOTIATION. RAY DEPARTED LOS ANGELES MARCH SEVENTEEN SIXTY EIGHT, AND THIS POSSIBLE FINANCIAL SHORTAGE OCCURRED AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF  
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TELEVISION SETS, WHICH MARTIN STATES WAS ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY  
--FOURTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FEASIBILITY  
OF EXAMINING WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDERS ISSUED DURING ABOVE  
PERIOD THROUGH THE MONEY ORDER AUDITOR, MINNEAPOLIS.

MARTIN ADVISED THAT FOR INFORMATION SHE PREVIOUSLY  
FURNISHED TO LOUIS LOMAX SHE RECEIVED CHECK FOR FIFTY DOLLARS  
WHICH SHE BELIEVES WAS NO GOOD.

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES CONTINUING.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ATLANTA, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, NEW  
ORLEANS, SPRINGFIELD, AND MINNEAPOLIS.

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May 10, 1968

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MURKIN

My brother-in-law, <sup>1</sup> was an FBI agent  
in Buffalo, N.Y. a couple of years ago

died of cancer recently and a dozen FBI agents came to his funeral. He told me

was, the FBI would look into it.

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Well, for what it is worth, here it is

"I was driving to work on Friday, the morning after King was shot. I stopped

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at a red light on Irving Street at Sherman Street, N.Y. A beetle Volkswagen painted (repainted) a peculiar yellowish green pulled up beside me on the one-way street about 15 feet away from me.

I saw that his headlights were on in broad daylight, <sup>(at the time no other travelers were showing this deference to King)</sup> so I supposed he had been driving all night and had neglected to turn off his lights. I started to lean over and wind my window down and call to him about his lights, but to my surprise he wound his window down first and waited for me to speak. He appeared nervous and watching for challengers.

I told him that I didn't know whether he knew it or not but his lights were on. He said, "I know it!" rather gruffly and then added, "Thank you!" He resembled "Ray" although his face appeared fuller. He had a pasty complexion with a fresh red scar in the middle of his left cheek as though

a nail had been lanced.

Now here is the way I look at it. He was tipped off in prison in Missouri that on account of his successful assassination of President Kennedy, another job was being offered, to assassinate King. (Where else would a small time hoodlum get all that money except by a big job like Kennedy's assassination) His escape from prison was arranged by this powerful group of Catholic and Colored-haters.

He bought a deer rifle but was told by a brother (non-soul brother) that it was not powerful enough and exchanged it for a 30.06 with telescopic sights, and went to the neighboring rooming house in Memphis to await King. (Incidentally, don't rule out the possibility that King was a part of the plot, because he expected

to be killed when he returned to Memphis and by being a martyr he could best further his ends and those of his colleagues.

This fellow, Ray or Galt, who was discharged from the Army for being inept, is still inept and it will get him in the end, but for the present he is carrying out instructions of his fellow conspirators. Like the game "hare and hounds" he dropped clues like his rifle and drove off in a white Mustang Convertible that stuck out like a sore thumb.

When he reached a rendezvous in Memphis, he switched cars with a conspirator who drove the Mustang to Atlanta to throw the hounds off his (Ray's) trail. Ray took the yellowish green beetle Volkswagen (the model doesn't change and there are millions of them on the road) and drove north.

The time was just right for him

encountering me at 7:30 a.m. the next day (Friday) in Washington. He was keeping off the main highways where the police might catch him.

For some unknown reason he had made a trip to Montreal a short time ago. Now the reason is known: to establish his identity, and have a place to hole up in a foreign country where the FBI would not be looking for him. He could either remain in hiding or take off from there for Europe. He probably has a hundred thousand dollars with him.

I believe you could find him in the red light district of Montreal, or possibly Paris. If you go along with the Kennedy assassination, he has established a M.O. I believe you could find out how his escape was arranged from Missouri State Penitentiary, and how the plot was hatched in Atlanta. Sincerely yours,

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1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re [REDACTED] - complainant.

Enclosed for Washington Field are two copies of a letter from [REDACTED] dated 5-10-68. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Washington Field should interview [REDACTED] to determine all information he has in his possession regarding the suspect he observed. At the time of interview orally acknowledge receipt of his letter.

For your information and assistance, [REDACTED] was a former Special Agent who entered on duty with the Bureau 12-29-41 and retired 5-6-66.

1 - Memphis (info)

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327 PM URGENT 5/14/68 KSW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES  
FROM KANSAS CITY 1P

MURKIN

Mr. Tola  
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RECORDS TWA, KANSAS CITY, REVEAL THAT COACH TICKET TWO TWO ZERO SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE ONE EIGHT PURCHASED APRIL SEVEN LAST BY A [REDACTED] FOR TRIP FROM LOS ANGELES TO CHICAGO TO ATLANTA WITH RETURN FROM ATLANTA DIRECT TO LOS ANGELES ON APRIL NINE LAST WAS EXCHANGED IN ATLANTA FOR TRIP FROM ATLANTA TO CHICAGO SAME DATE WITH TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES OPEN.

RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL THAT THIS TICKET WAS PURCHASED BY A TWA WORLD WIDE JET CREDIT CARD NUMBER ONE FIVE SIX TWO EIGHT FOUR FOUR THREE EIGHT NINE EIGHT ZERO T W ASSIGNED TO [REDACTED] [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO CONTACT [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE PURPOSE OF TRIP FROM ATLANTA TO LOS ANGELES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968

Re: **MURKIN**  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562100 JK

Examination requested by: **Boston**  
Reference: **Airtel 4/30/68**  
Examination requested: **Document**  
Remarks:

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1 - Boston (157-644) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562100 JK

Specimens received 5/1/68

Twelve samples of laundry tapes obtained from Thermo-Seal machines located in laundries in the Boston, Massachusetts area, further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>LAUNDRY</u>
K240	R32865	Sparkel Cleaners, Brighton
K241	33287	Holly Cleaners, Newton
K242	R32176	C. G. Howes, Newton
K243	R31762	Superior Laundry, Cambridge
K244	R32116	"
K245	R32119	"
K246	R32118	"
K247	33014	Shea's Dry Cleaners, Cambridge
K248	33700	"
K249	R31984	"
K250	R31585	"
K251	34548	Shea's, Brookline

## Result of examination:

It was concluded that the laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70 were not prepared by any of the machines represented by K240 through K251 and that the tags appearing on Q97 and Q99 were not prepared by the machines used in the preparation of K242 through K246.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Long 2260*

Differences were noted between the laundry tags represented by K240, K241 and K247 through K251 when compared with the laundry tags designated Q97 and Q99, but the lack of significant identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

K240 through K251 have been retained.

(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 14, 1968

To:

Date:

**MURKIN**  
Re: CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861

FBI File No. D-562096 JK  
Lab. No.

Baltimore

Examination requested by:

Airtel 4/30/68

Reference:

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Examination requested:

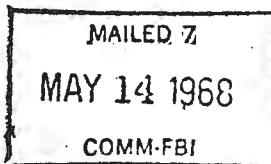
Remarks:

Memphis teletype 4/25/68 advised to discontinue further efforts to obtain laundry tags with the markings "20R-3;" therefore, no additional investigation should be conducted to secure tags with this marking from K236, K237 and K238.

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1 - Baltimore (44-669) Enclosure (Lab report)  
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Lab. No. D-562096 JK

Specimens received 4-30-68

Twelve sample laundry tapes obtained from Thermo-Seal machines located in laundries in the Maryland-Delaware area, further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>LAUNDRY</u>
K227	32988	Holland Cleaners, Baltimore, Md.
K228	33510	Kirsch Cleaners, Lutherville, Md.
K229	R32566	Sparkle Cleaners, Glen Burnie, Md.
K230	R32450	"
K231	32851	Archers Laundry, Baltimore, Md.
K231A	32940	"
K232	34336	Pilgrim Laundry, Baltimore, Md.
K233	32212	"
K234	33705	Ruxton Cleaners, Towson, Md.
K235	32925	"
K236	-----	East-West Valet, Rockville, Md.
K237	-----	Sayer Laundry, Wilmington, Delaware
K238	-----	Lincoln Cleaner, Wilmington, Delaware

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Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that none of the machines used to prepare K227 through K238 was employed in preparing the laundry marks appearing on Q69 and Q70 and that the machine used to prepare K228 was not used to prepare the laundry marks appearing on Q97 and Q99.

Differences were noted between the tapes designated K227 and K229 through K235 when compared with the laundry marks appearing on Q97 and Q99, but the lack of sufficient identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

Specimens K236, K237 and K238 are not adequate for comparison with the laundry marks on Q97 and Q99. The submitted items have been retained.

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FBI LOS ANG.

9:43AM URGENT 5-13-68 NJZ

-- TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LITTLE ROCK  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

ON MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT, CALIFORNIA PAROLE AGENT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, FURNISHED PHOTOSTATIC  
COPY OF LETTER WHICH [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARKANSAS WROTE TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT THE ADDRESS OF A FRIEND OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GROVER CITY, CALIFORNIA.

[REDACTED] IS BEING SOUGHT BY [REDACTED] AS PAROLE VIOLATOR.

[REDACTED] WAS RELEASED FROM CALIFORNIA MEN'S COLONY, WEST  
FACILITY, LOS PADRES, CALIFORNIA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ARREST IN ARKANSAS, WAS

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DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE BY CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AS THEY CHOSE NOT TO EXTRADITE. NATURE OF LETTER FROM  
[REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] INDICATES THE TWO ARE FORMER PRISON ASSO-  
CIATES; THAT [REDACTED] AND ONE [REDACTED] WERE ARRESTED FOR  
RUNNING GUNS AND WHISKEY AND THAT [REDACTED] IS CONFINED IN  
[REDACTED] ARKANSAS. ONE PORTION OF  
[REDACTED] LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE BIG HEAT IN WASHINGTON, D. C. IS SEEKING ME OUT  
ON LUTHER KING AND FOUR NIGGERS SHOT TO DEATH IN KANSAS  
CITY, MISSOURI. HAD SOME HIGH POWERED RIFLES WITH SCOPES  
AND SOME PISTOLS. THE HEAT SAYS ONE OF MY RIFLES COULD BE  
THE ONE THAT GOT KING. THEY PROVED I WAS IN MEMPHIS THAT  
NIGHT SO I AM JUST SWEATING IT OUT. THIS LETTER IS SMUGGLED  
OUT NOT CENSORED. [REDACTED] WENT HAZY ON ME BUT IS GETTING BETTER,  
FLUSHED A COUPLE HUNDRED DOWN THE TOILET - TRIED TO KILL  
HIMSELF AND ALL THAT JAZZ. HE HAS A CHECK BEEF IN SAN  
CLEMENTE RIGHT NOW. CALIFORNIA WANTS HIM FOR THAT AND  
OTHER THINGS. I GOT ABOUT TWENTY THOUSAND OUT IN PAPER  
IN EIGHTEEN STATES MOST OF IT FEDERAL, BUT SO FAR JUST A  
P.V. HOLD FROM CALIFORNIA. THE KING AND KC BUSINESS AND  
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THIRTY DAYS HERE FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS, BIG FINE FOR GUNS  
AND WHISKEY." ANOTHER PORTION OF THE LETTER READS:

"I BOUGHT A NEW CAR FORD BUT WORE IT OUT SIXTY THOUSAND  
MILES - WILL LET THE FINANCE COMPANY TAKE IT NOW. I'LL  
PROBABLY BE SLOUGHED UP FOR QUITE A WHILE. I WILL FIGHT  
ALL THE WAY - NOTHING TO LOSE NOW. I WILL BE HERE TIL  
MAY NINETEENTH UNLESS FEDS RELEASE TO CALIFORNIA."

LITTLE ROCK AT [REDACTED] ARKANSAS - INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
RE MURKIN, POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS, AND RE FOUR NEGROES  
KILLED IN KANSAS CITY. INTERVIEW [REDACTED] WHO WAS  
APPARENTLY ARRESTED WITH [REDACTED] ALONG SAME LINES.

BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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TELETYPE

600PM URGENT 5-14-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), HONOLULU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS,

& SPRINGFIELD  
HONOLULU VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 3P

MURKIN.

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE JAMES LAOMA OWENS,  
NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS OBTAINED FROM THE MSP  
RECORDS. HE WAS RECEIVED MSP FEB FIVE NINETEEN-SIXTY FROM  
ST. LOUIS TO SERVE A SEVEN YEAR SENTENCE ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY  
FIRST. HE WAS DISCHARGED IN JAN TWO NINETEEN-SIXTYFOUR. A  
DETAINER IN FAVOR OF DIV OF SUPERVISION OF PAROLES,  
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., WAS FILED FEB TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN-SIXTY.

OWENS DESCRIBED WM, DOB [REDACTED]  
ELVINS, MO., FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTYNINE  
POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, STOCKY  
BUILD, OCCUPATION BARBER, TATOO OF SHIP ON LEFT FOREARM.  
RELATIVES MOTHER [REDACTED]  
HONOLULU, HAWAII; BROTHER [REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS; WIFE  
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TELETYPED TO:

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cc - Long

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BETTY OWENS, [REDACTED], BERKELEY, MO.

WIFE REPORTEDLY DIVORCED AND REMARRIED. AUNT [REDACTED],

[REDACTED], ELVINS, MO.; COUSIN [REDACTED], SAME ADDRESS.

JIMMIE OWENS COMPLETED TEN GRADES AT THE BRIAN HILL SCHOOL, BRIAN HILL, MO. HAD NO VISITORS AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WHILE INCARCERATED. LISTED FORMER EMPLOYMENT AS A BOILER MAKER FOR THE COMBUSTION ENGINEERING CO., ST. LOUIS, IN NINETEEN-FORTYSEVEN.

SPRINGFIELD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF OWENS AT DIV OF SUPERVISION OF PAROLES.

HONOLULU CONTACT MOTHER AND BROTHER FOR LOCATION OF OWENS OR THE SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS CONTINUE EFFORTS TO CONTACT RELATIVES AND FORMER EMPLOYER RE LOCATION OF JIMMIE OWENS.

FOR INFORMATION OF ALL OFFICES, SUBJECT WAS REPORTEDLY SEEN WITH JIMMIE OWENS IN ST. LOUIS DURING SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND OWENS WAS WITH HIM AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST IN ST. LOUIS FOR ROBBERY WHICH RESULTED IN THEIR

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INCARCERATION AT MSP.

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TELETYPE

FBI RICHMOND

617PM URGENT 5/14/68 DWS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM RICHMOND (44-657) 2P

MURKIN

RE ERIC RAY, AKA, EARL RAY, FRIEND OF [REDACTED]

RE EL PASO TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST;  
CHARLOTTE TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, MAY ONE THREE LAST.

[REDACTED] NEE [REDACTED] AKA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BRISTOL, VA.,

DENIES SHE AND [REDACTED] NEE [REDACTED] CLARKSVILLE, VA., EVER  
MADE A TRIP TO TAMPA, FLORIDA, IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN; EVER  
PLANNED A TRIP WITH HER HUSBAND TO GO TO FLORIDA IN SIXTYFOUR  
AND HAS NEVER BEEN TO FLORIDA.

THE ONLY PERSON SHE KNOWS BY NAME OF EARL IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], A FORMER CLASSMATE OF HERS AT

THE BLUESTONE HIGH SCHOOL, SKIPWITH, VA.

SHE DENIES KNOWING ANYONE NAMED ERIC RAY.

ON MAY FOUR LAST, SHE WAS IN HER TRAILER AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SPRING LAKE, N.C., WITH [REDACTED]

POPE AFB, N.C., WHEN SHE FIRST HEARD OF KING'S DEATH OVER TV.

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*cc. Long*

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[REDACTED] WHO LIVED IN NEXT TRAILER, COULD VERIFY SHE WAS AT SPRING LAKE. SHE LEFT NORTH CAROLINA ON APRIL EIGHT LAST AND WENT TO AALTVILLE, VA., STAYING WITH [REDACTED] GRANDMOTHER OF [REDACTED] UNTIL SHE RETURNED TO NORTH CAROLINA ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST. AFTER SECURING HER THINGS SHE DROVE TO FT. BLISS, TEXAS, ARRIVING THERE ON MAY FOUR LAST. SHE LEARNED FROM THE CID, FT. BLISS, TEXAS, HER HUSBAND WAS LIVING WITH A GERMAN WOMAN AND HER HUSBAND TOLD HER THE FBI WAS LOOKING FOR HER IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF KING.

ON MAY EIGHT LAST, SHE LEFT HER HUSBAND AND RETURNED TO BRISTOL, VA. SHE DENIES ANYTHING OF KING'S MURDER AND FEELS HER HUSBAND HAS MADE THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HER BECAUSE OF MARITAL DIFFICULTIES. HER HUSBAND ALLEGEDLY IS ENDEAVORING TO SECURE A DIVORCE FROM HER.

RICHMOND CONDUCTING NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE THIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AM COPIES TO KNOXVILLE, EL PASO AND CHARLOTTE.

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FBI MEMPHIS

716 PM URGENT 5/14/68 TSJ

TO; DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND WFO

FROM; MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

RE WFO TEL MAY TEN LAST, AM COPY TO MEMPHIS, AND MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL FOUR LAST TRANSMITTING CERTIAN EVIDENCE TO BUREAU, INCLUDING THREE, TWENTY DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES.

MEMPHIS CONCURS THAT PASSPORT PROJECT. AS SUGGESTED BY WFO, BE CONDUCTED. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF MAGNITUDE OF PROJECT, MEMPHIS OF OPINION RECORDS AT SALISBURY, BE HANDLED 44-38861-34 **REC-52** **12 MAY 15 1968** **EX 10** FIRST. THIS NUMBER CANNOT BE OF GREAT MAGNITUDE IF RESTRICTED TO WHITE MALE IMMIGRANTS SINCE APRIL FIVE LAST, AS PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED BY MEMPHIS.

BUREAU ATTENTION DIRECTED TO BUFILE 44-38861-34 **EX 10** 44-38861-34 WHICH SHOWS COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF INTERESTED GOVERNMENT IN MAKING AVAILABLE FUGITIVE 44-38861-34 DATE AVAILABLE TO MEMPHIS INDICATES 44-38861-34 REPORTEDLY DEPARTED CANADA.

THE FBI LABORATORY IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE MEMPHIS IF ANY OF THREE FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES TRANSMITTED AS EVIDENCE ARE

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COUNTERFEIT. IF THIS NOT EASILY DISCERNIBLE TO LABORATORY,  
SUGGEST THROUGH LIAISON WITH SECRET SERVICE THAT IT BE  
ASCERTAINED IF ANY OF THESE NOTES ARE COUNTERFEIT.

BY TELETYPE DATED MAY ELEVEN LAST, LEGAT, MEXICO CITY  
FURNISHED BUREAU INFORMATION RE CESSNA AIRPLANE BURNED  
APRIL FIVE LAST, SOUTHWEST OF CATORCA, MEXICO. MEMPHIS IS NOT  
IN RECEIPT OF ANY INFORMATION RE THIS AIRPLANE, AND IS UNABLE  
TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THIS MAY PERTAIN TO MURKIN. IF  
BUREAU FEELS MEMPHIS SHOULD BE AWARE OF FACTS THIS MATTER,  
IT IS REQUESTED THAT SUCH FACTS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS CONTINUING TO CHECK OUT LOOK ALIKES WITH NEGATIVE  
RESULTS AND ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE EX-CON ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT  
RAY LAST KNOWN TO PRISON OFFICIALS AS BEING IN MEMPHIS  
DIVISION TERRITORY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS P.

ECORR. FIRST PAGE PAR TWO WORD FIVE "PROJECT"

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BCAB CALLED:  
By ML SCHOLBERG  
By SUN Time 225

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FBI ATLANTA

751PM URGENT 5-14-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY FOURTEEN INSTANT.

EXPANDED CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES METROPOLITAN

ATLANTA CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

WANTED FLYERS MAILED THIS DATE TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND  
DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE METROPOLITAN ATLANTA AREA AS  
WELL AS HEADQUARTERS CITIES OF ALL RESIDENT AGENCIES IN THE  
ATLANTA DIVISION.

INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT INDIVIDUAL IN DENNIS CAFE, CORNER  
EVANS ST., AND MURPHY AVE., SW, ATLANTA, GA., TWO OR THREE DAYS  
AFTER REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., KILLED, BUYING SEVERAL  
ROUNDS OF DRINKS FOR EVERYONE IN CAFE AND TALKING EXTENSIVELY  
ABOUT KING MURDER. PERSON DESCRIBED AS CLOSELY RESEMBLING  
PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY. THIS PERSON IDENTIFIED THIS DATE MAY 15 1968  
BEING ~~REDACTED~~

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cc Long

S.R.



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[REDACTED] ELIMINATED AS BEING IDENTICAL TO RAY. [REDACTED] HAS BEEN  
ON ONE MONTH DRUNK AND IS AN ALCOHOLIC.

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FBI ST LOUIS

542PM URGENT 5-14-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

[REDACTED] ON FIVE FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT ADVISED THAT  
FOLLOWING PERSONS CAN FURNISH INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE  
WAS ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY IN MSP.

ONE. [REDACTED] - FORMERLY IN [REDACTED] SECURITY MSP.

TWO. [REDACTED] - FORMER CLERK-PRISONER MSP AND  
NOW ON PAROLE [REDACTED].

THREE. MSP INMATE [REDACTED] NM, AGE ABOUT [REDACTED] DOING  
[REDACTED] YEARS FOR MURDER AND FOR YEARS IN CHARGE OF  
[REDACTED] IN MSP.

KC INTERVIEW THESE INDIVIDUALS RE ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT RAY  
AND ADVISE BIRMINGHAM.

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FBI KAN CITY

448 PM URGENT 5/14/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 3P

MURKIN

[REDACTED], ADVISED  
[REDACTED] JIMMIE OWENS [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED WITH  
RAY PRIOR TO HIS INCARCERATION AT MSP. [REDACTED] WAS IN MSP  
FROM [REDACTED] UNTIL HE WAS PAROLED [REDACTED] HE  
RETURNED TO PENITENTIARY IN [REDACTED] ADVISED

[REDACTED] JEFFERSON-  
GRAVOIS BANK, ST. LOUIS, MO. [REDACTED] OBSERVED JIMMIE OWENS  
AND SUBJECT COMING IN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAD NO MORE CONVERSATION WITH THEM,  
HAS NOT SEEN THEM SINCE, AND CAN NOT EVEN DESCRIBE WHAT THEY WERE  
WEARING.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE THOUGHT [REDACTED] FROM ST. LOUIS MIGHT HAVE SOME INFO RE SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS. THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS ARE [REDACTED], FBI NO. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], FBI NO. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], FBI NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MSP RECORDS REVEAL THAT THEY WERE ALL FORMER INMATES AT THAT INSTITUTION, AND THEIR MOTHER, [REDACTED] CURRENTLY RESIDES AT [REDACTED], ST. LOUIS, MO.

MSP RECORDS REVEAL THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY IN PENITENTIARY BY THE NAME OF COOLEY. IN THE PAST HISTORY OF THE PRISON, THERE HAVE BEEN TWELVE DIFFERENT COOLEYS INCARCERATED AT THAT INSTITUTION OVER THE YEARS.

JAMES DUANE WRAY, CURRENT INMATE AT MSP, ADVISED THAT HIS OLDER BROTHER, LARRY WRAY, IS LAURENCE EUGENE WRAY, CURRENTLY IN KANSAS CITY. WRAY STATED HE IS CERTAIN THERE IS NO SUCH ORGANIZATION AS A COOLEY GANG OPERATING IN PRISON.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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ST. LOUIS CHECK BANK RECORDS. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND  
INTERVIEW JIMMIE OWENS AND [REDACTED]

AM COPY BIRMINGHAM.

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✓ SL [REDACTED] SL was  
instructed to insure safe  
deposit box records included  
in this check  
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Should also check  
money orders &  
cashier's checks  
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URGENT 5-14-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 232

MURKIN.

REMYCAB MAY ONE ZERO LAST.

UNKNOWN DECEASED AT ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:

THROUGH LIAISON WITH MEXICAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (GOBERNACION) ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR AGENT OF THIS OFFICE AND EXPERT FROM BUREAU IDENTIFICATION DIVISION TO EXAMINE BODY SO THAT LEGIBLE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE OBTAINED. UNDERSECRETARY OF GOBERNACION RAFAEL HERNANDEZ OCHOA PERSONALLY CONTACTED ATTORNEY GENERAL OF STATE OF GUERRERO AT REQUEST OF THIS OFFICE TO MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS. LEGAL RESTRICTIONS WHICH WOULD NORMALLY OBSTRUCT SUCH A ACTION WERE WAIVED BY HERNANDEZ OCHOA IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF CASE TO BUREAU AND AGENT AND IDENTIFICATION EXPERT ARE NOW ON SCENE TO PERFORM NECESSARY EXAMINATION. HERNANDEZ OCHOA STRESSED DESIRE TO COOPERATE FULLY AND TO HANDLE ENTIRE MATTER WITH UTMOST DISCRETION AND MADE THESE POINTS PERFECTLY CLEAR TO GUERRERO ATTORNEY GENERAL. RESULTS TO BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED TO BUREAU UPON COMPLETION OF EXAMINATION.

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RE SUSPECT AT GUISAMOPA, SONORA:

[REDACTED] MADE EXTENSIVE TRIP INTO WILDS OF SONORA, INCLUDING ONE STRETCH OF TWELVE MILES ON FOOT THROUGH DESERT AND MOUNTAINOUS AREA, TO LOCATE COMPLAINANT, [REDACTED] NEAR THIS ISOLATED COMMUNITY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. AFTER VIEWING MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS, [REDACTED] SAID MAN HE HAD IN MIND BEARS A SLIGHT RESEMBLANCE TO THESE PICTURES BUT IS DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL COULD BE FOUND IN VICAM, SONORA, A SMALL COMMUNITY OVER TWO HUNDRED MILES SOUTHWEST OF GUISAMOPA, NEAR THE COAST OF THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED] WENT TO VICAM MAY ONE ZERO LAST AND LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED SUSPECT, [REDACTED] WHO IS THERE WITH WIFE, [REDACTED] AND CHILDREN AGED SEVEN YEARS AND EIGHTEEN MONTHS. HE IS DRIVING ONE NINE FIVE FOUR BUICK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES [REDACTED] [REDACTED], CROSSED BORDER APRIL ONE TWO LAST AT NOGALES, SONORA, AND GIVES ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED] IS ABOUT FOUR FIVE YEARS OLD, BALD, WITH NO SCARS. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IS LIVING IN A SHACK MADE OF WOODEN STICKS AMONG INDIANS. [REDACTED] STATES HE DOES NOT MATCH DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT

*B. approved 172 B*

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RE ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO:

INVESTIGATION COMPLETED AT CUICUILCO RUINS WHICH CONSISTS OF SMALL PYRAMID ABOUT ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO ZERO YEARS OLD AND LAVA BEDS ABOUT THREE ZERO FEET THICK, WORKERS INTERVIEWED IN NEARBY BUILDINGS BEING PREPARED FOR OLYMPICS AND NON<sup>E</sup> COULD RECALL INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING PHOTOGRAPHS.

COPILCO EL ALTO IS RESIDENTIAL AREA FOR STUDENTS WHERE APARTMENTS, STORES AND RESTAURANTS WERE ALL CANVASSED.

COPILCO EL BAJO IS SLUM AREA POPULATED BY SQUATTERS WHERE NORTH AMERICAN WOULD BE ESPECIALLY CONSPICUOUS BUT PICTURES SHOWN IN SMALL STORES AND THROUGHOUT AREA WHOSE INHABITANTS MAKE LIVING BY CUTTING VOLCANIC LAVA AND SELLING IT FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL.

~~REDACTED~~ ALSO CONDUCTED COMPLETE CANVASS OF OTHER AREAS WITH SIMILAR - SOUNDING NAMES. THEY WERE, TOPILEJO, D.F., A SMALL INDIAN VILLAGE ABOUT FOUR ZERO KILOMETERS SOUTH OF MEXICO CITY; TETECALA, MORELOS, MORELOH, WHERE MANY TOURISTS STOP; AND SAN ANDRES TETEPILCO, D.F., A DISTRICT WITHIN MEXICO CITY.

ALL LEADS CONTINUING TO RECEIVE INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RECEIVED: 1:06 AM HFL

CO. MR. TROTTER  
BRD CO. MR. BRENNAN





1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 14, 1968

To:

Date:

Re: **MURKIN**  
**CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-562066 JK**

Examination requested by: **Richmond**  
Reference: **Airtel 4/29/68**  
Examination requested: **Document**  
Remarks:

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**44-38861 348**

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Richmond (44-657) Enclosure (Lab report)  
1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

*Handwritten signatures and initials*

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐ ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562066 JK

Specimens received 5/1/68

K239 Slip of ruled paper containing four laundry tapes,  
Code 20R-3, obtained from Smith's One Hour Cleaners,  
Lynchburg, Virginia

## Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machine used to prepare  
specimen K239 was not used to prepare the laundry tags appearing  
on Q69 and Q70.

Some differences were noted between the tags represented  
by K239 when compared with the laundry tags appearing on Q97 and  
Q99, but the lack of identifying features precluded a definite  
determination from being reached.

Specimen K239 has been retained.

JHM:AWQ(10)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968

MURKIN  
CR

OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861  
FBI File No. D-562361 JK  
Lab. No.

Boston

Examination requested by:

Airtel 5/2/68

Reference:

Document

Examination requested:

Remarks:

Memphis teletype 4/25/68 advised to discontinue further efforts to obtain laundry tags with the markings "20R-3;" therefore, no additional investigation should be conducted to secure tags with this marking from K253 through K256.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Boston (157-644) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

THM:AW (10)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐ ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562361 JK

Specimens received 5/6/68

- K253 Two pieces of cloth containing two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33137, obtained from Post Exchange Laundry, Newport Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island
- K254 Two pieces of cloth containing two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33138, obtained from Post Exchange Laundry, Newport Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island
- K255 Two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 33431, obtained from U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry, U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island
- K256 Two sample laundry tapes printed with Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32296, obtained from U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry, U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island

## Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machines used to prepare specimens K253 through K256 were not used to prepare the questioned laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70. These known specimens are not adequate for comparison with the "20R-3" designations appearing on the Q97 and Q99 laundry tags.

K253 through K256 have been retained.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
 Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

JHM:AW (10)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FBI

Date: 5/14/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTELAIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/24/68;  
 Los Angeles airtels to Bureau dated 4/30/68, and 5/9/68;  
 (Complainant).

Referenced Bureau airtel transmitted a copy of  
 a letter written by \_\_\_\_\_ dated 4/13/68,  
 addressed to Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK, forwarded to the  
 Bureau by the Civil Rights Division. Copies were sent  
 to Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis.

She believed a large number of white people,  
 described by Negroes in the area as being members of the  
 White Citizens Council or "Kluxer types", \_\_\_\_\_  
 and inferred the possibility existed some  
 of these individuals might be implicated in, or have  
 knowledge of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 3 - Bureau  
 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info) (Encls. 1)  
 3 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Encls. 3)  
 2 - Louisville (Encls. 2)  
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (Encls. 1)  
 5 - Mobile (Encls. 5)  
 2 - New Orleans (Encls. 2)  
 2 - Phoenix (Encls. 2)  
 2 - Los Angeles

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C. C. - Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

LA 44-1574

On 4/29/68, [REDACTED] was contacted concerning the above individuals and stated she had had "second thoughts" and believed her theory that the above individuals might have had something to do with KING's assassination was a far-fetched idea. [REDACTED] agreed to furnish a list of [REDACTED].

On 5/10/68, the Los Angeles Office received a Special Delivery letter from [REDACTED] copies of which are enclosed for the Bureau and each office, in which she listed the names of people she believed or knew to be white, [REDACTED].

There were no references known identical in the indices of the Los Angeles Office to any of the individuals in Alabama or the individual residing in Tucson, Arizona.

For the information of the Bureau, the following listed individuals residing in Los Angeles are on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office.

[REDACTED] (Bufile [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] (Bufile [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] (Bufile [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] (Bufile [REDACTED])

The following individuals listed by [REDACTED] are on the Reserve Index - B of the Los Angeles Office:

[REDACTED] (Bufile [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] (Bufile [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] listed by [REDACTED] has been the subject of a security investigation by the Los Angeles Office (Bufile [REDACTED]).

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There were no references in the Los Angeles indices concerning one [REDACTED]; however, a check of the Cross Directory, Pacific Telephone Company, reflects one [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED], Los Angeles. [REDACTED] has not been the subject of an investigation by the Los Angeles Office; however, a review of references concerning him reflects his name was maintained on a card index by [REDACTED] a member of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Progressive Labor Party, which card reflected [REDACTED] was a [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and was "friendly to PL".

The addresses of all the above individuals in the files of the Los Angeles Office were identical to the addresses furnished by [REDACTED]

Because the above individuals are on the Security Index, Reserve Index - B or have been the subject of a security investigation, and because [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] no interviews of these individuals will be conducted by the Los Angeles Office, UACB, in the light of the remote nature of the allegation made by [REDACTED] and the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau.

No further investigation is contemplated by the Los Angeles Office concerning [REDACTED] complaint, and any further information received from her will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

LEADS

BIRMINGHAM

AT JASPER, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing [REDACTED] at the address in the enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

LA 44-1574

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the addresses in the enclosed letter concerning any knowledge they might have of the assassination of KING.

LOUISVILLE

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY: Will consider interviewing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as referred to on page three of enclosed letter for any information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

MOBILE

AT EUFALA, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing [REDACTED] at the address in the enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

AT NOTASULGA, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the addresses in enclosed letter for any information they might possess concerning the assassination of KING.

AT SHORTER, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing [REDACTED] no address, concerning his possible knowledge of the assassination of KING.

AT TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing [REDACTED] [REDACTED], owner of the [REDACTED] and THOMAS C. STORY for information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

AT UNION SPRINGS, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing [REDACTED] for any information he might have concerning KING's assassination.



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NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Will consider interviewing ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ New Orleans, for any information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

PHOENIX

AT TUCSON, ARIZONA: Will consider interviewing ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ at the address set out on page three of enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI KAN CITY

656PM URGENT 5-14-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY

INTERVIEWS WITH INMATES, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY  
CONTINUE. INDIAN BARBER IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED; FURNISHED  
NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RE SUBJECT OR COOLEY ORGANIZATION.  
INFORMATION RECEIVED SUBJECT AND JIMMIE OWENS SEEN TOGETHER  
IN ST. LOUIS BANK DURING SUMMER, SIXTYSEVEN. ALL PERTINENT  
INFORMATION RECEIVED FURNISHED OTHER OFFICES BY MOST  
EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. COMPLETE INFORMATION FROM MSP FILES ON  
OWENS FURNISHED INTERESTED OFFICES.

INMATE JAMES WRAY, YOUNGER BROTHER OF LAURENCE WRAY,

~~REDACTED~~ INTERVIEWED MAY 15 1968  
FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

~~REDACTED~~ TRAVELING VIA AIRLINES FROM ATLANTA TO  
CHICAGO TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL NINE LAST, IDENTIFIED.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoe \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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*Loft*

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*S.V.*

KC 44-760

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ALL LOCAL LEADS BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

IT IS SUGGESTED IDENTIFICATION DIVISION COMPARE FINGERPRINTS  
OF JAMES LAOMA OWENS, MSP NUMBER [REDACTED] DATE OF  
BIRTH [REDACTED] ELVINS, MISSOURI,  
WITH ANY UNIDENTIFIED FINGERPRINTS IN THIS MATTER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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END

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FBI WASH DC

LFPS

CALLER:

M. P.

By SVW Time 8:05 P

CC- MR. TROTTER

44-1480-61123

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FBI WASH DC

FBI-HOUSTON

9:46 AM CDT 5-14-68 URGENT KEK

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOUISVILLE, ST. LOUIS

FROM: HOUSTON (44-1509) 1 PAGE

MURKIN

RE [REDACTED] LOOK ALIKE.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

GULF OIL CORP., SECURITY DIVISION, ADVISED GULF OIL  
CREDIT CARD [REDACTED]  
ISSUED TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LOUISVILLE, KY. ACCOUNT IS CURRENT WITH  
BALANCE OF [REDACTED] LOUISVILLE INTERVIEW  
JOHNSON. A & D.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI KAN CITY

910 AM URGENT 5/14/68 KSW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS 44-1987, ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RECORDS, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) REVEALED THAT  
[REDACTED], MSP NO. [REDACTED] WAS  
TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY, MO., ON [REDACTED] THESE RECORDS  
FURTHER REVEALED THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ALSO IS AT MOBERLY, MO.

[REDACTED] NO. [REDACTED] INMATE IN  
CELL NO. [REDACTED] WAS DISCHARGED ON [REDACTED] AT  
WHICH TIME HE WENT TO WORK [REDACTED] OWNED BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS OFFICE INTERVIEW ABOVE THREE INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY  
INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
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TELETYPE

1158 AM URGENT 5/14/68 KSW  
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

INDIAN BARBER IDENTIFIED AS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP)  
INMATE [REDACTED], NO. [REDACTED]. HE ADVISED THIS  
DATE THAT HE NEVER KNEW OR EVER REMEMBERS SEEING THE SUBJECT. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MSP NO. [REDACTED], RELEASED [REDACTED] TO  
RETURN TO SPRINGFIELD, MO. MOTHER LISTED AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], SPRINGFIELD. ALSO A BROTHER, [REDACTED]  
RESIDING SPRINGFIELD. [REDACTED] INTENDED TO WORK AT [REDACTED] OF  
[REDACTED] SPRINGFIELD, MO. [REDACTED] THAT EVERY ITALIAN INMATE THAT  
THE ASSOCIATE WARDEN ADVISED THAT EVERY ITALIAN INMATE THAT  
COMES TO THE PRISON IS CALLED DAGO AND UNLESS THERE WAS SOME  
MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING DAGO, THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO  
IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED BY [REDACTED]

FURTHER INQUIRY AT THE PRISON FAILS TO REVEAL A COOLEYS ORGAN-  
IZATION INSIDE MSP. EX-115 REC 6

KANSAS CITY AT SPRINGFIELD, MO., WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW  
[REDACTED] REGARDING SUBJECT.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: HOUSTON (44-1509) , ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN.

RE [REDACTED], LOOK ALIKE.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

[REDACTED] LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY  
BUAGENT LOUISVILLE THIS DATE. [REDACTED] DOES NOT RESEMBLE  
SUBJECT. ELIMINATED THROUGH FINGERPRINT CHECK.

MEMPHIS AND BUREAU ADVISED AM.

1- MEMPHIS (44-1987) AM  
1- BUREAU (44-38861) AM  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*  
FROM : C. L. McGowan *McGowan*  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: May 14, 1968

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Martindale

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At 11:20 p. m., 5/13/68, Legat [redacted] Mexico City, telephonically advised Extra Duty Supervisor [redacted] that he had just received word that it had been determined by Latent Fingerprint Expert George J. Bonebrake that the fingerprints of the unidentified white male buried at Acapulco, Mexico, are not identical with those of James Earl Ray.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 14, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. McDonough  
1 - Mr. Martindale  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Trotter

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It has previously been reported

in Missouri State Penitentiary. [redacted] alleged he was told [redacted] that Ray has called [redacted] twice since King was killed, once from New Orleans and once from North Carolina. [redacted] steadfastly denies any contact with Ray since Ray's escape from prison.

The warden at Missouri State Penitentiary has advised

[redacted] has no integrity whatsoever, is completely unreliable, and only tells the truth when it serves his purpose to do so.

Records of Futura Books, Incorporated, Torrance, California, show three books were shipped to Eric S. Galt, 2584 Notre Dame, Est, Montreal, Canada, on 7/26/67. The books were "Unusual Female Sex Practices," "Sexual Anatomy" and "Sex Feeling in Men and Women." The order was received on a coupon from "Mens Real Adventure" magazine. It has previously been established that the subject lived at the above Montreal address in July and August, 1967.

[redacted] previously alleged Ray was involved in a \$50,000 Southern bank robbery which was reported in the Chicago "Tribune" on about 6/23-24/67. The Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as [redacted] described.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED] former inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, has advised that Ray was well known to him in the Penitentiary. It is noted that Ray escaped 4/23/67 and [REDACTED] was paroled [REDACTED] between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Ray [REDACTED] on South 11th Street in St. Louis. [REDACTED] in the general area of [REDACTED]. Ray was poorly dressed, was wearing a mustache [REDACTED]

An anonymous male in separate calls to three officers of the Memphis Police Department, previously alleged that the man who planned King's murder and paid Ray has arranged for Ray's body to be discovered between 5/15/68 and 5/18/68 at a point fifty miles south of a place in Mexico which we believe to be Caborca.

Caborca is in the State of Sonora. It appears to be roughly fifty miles below the United States border and about eighty miles from Nogales. The area fifty miles south of Caborca is desert-like with inhabitants on only a few scattered ranches. [REDACTED] has searched approximately one hundred square miles in this area and has contacted each ranch with negative results.

It is noted that on 4/5/68 a Cessna Super Sky Master airplane was burned about sixty miles southwest of Caborca and about four kilometers from the ranch of Rafael Bland, an American national. Sergio Bland, son of Rafael, saw the plane burn from a distance but did not observe anyone in the vicinity of the plane. The wreckage is near a road which is practically impassable. [REDACTED] noted two sets of airplane tracks indicating that another plane may have landed. He found no bodies and no evidence of any recent grave.

The above plane was stolen from Miro Field, Rialto, California, on the night of 3/18-19/68. Later the same night this plane was serviced at Blythe, California. It was being piloted by a man described as twenty-six years of age who appeared to be an experienced pilot and who said he was en route to Dallas. The plane was repainted and its registry

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

number was changed after it was stolen and before it was burned. This plane, which is the subject of a separate investigation, does not at this time appear to be involved with Ray.

It has been determined by fingerprint comparison that the body found buried on the beach at Acapulco, 5/10/68, is not identical with Ray.

ACTION:

This case is continuing to receive top priority attention.

*L. J. M.* *CHAMP* ✓ *S*

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5/14/68

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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

TO: ALL SACS -

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE  
SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL TWENTY-THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN TO  
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY  
HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED  
TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND  
BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESSES ARE  
AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING  
OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COMMUNICATION SECTION ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TELETYPE

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (By Special Messenger)

19 MAY 15 1968

REL:CS  
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IF RADIO CONTACT MISSED 5/14/68 SEND URGENT  
PLAINTEXT - TELETYPE. PER MR. McDONOUGH

NOTE: Subject escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary on  
April 23, 1967, and has spent considerable sum of money during the  
period until 4/4/68 (assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.).  
The source of his income or any gainful employment has not been  
determined. The possibility exists that subject may have committed  
a bank robbery or burglary as well as being involved in a robbery

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over which the local police would have jurisdiction. Photographs of Ray should be exhibited to appropriate witnesses in unsolved bank robbery and burglary cases in those instances where witnesses are available. Consideration should also be given to police departments exhibiting photograph of Ray to witnesses in their unsolved robberies.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI CHICAGO

437PM URGENT 5/14/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987)

AND MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TEN LAST.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL FIVE THROUGH APRIL TEN LAST.

UNITED AIRLINES (UAL) TICKETS AS FURNISHED IN RETEL EXAMINED AND NO RECORD FOR JERRY HERRON.

UAL TICKET NUMBER FOUR SEVEN FIVE FOUR ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO NINE WAS FURNISHED IN SIXTY SIX TO BURGESS VIBROCRAFTERS, INC., GRAYSLAKE, ILLINOIS, AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN LONG SINCE USED. MIAMI REQUESTED TO RE-EXAMINE TICKET NUMBERS AS FURNISHED IN RETEL FOR ACCURACY OF ABOVE TICKET NUMBER. IF ACCURATE, CHICAGO WILL CONTACT BURGESS TO DETERMINE WHY TICKET USED AT THIS LATE DATE AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES AS UAL HAS NO RECORD OF USAGE ON EAL FLIGHT TWO FOUR EIGHT.

AMCC TO NEW YORK AND MINNEAPOLIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

WPK

FBI WASH DC

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cc - Long

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

McDonnell  
Long

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FBI WASH DC\*

FBI NEW HAVEN

2-27 PM URGENT 5-15-68 LH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAN JUAN.

SAN JUAN VIA WASH.

FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818) 2P

MURKIN.

~~RE PHONE CALL NEW HAVEN TO SAN JUAN MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT.~~

~~██████████~~ AGE ONE NINE, AND ~~██████████~~, AGE ONE SIX, BOTH ~~██████████~~ HARTFORD, CONN., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THEY WERE IN LINE AT PAN-AM COUNTER, SAN JUAN AIRPORT, SIX THIRTY AM, MAY FOURTEEN LAST. UNKNOWN MALE WENT DIRECTLY TO ONE OF FIVE CLERKS AND INQUIRED RE FLIGHT TO JAMAICA OR ARUBA. WAS TOLD HE WOULD NEED PASSPORT OR IDENTIFICATION. EXHIBITED DRIVER-S LICENSE OF UNKNOWN STATE BRIEFLY, WITH PHOEC, AND IMMEDIATELY RETRACTED SAME. APPEARED HIGHLY NERVOUS, MOVING LIPS CONSTANTLY AND PULLING LOBE OF RIGHT EAR. SAID HE WOULD PAY ANY NECESSARY AMOUNT FOR FLIGHT. HE QUICKLY REJECTED SUGGESTION OF MIAMI FLIGHT. DESCRIBED: THIRTY-FIVE, FIVE NINE OR FIVE TEN, SLENDER BUT STRONG BUILD, NO HAT, BROWN HAIR TINTED REDDISH BLOND.

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TEETH NORMAL, BUT UPPER CENTER APPEARED TO PROTRUDE SLIGHTLY AS LIPS WERE MOVED OVER THEM, EARS PROTRUDED SLIGHTLY, RIGHT MORE THAN LEFT, EYES BLUE, ROUND, AND PIERCING, COMPLEXION MEDIUM, NO SCARS NOTED, WORE MEDIUM-BROWN SUIT, LIGHT BLUE SHIRT, TIE AND PLAIN BLACK SHOES, AMERICAN IN APPEARANCE. UNKNOWN STATED WOULD GO TO A COURT TO OBTAIN IDENTIFICATION. CARRIED LIGHT TAN SUITCASE WITH LARGE HANDLE.

BOTH GIRLS CONTACTED POLICE OFFICER WITH NAME PLATE [REDACTED] AND REPORTED SUSPICION OF IDENTITY OF UNKNOWN WITH KILLER, INSTANT CASE. OFFICER OBSERVED MAN BUT TOOK NO ACTION STATING HE COULD BE ARMED. UNKNOWN LEFT AND RETURNED IN FEW MINUTES AND AGAIN CONVERSED WITH SAME PAN-AM CLERK IN NERVOUS MANNER, REMARKS NOT BEING HEARD. HE THEN WALKED RAPIDLY TO EXIT.

IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO EXHIBITED GIRLS WHO FEEL CERTAIN ALL FEATURES OF SUBJECT RESEMBLE THOSE OF UNKNOWN WITH EXCEPTION OF HAIR OF LATTER WHICH IS LONGER. BOTH BELIEVE UNKNOWN IDENTICAL WITH RAY. BOTH GIRLS APPEARED INTELLIGENT AND ALERT.

SAN JUAN HANDLE. CAUTION, ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS. P.

END

LCC

FBI WASH DC\*

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Date 5/15/68

To:

☒ Director

FILE NH 15-818

Bufile 44-38861

Att.:

Title

☐ SAC

☐ ASAC

☐ Supv.

MURKIN

☐ Agent

☐ SE

☐ IC

RE: NH teletype to Director  
and San Juan, 5/15/68.

☐ CC

☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

☐ Rotor #:

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign Reassign

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Serial #

☐ Post

☐ Recharge

☐ Return

☐ Send to

☐ Submit new charge out

☐ Submit report by

☐ Type

Delete "Re phone call New Haven to San Juan May fifteen instant." from referenced teletype.

cc: SAC, San Juan

SAC

C. E. WEERS

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Office

NEW HAVEN

VIA TELETYPE

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Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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11-23 PM URGENT 5-14-68 VLB

TO DIRECTOR

(44-38861) -PLAINTEXT-

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

REBUTELCAL TO LOS ANGELES MAY THIRTEEN LAST CONCERNING CESSNA SKYMASTER, STOLEN RIALTO, CALIFORNIA, WHICH WAS FUELED AT BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA, AFTER THEFT TWO AM, MARCH NINETEEN LAST AND CRASHED MEXICO APRIL FIFTH LAST.

NETTIE COPE, KAL CRAFT AVIATION, BLYTHE AIRPORT, BLYTHE, CALIF., SERVICED INSTANT PLANE MARCH NINETEEN LAST AND STATES WAS OCCUPIED BY ONE WHITE MALE, TWENTY EIGHT TO THIRTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FOOT TEN INCHES TO SIX FOOT, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, OLIVE COMPLEXION, HEAVY DARK BROWN HAIR, SLIGHT INDENTATION UPPER LIP, NO ACCENT, WEARING HORN RIM GLASSES, DRESSED IN WHITE SHIRT, TIE, AND DARK BROWN BUSINESS SUIT. SHE VIEWED ALL PHOTOGRAPHS, JAMES EARL RAY AND STATES HE IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH MAN WHO FUELED PLANE. HE PURCHASED THIRTY GALLONS GASOLINE AND PAID CASH.

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LA 44-1574

THIS MAN ALSO TALKED WITH WILBUR B. HUMMEL, AIR TRAFFIC SPECIALIST, FAA, BLYTHE AIRPORT, AND SAID WAS ENROUTE DALLAS, TEXAS, VIA EL PASO, TEXAS. HUMMEL DESCRIBED MAN AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FOOT TEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, FORTY YEARS. HUMMER VIEWED ALL PHOTOS OF RAY AND STATES CAN NOT BE POSITIVE BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS MAN IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

END

RDR

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URGENT 5-14-68 609 PM PLB

TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY PLAINTEXT

KANSAS CITY VIA WASH DC

FROM HONOLULU

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY RADIOGRAM THIS DATE CONCERNING JAMES LAOMA  
OWENS.

ADDRESS FURNISHED FOR [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], HONOLULU IS NAVAL HOUSING. NAVY HOUSING AUTHORITIES  
REPORTED [REDACTED] VACATED THOSE PREMISES  
JANUARY TWENTY NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY. NAVY CONTINUING SEARCH  
OF RECORDS IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SERIAL NUMBER FOR TRACER  
OF [REDACTED].

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END

RDR R RELAY

FBI WASH DC

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FBI ST LOUIS

1110PM URGENT 5-14-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE AT SUMMARY MAY THIRTEEN, LAST.

ONLY INFO KNOWN TO SL RE ALLEGED ROBBERY OF OIL CO. IN ATLANTA BY RAY AND [REDACTED] IS BASED ON BIRMINGHAM INTERVIEW OF EX-CON [REDACTED] OF DOUBTFUL CREDIBILITY, AS SET FORTH IN BH TEL MAY TEN LAST, ONE FIVE SEVEN PM, OF WHICH ATLANTA RECEIVED COPY.

[REDACTED] HAS DENIED ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. [REDACTED] STATES SENTENCED [REDACTED] YEARS ON [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED] RECEIVED MSP, [REDACTED] TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY, MO., PRISON, [REDACTED] AND PAROLED [REDACTED]

NOTE RAY ARRESTED SL, OCTOBER, FIFTYNINE, FOR ARMED ROBBERY.

WOULD APPEAR ATLANTA OIL ROBBERY, IF OCCURRED, WAS EARLY FIFTYNINE, OR PRIOR.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- (Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 15, 1968

**MURKIN**

Re: CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861

FBI File No. D-562015 JK  
Lab. No.

Columbia

Examination requested by:

Airtel 4/29/68

Reference:

Document

Examination requested:

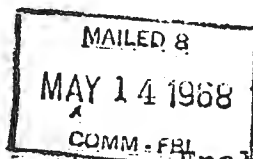
Remarks:

Memphis teletype 4/25/68 advised to discontinue further efforts to obtain laundry tags with the markings "20R-3;" therefore, no additional investigation should be conducted to secure tags with this marking from K215 through K226.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Columbia (44-299) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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Loach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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JHM:AW (10)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐ ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 15, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562015 JKRe: MURKIN  
CR

Specimens received

4/30/68

Samples of laundry tapes obtained from twelve Thermo-Seal machines located in the State of South Carolina, further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>LAUNDRY</u>
K215	33487	Post Laundry, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island
K216	33486	"
K217	32571	Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry, West Columbia
K218	34424	Navy Exchange Laundry, U.S. Naval Station, Charleston
K219	34422	"
K220	31837	Doughty Dry Cleaners, Inc. Columbia
K221	31962	Lane's Dry Cleaners and Laundry, Charleston
K222	32363	Georgetown Laundry, Georgetown
K223	32658	Port City Laundry and Cleaners, Charleston
K224	33643	Newberry Steam Laundry, Newberry
K225	32436	White's Cleaners, Shaw AFB
K226	34096	Summerville White Swan Laundry, Summerville

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70 were not prepared with any of the machines used in the preparation of K215 through K226. These known samples are not adequate for comparison with other laundry tags appearing on Q97 and Q99.

The submitted items have been retained.



FBI ST LOUIS

1118PM URGENT 5-14-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, (KANSAS CITY - AIRMAIL)

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE KC TEL THIS DATE.

RE: FELLOW PRISONERS, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MISSOURI TRAINING CENTER FOR MEN NUMBER

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] (MTCM NO. [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED MOBERLY MO., THIS DATE. [REDACTED] IN CUSTODY

JEFFERSON CITY, [REDACTED] ON CHARGE OF [REDACTED] UNTIL TRANS

FERRED TO MOBERLY [REDACTED] WAS [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED]

WHEN RAY HID IN PENITENTIARY FOR ONE WEEK IN SIXTYFOUR OR SIXTYFIVE.

[REDACTED] HE WAS CLOSE MOUTH,

HAD FEW FRIENDS AND DIDN'T TALK MUCH TO ANYONE. [REDACTED] LOST CONTACT

WITH RAY IN [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] WHEN RAY PLACE IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

MENT.

[REDACTED] HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING RAY OR COOLEY.

[REDACTED] SERVING [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED] SENTENCED

BEGAIN [REDACTED] HE HAS SERVED ALL HIS TIME FROM THEN UNTIL

[REDACTED] WHEN HE TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY. KNEW WHO

RAY WAS AS AN INMATE. HE REMEMBERS HIM HIDING IN PENITENTIARY AND

REMEMBERS HIS ESCAPE. SOME ONE MENTIONED HE ALSO WORKED IN [REDACTED] SECTION

AT JEFFERSON CITY AFTER RAY'S PICTURE HAD BEEN ON T.V. HE

HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING RAY OR COOLEY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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KING ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS--FBI  
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 39



KC 44-760

ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and JOHN WILLARD with negative results:

All Federal, State, County, and City agencies, this area; all Credit Bureaus and law enforcement agencies, plus Bureau of Vital Statistics, Driver's License and Motor Vehicle Departments for both Missouri and Kansas, Selective Service records for Missouri and Kansas for birth date 7/20/31; all logical residences and rooming houses on Chestnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri; voter registration records; Department of Public Welfare; Liquor Control Board records; Bartenders and Truck Drivers Unions; Marriage and Divorce records; all utility companies; records of Workmen's Compensation, U. S. Department of Labor; financial institutions; all dancing schools and academies; all logical laundry and dry cleaning establishments, this area, contacted.

All Criminal, Racial, Security Informants, and Sources in hippie and drug traffic areas contacted with negative results.

Also, numerous look-alikes have been reported, located, interviewed, and eliminated as possible suspects.

All above information is on file, Kansas City office, however, the negative information not pertinent in this investigation is not being set out in this report.

It is to be noted that JAMES EARL RAY escaped, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 4/23/67. Because of this, an Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement investigation has been conducted by the Kansas City Office. When information received from the Bureau on 4/19/68 that GALT and RAY were identical, all pertinent information regarding subject was furnished the Bureau and all offices by teletype and information from the UFAC file was included in the Civil Rights case, and it continues to be investigated under that caption.

Extra copies of this report are being furnished office of origin in event of future dissemination.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
IC [REDACTED] at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 1, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP)  
records were checked for [REDACTED]. The following  
information was obtained:

[REDACTED] was received at the MSP on  
[REDACTED], to serve a [REDACTED] sentence on charge of  
[REDACTED] under court case # [REDACTED]. He completed this sentence  
and began an additional [REDACTED] sentence on [REDACTED]  
on charge of [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED] court case number [REDACTED]. He was assigned  
MSP number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was discharged [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED] Relatives listed on [REDACTED]  
correspondence and visiting list are wife [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] brother-in-law [REDACTED]  
same address; sister, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Records reflect that [REDACTED] was  
visited by his mother and brother, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and brother, [REDACTED]  
While [REDACTED] was in the MSP, he was in the following cells:

From [REDACTED] until [REDACTED]

From [REDACTED] until [REDACTED]

From [REDACTED] until [REDACTED]

From [REDACTED] until [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] until [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] until [REDACTED]

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Warden HAROLD SWENSON advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] from [REDACTED] until after  
JAMES EARL RAY escaped from the MSP, that [REDACTED] was in  
solitary confinement [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Warden SWENSON advised that  
[REDACTED] is to be living [REDACTED] at  
[REDACTED]

SINCE [REDACTED] WAS SENTENCED TO THE MSP FOR A TOTAL PERIOD  
OF [REDACTED] ON CHARGE OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HE SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH  
CAUTION AND POSSIBLY CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

All inmates and former inmates that have furnished  
information regarding subject requested that their identity be  
concealed by the Bureau for fear of retaliation from other  
prisoners because of their furnishing information to law  
enforcement agencies.



UNIT STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Title:

JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
(DECEASED) - VICTIM

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis:

JAMES EARL RAY reportedly escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) on 4/23/67, where he was serving a twenty-year sentence for Robbery First and Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Permission. It is believed he escaped by hiding in a box delivering bread to a prison farm located approximately five miles from the main prison. Subject's brother, JOHN RAY, St. Louis, Missouri, visited him at the prison on 4/22/67. Interviews with fellow inmates and prison officials reveal subject to be a "loner" and was called the "hide-out guy", because he would stay hidden within the confines of MSP for a matter of days at a time. Subject reportedly used amphetamines and barbiturates while in prison. RAY preferred to cell alone at prison, was very quiet, and made few friends. Reports conflict as to any homosexual activity on his part. One inmate stated he read "girlie" books and even engaged in selling and renting books at MSP. He reportedly was "very tight" with his money and used it mainly to support his drug habit. Reports conflict on his anti-Negro sentiments, however, at one time in U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, he stated he could not live in a dormitory that was integrated. At MSP, RAY always worked in kitchen or bakery. Subject had made previous attempts to escape from MSP, but was unsuccessful. Because of these attempts, he was given a psychiatric evaluation in October, 1966. This revealed he had no physical disease or defects requiring treatment. He was diagnosed as having a sociopathic personality, anti-social type with anxiety and depressive features, but no mental disease or defect within the meaning of the Missouri State Code. GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, former

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escapee from MSP, who was located in Canada and is currently incarcerated at MSP, advised that RAY associated with all the St. Louis inmates at the prison and is familiar with the procedure to get Canadian passports, which are easy to come by in Montreal, Canada. Handwriting samples were obtained from prison records and forwarded to FBI Laboratory, which resolved that the "GALT" writings have been identified as being prepared by JAMES EARL RAY. One former cellmate of subject advised that RAY had told him that he had hidden out on two previous occasions on the outskirts of a town called Campeche, Mexico, and that he smuggled small appliances to that area from Brownsville, Texas. Pertinent information from prison records and interviews concerning other suspects or look-alikes in this matter set forth. IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT BEING SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

DETAILS REGARDING ESCAPE

On April 22, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, furnished the following reports from their office concerning the escape by inmate JAMES EARL RAY, number 00416, on April 23, 1967, to Special Agent [REDACTED]

In addition to these reports, Warden SWENSON advised that their records reveal this inmate had a visitor at the prison by the name of JOHN RAY, St. Louis, Missouri, on April 22, 1967. JOHN RAY had visited him eight times prior to this visit. The only two other individuals listed by subject on his visitors' list at Missouri State Penitentiary were MARY MAHER, St. Louis, Missouri, grandmother, and JERRY RAY, St. Louis, Missouri, brother. Records show the grandmother did not make any visits to the prison, and JERRY made five, the last being in 1965.

Department of Corrections  
IN-TER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

To: M. J. ELLIOTT, ASSOCIATE WARDEN-CUSTODY

Date: MAY 3, 1967

*D. G. Steele*  
From: CAPTIAN DANTON STEELE

Subject: INVESTIGATION ESCAPE OF JAMES EARL RAY #00416

Working upon the premise that Inmate James Earl Ray #00416 made good his escape from the institution, Sunday, April 23, 1967, by concealing himself in the Renz Farm bread box and riding out the Sally Port on the Renz Farm truck, I have interviewed all concerned with the Renz Farm bread run and have formed the opinion that Inmate Ray did effect his escape via the Renz Farm bread run and the means of his escape has remained a mystery for ten days because of gross dereliction of duty involving three and possible five prison personnel.

The Renz Farm truck, driven by Guard Officer [REDACTED] came through the Sally Port at approximately 8:00 A.M. to pick up the Renz Farm bread, made the pick up and came back through the Sally Port at approximately 8:16 A.M. When the truck arrived at Renz Farm and was unloaded it was discovered by [REDACTED] civilian cook, that the bread was torn and crushed to the extent that only a few loaves were usable and the rest had to be fed to the chickens. To my knowledge, up until the time of this report, there has been no notification from any Renz Farm source of the condition of the bread delivery of that date to any officer or official of the penitentiary. [REDACTED] did state to me that after he heard of Inmate Ray's disappearance he did make the remark that "Ray probably came out in the bread box". When asked why he did not report this to someone, [REDACTED] said he did report it to [REDACTED] and to someone in the office. (He could not remember who.) He also said he told [REDACTED] Civilian Cook, when he came to work the next day.

[REDACTED] civilian cook at Renz Farm, said he saw the bread the next day and it looked like it "had been shoveled into the box". He said it was not fit for use and was fed to the chickens.

[REDACTED] was the officer in charge of Renz Farm, Sunday, April 23, 1967, and he stated that he could not recall [REDACTED] notifying him of the condition of the bread upon arrival at Renz Farm. (This seems a rather weak statement.)

Guard Officer [REDACTED] states that he definitely remember checking the Renz Farm bread box and although he did not handle the bread it was neatly stacked almost to the top of the box. (The box holds 60 loaves, Renz Farm ordered 40 loaves, the box should have been two-third full.)

CONCLUSIONS:

Inmate Ray evidently made good his escape via the Renz Farm bread truck. He must have used a false bottom for the bread to be stacked as neatly as Officer [REDACTED] said it was. No one at Renz Farm admits seeing the false bottom. Why should the inmate dispose of the false bottom when the bread was mangled beyond use?

Department of Corrections  
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

To: M. J. ELLIOTT, ASSOCIATE WARDEN-TUSTONY

Date: MAY 3, 1967

From: *DSJ*  
CAPTAIN DANTON STEELE

Subject:

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Civilian cook [redacted] and whoever else in an official capacity that was aware of the bread delivery are guilty of gross negligence and dereliction of duty and should be appropriately disciplined.

Refer to my report of April 24, 1967, subject inmate James Earl Ray. If inmate Ray did escape via the Renz Farm bread man, then there is a discrepancy in Guard Officer [redacted] statement that he let him out of the kitchen when the mainline turned out for recreation yard and never saw him again. Guard Officer [redacted] was on duty at the Kitchen Gate all this time.

SUGGESTION

Officer [redacted] is on his regular day off this date and I was unable to contact him. I suggest that he be interviewed in the atmosphere of the Warden's office and acquainted with what we already know. Maybe he can clear this thing up. Someone seems to have been doing some covering up.

cc: Warden .  
Mr. Kern  
Capt. Steele  
File

From the desk of:

Harold R. Swenson—Warden

*Harold*

*Kitchen - says he  
must have seen in bread box  
[redacted] friend of [redacted]  
not in it, but [redacted] cap  
about it  
clean in bread delivery to  
Renz Farm*

*Driver*

Department of Corrections  
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

To: M. J. ELLIOTT, ASSOCIATE WARDEN-CUSTODY

Date: MAY 4, 1967

  
From: CAPTAIN DANTON STEELE

Subject: SUPPLEMENT TO ESCAPE INVESTIGATION REPORT OF MAY 3, 1967

Captain Leroy Casey and myself interviewed Guard Officer [REDACTED] this date and obtained his account of the Renz Farm bread run on Sunday, April 23, 1967.

Officer [REDACTED] stated that when he reached the Kitchen dock that morning he unloaded his empty bread box and went to the bread room in the main kitchen via the elevator. He checked the Renz Farm box and noted that his bread was loaded, accompanied the inmate who wheeled the box to the loading dock, and watched the box removed from the cart and loaded on the truck by the kitchen inmate and the inside truck driver inmate. Officer [REDACTED] stated that he did not observe the inmates straining under any extra load. He then proceeded to the Sally Port and was present when Guard Officer [REDACTED] examined the bread box. Officer [REDACTED] noted at this time that the bread was still neatly stacked near the top of the box as it was when he left the bread room.

He then proceeded to the Renz Farm, stopping on the way at [REDACTED] residence to deliver [REDACTED] bread which was in a separate box. Officer [REDACTED] stated that he went to the rear of the truck and inmate [REDACTED] who rode the cab of the truck with him, got in the back of the truck and handed him [REDACTED] bread, which he delivered. He did not at this time notice anything amiss in the truck.

When he reached the Administration building he backed up to the Front Door, went to the rear of the truck and watched the Renz Farm kitchen inmates unload the bread. He stated that at this time one of the inmates commented that the bread was sure in a mess. He said that he never looked at the bread or gave it a thought as to why the bread would be messed up but that he did ask the inmate if he thought they would have to go after another load. The inmate assured him that they could use the bread and he dropped the matter.

Officer [REDACTED] emphatically states that he never saw the bread after it reached the Renz Farm. [REDACTED] never reported the condition of the bread to him, and that he had never heard of the condition of the bread from anyone else. He was asked why it didn't seem strange to him that, after seeing the bread neatly stacked in the Sally Port, it should be in a mess upon arriving at his destination. He said he just never thought anything about it any further than checking as to whether or not he would have to return for more bread.

Captain Leroy Casey, in the course of his investigation of Inmate James Earl Ray's escape, talked to Officer [REDACTED] on the telephone Monday, April 24, 1967. Officer [REDACTED], at that time, told Captain Casey that he arrived at the Renz Farm with all the bread he had left the walls with. Later Captain Casey talked with Officer [REDACTED] in person and was told by the officer that he actually had not seen the bread after it reached the farm but assumed it was all there because they didn't run out of bread and there were no complaints.

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Subject: RAY, James, #00416-J  
To: B.J. POIRY, MAJOR

Date April 24, 1967

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CONCLUSIONS:

Guard Officer [redacted] was negligent of his duty in not trying to locate Inmate Ray when he did not report for work at 11:00 A.M. and in not reporting the absence of Inmate Ray to Control Center and to Officer [redacted] who relieved him at 12:00 P.M.

Guard Officer [redacted] was negligent to a lesser extent in not knowing to whom he spoke to over the telephone on a matter as important as a missing inmate, also for not reporting to Control Center, especially since Inmate Ray is well known as being escape prone.

The daily call sheet for the kitchen is made out by Kitchen office inmates and signed by the guard officer on duty. Whether this procedure is directed by civilian cooks is not clear. The call sheet is delivered in the evening (for the next day) by the inmate-first-cook. This call sheet should be directed by and signed by the civilian cook in charge and countersigned by the guard officer. Inmates should be required to honor the call sheet unless cancelled by the civilian cook.

All off duty kitchen and dock workers are allowed to eat their meals in the kitchen. This creates too much traffic and confusion. The Kitchen Gate Officer would be able to better control the traffic if only duty workers were allowed in the kitchen.

The large number of outside people both inmate and civilian allowed inside the walls on weekends is definitely a security risk, especially when the regularly assigned Round Gate and Front Door officers are not on duty. Definite procedures should be set up.

cc: Warden Swenson  
Mr. Elliott, A.W.C.  
file

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/681

On April 21, 1968, Major BERNARD J. POIRY, Custodial Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, said he has been unable to recall the name of the person who told him about RAY escaping in the bread container from the prison bakery in April of 1967. He said, however, the person who allegedly helped by putting a card board cover over him was not [REDACTED], but [REDACTED], who is still in the penitentiary and employed in the bakery. He said there is no doubt in his mind but that RAY escaped via the bread truck.

Major POIRY also said that he received information on April 21, 1967, from the prison "grapevine, no source identifiable, that the talk in the pen is that RAY made contact with [REDACTED] and that probably [REDACTED] was the "brains" behind the KING murder. He said there was absolutely no information to confirm this report and he has no information that [REDACTED] and RAY even associated together in the penitentiary.

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by SA [REDACTED] : SS [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/22/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/681

[REDACTED] Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) # [REDACTED], who has been in the MSP since [REDACTED] from St. Louis, Missouri advised he is now [REDACTED] at the penitentiary. He said he was working in the bakery with JAMES EARL RAY when the latter escaped in April of 1967, but he has never been contacted in connection therewith. He said he also worked in the bakery when RAY was working in the kitchen. He said they were acquainted for six or seven years. He said he never talked to RAY about his plans to escape and did not know how RAY escaped. He said a man could conceal himself in the bread boxes used in 1967. He said they were wooden boxes about 4 1/2' by 2 1/2'.

He said however if a man concealed himself in one of the boxes the officials of the penitentiary would have known about it as soon as the box was delivered without bread. He said after RAY was missing, the officials continued their search for him for about 12 or 13 days on the theory he had "hid out" as he had done before. He said inmates were forbidden to take sandwiches out of the eating areas because officials thought they might take food to RAY. He said he was making a sandwich one afternoon and a lieutenant asked him what he was going to do with it. He said he was going to take it to RAY, in a kidding manner. The officer said "he knew RAY went over the wall". He did not recall the identity of the officer.

[REDACTED] said he did not know RAY's friends. He said he never heard of a RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS. He said RAY is not the type of person who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said RAY never talked about Negroes or anything else and he believes "they have the wrong guy".

JONES said that he never heard of RAY using drugs and he knew RAY was not a homosexual. He said he could not furnish any information as to the whereabouts of RAY or could he name anyone who could.

On 4/22/68 at Jefferson City, Missouri File # KC 44-760

by SA ROWEN B. AYERS: SSC4/23/68

by \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 23, 1968, Major BERNARD POIRY, Assistant Associate Warden of Custody, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised that a thorough search of the property room at the MSP failed to reveal any personal effects of JAMES EARL RAY left behind after his escape. He said that he usually goes through any personal effects left behind by an escapee for leads, but he cannot recall whether or not he ever saw anything left behind by RAY. He stated that if other inmates know an inmate has escaped, they will strip his cell of anything worthwhile. Major POIRY advised that he will continue to search for any personal property of RAY and will advise if such is located.

On April 29, 1968, [REDACTED] at the Renz Prison Farm, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that he had worked at the [REDACTED] MSP in about [REDACTED] when RAY was working there pushing a food cart to the hospital. He recalled at the time that RAY was known as the "hide-out guy" from a previous occasion when he hid inside the prison for some time before being found. He recalls that on a Sunday morning, during April, 1967, the bread truck arrived at the Renz farm when [REDACTED] was there as the [REDACTED] and the bread was "messed up". RAY had hidden out again once while [REDACTED] was at the Renz farm, and when he saw the bread box with the "messed up" bread, he thought then, without knowing why, that "JIMMY RAY must be out again". He did not know at the time, he said, that RAY was working in the bread room at the main prison, and he has no idea who might have helped RAY escape on this occasion. When he heard later that RAY had indeed escaped, he recalled the "messed up" bread and notified his superiors at the Renz farm. The bread box used to transport bread in an open truck from the main prison to the farm had contained sufficient bread to be used on the day it was received, but it was a large enough box that a man in a cramped position could have been hidden under some layers of loaves.

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[REDACTED] said that he has no idea who RAY's close friends were, and as he recalled, RAY "got along" but was not close to anyone. He knew RAY was unhappy in prison, [REDACTED] at the main prison, and he had heard RAY say that he would "make it to South America" if he ever got out of prison. He said he never heard RAY make any statements to indicate he was unusually prejudiced against Negroes, and he did not seem to be the type to have it "in" for anyone, but was just "for JIMMY RAY". He said that the bread in the bread box on the day RAY reportedly escaped, was turned around and turned over, and not neatly stacked as it usually was on arrival at the farm. He does not believe any incidents at the time occurred which would indicate any guard had anything to do with helping RAY escape, and he could not be certain that RAY got out in the bread box, but it would have been possible.

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[redacted] Jefferson City, Missouri, employed at the Missouri State Penitentiary from 12:00 PM to 8:00 AM as [redacted] formerly gate guard in the Penitentiary Kitchen (and bakery) said he worked on the latter assignment for about two years in the period between 1965 and 1967, and knew JAMES RAY.

He recalled that he went on duty at 11:00 AM on April 23, 1967. He said RAY worked in back of the kitchen as a bread slicer who packed the bread boxes. He worked alone. He said he did not know RAY well. He said RAY would have had to leave the penitentiary, if he escaped in a bread box, sometime before 11:00 AM, as the bread goes to the farms early in the morning, or at least before 11:00 AM. He said the other guard on duty with him was [redacted] who now lives some place in Arizona.

He recalled that about 3:00 PM he was contacted by Warden SWENSON who told him that RAY had escaped and wanted to know what he knew about it. He said he did not know RAY had left, as he had no occasion to check on him. He said he was "bawled out". He said a search continued inside the walls for RAY for several days.

[redacted] said he did not know any associates of RAY, and had no dealings with him. He denied that he had ever furnished RAY with any amphetamine, or any other type of contraband.

He said he has heard very little talk about RAY, either following his escape or since the allegation appeared in the papers that RAY was being sought for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he could furnish no information concerning his whereabouts or of anyone who might have such information.

[redacted] said he knows [redacted] He said about eight months ago, [redacted] was in Jefferson City, Missouri with his new wife, and stayed for a couple of nights. He formerly worked in the penitentiary kitchen, and would

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have known RAY, according to [REDACTED]. He said he was walking on Capitol Avenue and [REDACTED] came by and asked him if he wanted a ride to his car. He went with [REDACTED] and another guard by the name of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or similar, to a tavern and a few beers. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he and his wife wanted to stay all night at the [REDACTED] residence. He did not know if the invitation was accepted. He said [REDACTED] was on his way to California at the time. He was driving a Volkswagen which he said belonged to his wife. He said he was with [REDACTED] for about 1½ hours. He said he observed [REDACTED] at the front gate of the penitentiary talking to the door man, but did not see him go in. He said he did not know how well RAY knew [REDACTED].

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Date 4/27/68

Mr. STEPHAN I. KRAL, Elston, Missouri, Officers' Dining Room Supervisor, Missouri State Penitentiary, formerly guard at Renz Farm, said it was his regular job in 1967 to drive the truck to the main prison for bread five days a week, except weekends. He said the truck leaves Renz Farm about 8:00 a.m., and gets the bread no later than about 8:30 a.m. He said the empty box is taken from Renz Farm and taken to the loading dock. At that place the driver gives the order for bread. The inmates take the empty box on an elevator to the bakery and a box is loaded with the order. It is then brought back to the dock. The driver is supposed to check it to be sure it contains nothing but bread. He said the box was about 4 by 3 feet. He said it holds about 100 loaves of bread and they are packed 15 loaves to each layer. He said he always ran his arm down inside the box to count the layers. He said the truck then goes out to the truck tunnel. There a guard again checked to be sure there was nothing under or around the truck, including the box and under the hood. He, if satisfied, signaled the tower and the exit gate was released and the truck went back to the farm. He said the truck made several stops for lights, intersections, etc., en route and one would have no difficulty getting off the truck. He said the box was large enough to hold a man.

Mr. KRAL said that he heard some talk, after RAY escaped, that some officers had seen RAY "practicing a little yogi", that is, curling up in corners, and similar. He said he presumed he was doing this to see if he could fit in the bread box, but he had no personal information in this regard. He also said he "heard" that Renz Farm had been receiving more bread than requested for two or three days prior to April 23, 1967.

Mr. KRAL said the entire delivery trip from Renz to the Penitentiary and back did not continue until after 9:00 a.m.

He said he did not know what procedures of checking were followed on April 23, 1968, as this was a weekend and both the regular driver and regular tunnel checker were off duty.

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/26/68

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Date 4/27/68

[REDACTED], formerly employed by the Missouri State Penitentiary, said he was the relief driver of the "bread truck" for Renz Farm on April 23, 1967. He said he picked up the bread about 8:30 a.m. He noted the box was on the platform (loading dock). He said this was unusual because usually the empty is taken from the truck and the full box returned. He said he recalled it had been there the day before. He said he was supposed to check the box to be sure it contained nothing but bread. He said the box was about 3 by 2-1/2 feet. He said he had heard that someone tried to get into one of these boxes, after RAY's escape, and could not do it with room for bread. He said the box is checked at the dock, and at the tunnel. He said, however, that it was not "probed." He said the check was visual. He said the box was delivered to Renz Farm and he heard no more about it.

However, he "heard" the next day that civilian cook at Renz Farm complained "that the bread had been all messed up." He also "heard" that there was no shortage of bread on April 23, 1968. He said he also "heard" that some of RAY's clothing had been found on the loading dock a week or two after the escape. He said the only thing unusual about this particular trip and perhaps the 22nd, was that the box was on the dock when he arrived there.

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WARRANT OF ARREST

On April 24, 1968, an amended complaint, as authorized, was filed by Special Agent ROWEN B. AYERS before United States Commissioner W. C. SHELEY at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging JAMES EARL RAY with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement in connection with the commission of a crime of Robbery First, in violation of Title 18, Section 1073, United States Code. Bond returnable was set by the United States Attorney at \$5,000.00 to the United States Commissioner at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mr. SHELEY issued a warrant on the above complaint on April 24, 1968, which has been transmitted to the Office of the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri.

HANDWRITING SAMPLES

On April 20, 1968, one copy of a letter in the handwriting of JAMES E. RAY dated October 24, 1966, was furnished to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. The letter was from RAY to [REDACTED], and was furnished to Special Agent [REDACTED] by [REDACTED], on April 19, 1968.

On April 27, 1968, thirty-four pages containing purported handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, also for comparison purposes. These items were contained in the Missouri State Penitentiary file of RAY and were furnished to Special Agent [REDACTED] on April 26, 1968, by [REDACTED], Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

On May 6, 1968, twenty-two pages of handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY as obtained from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and one copy of a form dated April 4, 1958, signed by JAMES EARL RAY, obtained from U. S. Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. The twenty-two pages of handwriting samples were obtained by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the form from the U. S. Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri, was obtained by Special Agent [REDACTED].



REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561271 JK

Specimens received 4/22/68

K171 Missouri State Penitentiary form dated 10/24/66,  
bearing known handwriting of JAMES E. RAYALSO SUBMITTED: Copies of two-page report of psychiatric  
examination dated 10/24/66

## Result of examination:

The "Galt" writings considered together and specimen K171 can be identified as having been prepared by the same individual.

Because of the limited questioned material and the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations, it could not be determined whether the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on the Q72 gun invoice was prepared by JAMES E. RAY, K171.

Specimen K171 is being retained.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561775 JK

Specimens received 4/29/68

K211 Various documents comprising thirty-four pieces of paper bearing purported known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, obtained from his file at Missouri State Penitentiary

## Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on items attributed to Eric S. Galt was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K171 and K211.

Because of the presence of characteristics which cannot be explained on the basis of the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, it cannot be definitely determined whether the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 was prepared by this individual; however, significant handwriting similarities were noted.

Specimen K211 has been photographed and is temporarily retained.

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Re: MURKIN  
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562610 JK

Specimens received 5/7/68

- K257 Twenty-one sheets of paper and one copy of a form dated 4/4/58, bearing known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY

ALSO SUBMITTED: One "Inmate Request To Staff Member" form for JACK M. RAY, No. 59602

## Result of examination:

The additional known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, represented by K257, does not sufficiently augment the known handwriting of this individual previously received to permit the identification of the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 with this individual.

K257 is temporarily retained.

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INTERVIEWS WITH FELLOW INMATES AND OFFICIALS  
AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY,  
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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[REDACTED] Jefferson City, Missouri; advised that he formerly was [REDACTED] at the Missouri State Penitentiary and knew JIMMY RAY well. [REDACTED] for about six years. He said RAY was a good friend of a blond inmate by the name of [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] hated Negroes. He said that sometime about a year ago, [REDACTED] came through Jefferson City driving a Volkswagen. He stopped to see [REDACTED] and had a female with him he introduced as his wife. He told [REDACTED] he had a Mustang and his father operated [REDACTED] and he was [REDACTED] in either Atlanta, Georgia, or Montgomery, Alabama. He asked [REDACTED] not to indicate to his wife that he had been in the "pen".

[REDACTED] said that sometime later [REDACTED] telephoned him from California, and said that he needed money and asked [REDACTED] to send him some. He refused, and [REDACTED] called a second time and [REDACTED] refused. He said he has not heard from him since.

[REDACTED] stated that since [REDACTED] was a "racist" that he might be an accomplice of RAY in the murder of Doctor KING. He also thought that both RAY and [REDACTED] were mixed up in "peddling dope" in the penitentiary, but he could never prove it. He said [REDACTED] had a detainer from Florida which was dropped. He said he knew RAY wanted to escape [REDACTED]. He said RAY was "strictly a loner" and very quiet. He knew of no personal feelings on the part of RAY in connection with Negroes. He knew of no other close friends RAY may have had.

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On April 22, 1968, [REDACTED] said that he knew JAMES RAY well and visited him on occasion in the hall. He said he considered RAY as a "neighbor". He said that RAY never used any type of drugs except for medicine, had no ill feelings toward the Negro race and had no abnormal sexual habits. He said he first met RAY in jail in St. Louis about 1959 and knew him all of the time they were in the penitentiary except for a brief period he, [REDACTED] was on parole.

He said that RAY is the type of person who has no enemies. He never said anything bad about anyone and minded his own business. He was very quiet; interested all the time in escaping and caused no one any trouble. He said RAY had no friends as such, but talked to a few persons. His primary interest was baseball. He did not mention his family and was very conservative in regards to spending money. He did not gamble, according to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that if RAY would say he killed Dr. KING that he, [REDACTED] would not believe him. He said that RAY is just not the type. He said he could furnish no information regarding the possible whereabouts of RAY and had no information concerning who might have aided in his escape from prison.

He said RAY is not the type of person to have committed the crime of killing Dr. KING, in his opinion.

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On April 22, 1968, [REDACTED] in the Missouri State Penitentiary said he was interviewed by reporters with the permission of Warden SWENSON and he has been quoted, without the use of his name, about his knowledge of RAY. He said he has known RAY since [REDACTED] 1961, and knew nothing of his family or background although RAY mentioned having a brother and sister. He said he celled [REDACTED] RAY and worked in the bakery with him. He said no one is actually a "friend" of RAY's as he had no close friends. He said the person nearest to being his friend is an ex-convict from St. Louis, Missouri, discharged about 1965 by the name of [REDACTED]. He said RAY and [REDACTED] got along well. He said he believed he was as close to RAY as anyone else, but he could not say he was a good friend. He said he attended baseball games with RAY and RAY was interested in following games on T.V. and in the papers. He did not use drugs and MILES denied that he knew RAY as a homosexual or possessed of abnormal sexual behavior otherwise. He said RAY was always looking for means to escape, but did not discuss his plans. He never mentioned where he would go should he escape. [REDACTED] believed RAY was above average, for a convict, in mentality. He said some of the inmates believed he was "crazy" for his escape attempts. He said [REDACTED] RAY operated a book shop [REDACTED] made some money off of this. This shop consisted of obtaining various paper back books and selling and trading them for small amounts. He denied that RAY was in any way connected with the sale or use of dope and did not know of his doing any gambling. He said RAY talked to Negroes, but did not associate with them and expressed no animosity towards them. He said RAY was very retiring and self conscious. He could not imagine RAY taking dancing lessons, or spending money foolishly.

[REDACTED] said RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS was not known to him.

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by SA [REDACTED] : [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/22/68

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On April 22, 1968, [redacted] in the Missouri State Penitentiary as [redacted] number [redacted] said he has been serving [redacted] sentence since [redacted]. He said he knew RAY as an employee in J Hall for a time and knew he lived in K Hall. He said he spoke to RAY on occasion and observed his activities in K Hall. He said RAY lived in K Hall for at least two years and always desired to cell alone. He said [redacted] was in solitary when RAY escaped and knew nothing of it.

He said that RAY was exceptionally quiet and rather an "odd person". He said he knows that RAY took mild drugs such as amphetamine and had very small veins and it was difficult for RAY to "mainline" his shots. He said RAY always believed he was ill, and used drugs on occasion as a matter of medicine. However, whenever he could he purchased amphetamine and barbituates. [redacted] said RAY probably had a source within the penitentiary for these drugs, but he declined to discuss the matter further. He said RAY never sold such.

[redacted] said that RAY is very quiet and would be very hard to locate. He said he would not know where to locate him and could furnish no information as to who might. He said he did not believe RAY would kill anyone unless his life was in jeopardy. He said that no one could say he is a friend of RAY's because RAY had no associates who he would consider as "friends". He said RAY is the type of person who might find employment on a ranch, a chicken farm, or a lumber camp or similar. He said if RAY took dancing lessons this would be completely out of character for him. He said RAY spent money only when he had to and "did not mess around with anyone".

[redacted] said RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS is unknown to him.

The following is the mailing list for [redacted] number [redacted] as obtained from his file on April 23, 1968:

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Wife

St. Louis, Missouri,

Mother

St. Louis, Missouri,

Father

St. Louis, Missouri,

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JEROME (NMN) CARPENTER, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) # [REDACTED], serving life for murder from June 15, 1961, stated he has been confined and has worked in the psychiatric section of the prison. He said he has known JAMES EARL RAY in prison since about 1963, but does not know him well. He said he used to live in Quincy, Illinois and attended school with JERRY RAY, brother of JAMES. He said he knew the father of the RAY boys as JERRY RAY. He recalled that when he was about 15 years of age, his mother ran away with JERRY RAY and went to St. Louis, Missouri. He said they separated about two years ago and his mother moved back to Quincy and lives at [REDACTED]. He did not know what happened to JERRY RAY. He said his mother also wrote to him from [REDACTED] in St. Louis, Missouri. She used the name of RUBY CARPENTER and RUBY RAY and worked as [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in St. Louis.

He said he knew [REDACTED] who left the penitentiary some time ago. He said he did not know if this [REDACTED] knew JAMES RAY or not. JEROME CARPENTER said he only saw the mother of JAMES RAY once and that was when she came to the home of his grandmother to find out what happened to her husband and his mother.

He said he heard of RAY escaping from the penitentiary but did not know the details. He said RAY was a quiet, meek person who was very soft spoken. He said he rarely saw RAY in the penitentiary and did not know him in Quincy, Illinois. He said he could furnish no information as to the whereabouts of RAY.

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[REDACTED], Inmate No. [REDACTED], Missouri State Penitentiary, said he first came to the Missouri State Penitentiary in [REDACTED]. He said he first met RAY in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and WALTER RIFE [REDACTED].

RAY gave no indication of abnormal sexual behavior.

He described RAY as quiet, a loner, and "not a loud mouth". He could not picture RAY, he said, as being vicious. He said RAY liked to follow baseball.

He said they talked [REDACTED]. He said RAY "did not fool" with as many as five men in the penitentiary. He said RAY used amphetamines when he could get them. He paid from \$2.00 to \$5.00 a shot. He did not get into debt and did not gamble.

He said he was in maximum security when RAY escaped and knew nothing of the details. He said the rumor inside is that RAY did not escape in a bread truck, but he had no information as to how he did escape.

He said RAY has a half-sister in St. Louis, Missouri with his mother. [REDACTED]

He said RAY has a brother and some half brothers. He believed his mother is living and re-married [REDACTED]. She may have had some property "which she lived up".

[REDACTED] he said RAY was "tighter" with his money than [REDACTED]. He said he could not imagine RAY spending any money for dancing lessons or leaving a gun behind him someplace because of this characteristic.

[REDACTED] said he did not know any RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS, nor did he know of this person as an associate of RAY's.

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On [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] File # [REDACTED]

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On April 22, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, in addition to furnishing a copy of the entire files of the Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished an article handed to him on April 22, 1968 by [REDACTED] which is:

Warden Swenson:

Would you look the attached article over and consider turning it over to a reporter of the Kansas City Star newspaper. I have a feeling that Jimmy Ray might give himself up if he happens to read what I have written. If you do release the article I give you full permission to reword it as you see fit as long as it contains the same line of thought.

There is a possibility that he might get killed before it is ever learned whether or not he is actually guilty of ~~shaking~~ shooting Doctor King. If this would happen, it would be another Oswald case in the eyes of the world.

If you do not think it appropriate to release this article to the news media, just tear it up, however, knowing Jimmy as I do there is a very faint possibility that he would give himself up if he were to read what I have written. I am sure that he will be reading either the K.C. Star or the St. Louis papers whereever he is.

*The above & the attached 4-page statement handed  
to Capt. W. Zwick by [redacted] 44-22-65-73723, then to me - JRS*

"IF JAMES EARL RAY IS GUILTY, WHO IS REALLY TO BLAME?"

"For quite a number of years I have been one of the very few close friends of James Earl Ray. Because of this I would like to say a few things about him since everyone else who discusses him reveals that he is either anti-social, a loner, an escape artist, seeks recognition, etc. If this sort of unfavorable publicity continues to be brought out against him there is a very good chance that he might end up like Lee Harvey Oswald without ever having been given a chance to prove his innocence or guilt before a trial court. If this happens it will be a disgrace in the eyes of the world and bring about the same amount of doubt and criticism that arose after Oswald was killed in cold blood by a fanatic who decided to take the law into his own hands.

I first met Jimmy in the Kansas City jail during 1955 where he was being held on a forgery charge. His accomplice on the forgery charge was another man named Walter Rife and we all three lived in the same cell together and passed many hours shooting the breeze while playing three-handed card games for candy bars. Jimmy loved candy bars and always managed to win his share.

On one of our several trips to the federal courthouse, prior to our sentencing, we were taken in the same group. Jimmy's fall partner, Rife, was facing a parole violation or detainer of some sort from the state of Illinois and planned to escape if the proper situation arose. On our trip to the courthouse, a chance did come up by means of a unlocked door in the holdover room which led to a hallway or stairs. Rife begged Jimmy to leave with him through the unlocked door, but Jimmy quashed the deal by saying that all he wanted to do was to plead guilty to the forgery and get his sentence served. I mention this reluctance to escape on Jimmy's part because everyone always brings up that he was continually trying to escape custody. This is not so. I will explain what I think to be the real reason behind his later escape attempts while he was serving the twenty year sentence, but first I would like to point out a few things about Jimmy Ray's personality that have never been mentioned by anyone up to the present time.

Eventually, we all three ended up in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas where our friendship continued. Rife went to work in the

prison hospital and lifted weights during his off duty hours while Jimmy and I either walked the yard or watched the ball games together. It is true that Jimmy is sort of a loner, but this is not unusual in a penitentiary. Being a loner doesn't mean that he didn't have many friends. Jimmy always wore a smile and laughed softly at the various occurrences during our time together in jail and while we were at Leavenworth. His friendly smile alone made him many friends and got him many greetings, but he just wasn't one to mix or join a group bull session as is most usually the case in jail or prison. He would rather stroll around the yard with one or two persons and discuss clothes, travel, baseball, or the enjoyment he got while working as a painter just prior to his arrest. It must have been one of the best paying jobs he ever had because he was always talking about it. If I remember correctly, I believe him and Rife lived in the Pickwick Hotel during the time they both worked for the painting contractor. He liked nice clothes and was always very neatly dressed during his court appearances. He would sometimes mention his brother, but I never heard him ever mention his mother or father in any of our conversations. I took it for granted that he had not been blessed with many luxuries while growing up. He was very saving with the few dollars he was able to obtain while serving time, in fact, I often accused him of being a miser. Somehow he was able to smuggle a wristwatch into the jail at Kansas City and he was so proud of it that I actually believe it was the first wristwatch he ever owned. He did not want to part with it for anything, however, he finally did so because he learned that he could not possibly take it into the prison at Leavenworth with him. I ended up with the watch and passed it on to my brother, but only after having paid Jimmy a much higher price than is usual in jail. Up until I left him at Leavenworth, he was one of my best friends and he was always a very enjoyable person to be around.

When I again met him in 1960 at the Missouri State Penitentiary, he had aged a great deal, he lacked his usual smile, and his whole demeanor seemed to be changed. He was very withdrawn and it took quite a number of conversations before he finally opened up to me and told me why he felt so bad. We were both assigned jobs in the Food Service

floor where he would deliver bread each weekday for outside delivery. We both lived on the same tier in K Cellhouse and would often talk with each other after our jobs were over. It was during these conversations that I finally learned what I think to be the main reason behind his personality change. He told me that two police officers had framed him on the robbery charge he was serving the twenty years on. He swore up and down that he was innocent of the crime, but that he did not have the money to hire lawyers to prove his innocence or carry his case into the United States Supreme Court. I later learned that the two police officers were not above planting evidence in order to convict an exconvict, and that their conscience must have bothered them because they both resigned from the police force shortly after Jimmy was convicted. Anyway, Jimmy made several attempts to get his case reopened without making any headway. Escape was continually on his mind and after four different attempts, he finally made it.

As far as him being prejudice toward any person or race, I have never heard him ever mention one thing against anyone in all our time spent together. If he couldn't say something good about someone, he just wouldn't say anything. In fact, there was no outward showing of animosity ever revealed by him toward the two police officers who he accused of framing him. If there was he just kept such things to himself.

As far as him being the person who shot Martin Luther King, I just can't believe it is possible. However, if he is guilty of it I am wondering whether or not it all leads back to the fact that he was actually sent to prison on a trumped up charge which in turn caused him to do so as a means of retaliation against society for the twenty year sentence he swears he didn't deserve.

I hope Jimmy is innocent of killing Doctor King. I also hope that he doesn't become a scapegoat simply because he drove a white mustang and happened to favor the alleged assassin of Doctor King

For the benefit of you persons with hate in your heart toward Jimmy before he has been proven guilty or given the benefit of a fair trial I ask you to withhold your opinions. Instead I would ask you to think of him as being innocent until proven guilty. In the meantime, put



yourselves in his place, on the run from 200 million persons, without a known friend or voice raised in your behalf, and a hundred thousand dollar reward placed on your head. If you were innocent, how would you feel?

In closing, I would like to say that if this article reaches a newspaper and is published and read by Jimmy, I would like to advise you, Jimmy, as a friend to make immediate arrangements for your personal protection by contacting a Judge or Lawyer and give yourself up so that you can be given a fair trial. Don't put it off until you are recognized by some trigger ~~happy~~ happy nut like Jack Ruby who wants to make a name for himself. You realize that you are on the top wanted list with a large reward on your head. You know that the odds are against you because of this. You can't win. In the meantime, while you are thinking this over, if you happen to be cornered by police officers, for Christs sake don't hold a shootout. Grab a phonebook and call a judge or lawyer.

There's no need for me to mention my name because you know who I am. You do have some friends. Turn yourself in, but use discretion in doing so.

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The following investigation was conducted at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, by SA [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED], Jr., an inmate of the Penitentiary, number [REDACTED], stated he was presently serving a [REDACTED] sentence stemming from charges against him for violation of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] cooperation was solicited relative to his knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and FBI wanted Flyer 442-A was displayed to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] immediately stated that RAY was unknown to him by name or face.

It was pointed out to [REDACTED] that the FBI was in possession of reliable information that RAY had criminal contacts in Kansas City, including contacts with fences of stolen merchandise. [REDACTED] admitted that over the years he has met and dealt with many thieves, burglars and ex-convicts, and possibly at sometime he did meet RAY, however, he has absolutely no recollection of RAY and he feels he has never even met the man.

[REDACTED] indicated that in view of the nature of the crime RAY is alleged to have committed, and the resulting disorder that it brought about, he would not hesitate in cooperating if he had any knowledge whatsoever concerning RAY. [REDACTED] stated he has followed newspaper accounts of this case and saw the pictures of RAY when RAY was first identified, however, none of it meant anything to him as regards RAY being anyone he has ever known. [REDACTED] indicated that he personally has heard no talk among other inmates concerning RAY, that is, talk to the effect that RAY was known to inmates. [REDACTED] has been in contact with the short time [REDACTED] has been at the Penitentiary.

It is noted that [REDACTED], more commonly known as [REDACTED], is now [REDACTED] years old and has been engaged in criminal activity since he was 16 years old. For the past 15 to 20 years [REDACTED] has had the reputation of being the biggest fence of stolen merchandise in the Kansas City area, having contacts in many other states in connection

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with his fencing operation. In addition reliable information has been received that ~~his~~ operation was intimately connected with the illegal operations of the organized Italian criminal element in Kansas City better known as the "outfit".

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On April 23, 1968, Captain DON WYRICK, Assistant to the Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised a review of RAY's file with regard to a June, 1965 violation involving taking prohibited items into the hospital at the MSP, the name of the patient he was supposedly taking the items to was not given in the violation report, prepared by Captain DANTON STEELE, MSP, following RAY's search by Guard [REDACTED]. MSP records show [REDACTED] resigned in July, 1967, and his address was [REDACTED], Dixon, Missouri, telephone [REDACTED].

On April 23, 1968, in interview with inmate [REDACTED], MSP, [REDACTED] advised that RAY was addicted to "bennies" and amphetamine, and RAY and [REDACTED] another inmate, were receiving this material at the MSP through a guard named [REDACTED], who was later transferred to one of the farms and later fired for smuggling a watch into the prison farm. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] wife operates [REDACTED] in Jefferson City.

[REDACTED] said he believes there was an elderly con, about 65 or 70, named [REDACTED] who would have known RAY, but he never knew them to cell together. He said he believes he read in the St. Louis newspapers that [REDACTED] is presently confined in the St. Louis County Jail. He stated that all the time he knew RAY, the latter was always in a single cell.

On April 23, 1968, ABBIE LOOTEN, Secretary, Associate Warden of Custody, advised that her records show [REDACTED] Jefferson City, who was last assigned at the Renz Farm as a MSP guard resigned on March 4, 1966. It was noted that the Jefferson City telephone directory listed [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

On April 23, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that he was formerly a guard at the MSP, and he knew JAMES EARL RAY as just another inmate there. He said he did not know RAY or [REDACTED] any better than the other inmates under his control at the MSP. He stated that RAY worked in the bakery and [REDACTED] in the kitchen at the MSP, and would have

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had the opportunity to associate together in their work, but he never saw RAY associating with anyone in particular, as RAY was a "loner" in his opinion. [REDACTED] stated that he was transferred from the walls to a farm in about 1966, and has not seen either RAY or [REDACTED] since that time. He advised that he had heard rumors about RAY and [REDACTED] taking "dope", but he has no personal knowledge that they were in fact taking "dope" and he never saw either one of them acting as if they were under the influence of any "dope". He was accused of bringing "dope" into the MSP by prison officials while he was there, but he steadfastly denied having been involved in smuggling "dope" or anything else into the prison and would continue to do so. Neither RAY nor [REDACTED] have contacted him since they left the MSP and he has not seen nor heard from either of them since about 1966.

On April 23, 1968, Captain DANTON STEELE, MSP, advised that he vaguely recalls RAY and the incident wherein he had a violation through attempting to take prohibited items to the hospital to some patient, allegedly. He made no record of the name of the supposed patient RAY was taking the items to, and he cannot recall if any name of a patient was ever given.

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[redacted] inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was advised of the identity of [redacted] as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was told the purpose of the interview concerned a report he had made sometime ago to the FBI that he had been offered \$50,000. to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING by two individuals identified only as [redacted] and [redacted]. This took place in Columbia, South Carolina, in about March, 1965. He was furnished a warning and waiver form, which he read and executed. He then furnished the following oral information:

In early 1965, in Columbia, South Carolina, he met a soldier stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, who was to be discharged within a few days. His name was [redacted] or [redacted]; but he is not sure of the first name or the spelling of the last name. He had just returned from Panama, and he believes he held the rank of Corporal. [redacted] had marijuana and pep pills in his possession and was a very convincing talker. [redacted] had met a female in Columbia named [redacted]. She worked as a waitress at a lounge he believes was called [redacted] located near [redacted] in Columbia. She was from a little town twenty miles south of Columbia, name unknown. [redacted] roomed with a girl named [redacted] somewhere on [redacted] in Columbia. Both girls were prostitutes, and [redacted] lived part of the time with [redacted]. [redacted] worked at a night club there called [redacted].

[redacted] had met two men known as [redacted] and [redacted] and had filled a prostitution date with [redacted] for \$50. The initial meeting took place in some club, name unknown, located near [redacted] possibly [redacted]. [redacted] told [redacted] she had to leave because she had a date with a soldier from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, named [redacted]. [redacted] asked her to ask [redacted] if he could get ahold of any weapons, whereupon she told him [redacted] had a machine gun.

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[redacted] expressed an interest in buying it from [redacted] and told her to pass this on to him, which she agreed to do. The prostitution date was filled in a motel in town, name unknown.

The following night, at the V.F.W., he, [redacted] and [redacted] met. [redacted] and [redacted] were present, as well as two other girls who worked at [redacted] but this was their night off. He does not recall their names. This was the first time he had met [redacted] and [redacted]. The men went outside and [redacted] gave them each a stick of marijuana which he had brought back from Panama. They all sat in [redacted] white 1964-65 Lincoln Continental and smoked marijuana. The Lincoln had a Tennessee license plate beginning with the number 2, which designates Memphis. [redacted] was always smoking big cigars and wore a large diamond ring. He understood [redacted] has money in Mississippi and Tennessee. He owns [redacted] in Clarksdale, Mississippi, has [redacted] in Memphis and [redacted]. In the old days he was a bootlegger. [redacted] despises the Negro race and, particularly, any with Communist leanings.

While in the car, [redacted] told [redacted] he understood he had a .50-caliber machine gun and [redacted] said he did. [redacted] asked if he wanted to sell it and he said, "Yes." Either [redacted] or [redacted] asked where the machine gun was and how long it would take to get it. [redacted] said three days because it was in Westwego, Louisiana, in care of a friend [redacted]. He never heard this man's name. [redacted] or [redacted] asked [redacted] if he had any ammunition for it, and he said he had a whole belt. One of the men then offered him a thousand dollars for the machine gun.

They all met again the next night at the largest drive-in restaurant in Columbia, name unrecalled. [redacted] or [redacted] asked him if he had ever used the machine gun before, and he said he used one while in military service. It was agreed that [redacted] would take [redacted] to Westwego, Louisiana, which is on the west bank of New Orleans, to get the machine gun. They were to meet [redacted] and [redacted] on a certain unrecalled date in Columbia and collect \$1,000. for the machine gun. The meet was to be at some unrecalled motel. [redacted] stated he has trouble remembering things that happened this long ago.

He drove [redacted] to get the machine gun at [redacted] and [redacted] contacted some man outside of his presence who reportedly told him the weapon had not arrived. He and [redacted] stayed in an apartment house at the rear of [redacted] for two days waiting for the weapon to arrive, but it never did. He became irritated with [redacted] and then felt [redacted] never had such a weapon. [redacted] returned alone to Columbia, South Carolina, and he understood [redacted] was going to his home in Fort Myers, Florida. [redacted] parents reportedly lived in and operated [redacted] at Fort Myers. [redacted] stated that at the time all this was going on he had and was driving a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, maroon in color, bearing a Maryland Temporary Tag. He bought the car under his true name from Luby's Chevrolet in Baltimore, Maryland.

Upon his return to Columbia he met with [redacted] and [redacted] and informed them he did not get the weapon. He was told the plan was for him and [redacted] to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING for \$50,000. \$5,000. was to be in advance, with the remaining \$45,000. to be paid to them in Greenville, South Carolina. [redacted] said KING had to be "wiped out" because J. EDGAR HOOVER had reported KING to be a confirmed Communist and the most notorious liar of our day. The killing was to take place along a scheduled march from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. The machine gun was to be placed in the back of a paneled truck and driven to a spot on the Selma-to-Montgomery route. When the front line of marchers, including Dr. KING, approached the spot, the rear doors of the truck would be opened and the marchers machine-gunned. The truck was to come from some other state and purchased legally in the name of a deceased person. They would then drive the paneled truck away from the line of march to a country road where a passenger car would be parked. The truck would be abandoned and then they would travel into Montgomery, Alabama, by a devious back-roads route. They would then travel to Greenville, South Carolina, where they would meet [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] would tell them how to get to Sydney, Australia, via Mexico, on a freighter.

[redacted] has a friend who formerly lived in Mississippi but now has a sheep ranch in Broken Bow, Australia. This man would help set them up in a bar or some other type of legitimate business.



When he told [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] could not produce the machine gun, they said the plan had been dropped because MARTIN LUTHER KING announced he was not going to participate in the march.

He described [REDACTED] as white male American, age 40; 5 feet, 10 inches; 210 pounds; blue eyes; brown hair, graying on the sides. [REDACTED] lives [REDACTED] from Memphis, in Mississippi.

[REDACTED] described as white male American; 6 feet, 1 inch; 180 pounds; brown hair; age 38, good dresser, residence Memphis, Tennessee.

[REDACTED] described white male American, 22; 5 feet, 8 inches; 170 pounds; black hair; husky build, and good looking. He believes [REDACTED] a psychiatric case and believes this was the reason he was discharged from the military.

He has seen [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] since the above incident; however, he is not going to say more unless the Government dismisses an Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle charge against him. He has two detainers against him, and one is a State detainer. The federal detainer is from U. S. District Court, Montgomery, Alabama, and this detainer prevents him from making parole. He is eligible for parole on his current 5-year sentence in [REDACTED]. He might get a parole to a State detainer, but parole would not be favorably acted upon with a federal detainer on file. If this detainer were removed he would furnish the full names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and where they could be located, in addition to subsequent contacts he has had with these men. He was told that no promises of any kind could be made in this regard.

A photograph of JAMES EARLY RAY, FBI # 306443A, taken at the Missouri Department of Corrections, Jefferson City, Missouri, on March 17, 1960, was shown to [REDACTED] and he stated that he does not know this individual either by name or photograph.

[REDACTED] admitted he was at the Medical Center for psychiatric treatment. He has a writ in federal court under the provisions of Title 18, Section 2255, U. S. Code,

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trying to get his original Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle conviction set aside on the grounds he was incompetent at the time. He was at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, but was recently transferred to the Medical Center because he has been seeing a red man with a green coat and alligator shoes. This red man is responsible for all his troubles. He is not visible to him now, but he does see him when he is alone, but not since he arrived here in [REDACTED]

The following is a description of [REDACTED] as obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	6'
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Born	[REDACTED]
	(no town)
FBI #	[REDACTED]
Wife	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]
Mother	[REDACTED]
Father	[REDACTED]

(Address same as above)

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/26/681

[REDACTED] Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised [REDACTED], FBI # [REDACTED], is at the Medical Center for psychiatric treatment with the long-term goal of an eventual return to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

He stated on [REDACTED] the Medical Center directed a letter to the U. S. Probation Office at Little Rock, Arkansas, stating that although [REDACTED] now appears to be competent, several months ago he was too psychiatrically disturbed to participate in any court here. A plan is to examine him again in a month to determine whether or not he is competent to participate in legal proceedings.

[REDACTED] stated that while [REDACTED] was at the Medical Center on a previous occasion a psychiatric report prepared [REDACTED], by [REDACTED], Staff Psychiatrist, contained the following diagnosis:

"Schizophrenic Reaction, chronic undifferentiated type, sociopathic personality disturbance, anti-social type, migraine headaches, with possible brain damage."

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/26/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/27/68

LEO HOLDEN PARKER, No. [REDACTED], Missouri State Penitentiary, received April 19, 1968, to serve 15 years for Armed Robbery-1st said he was released on parole to Dismas House in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 1, 1967, after serving 13 years for murder in Illinois. He said he was arrested on July 18, 1968, for having kidnaped a boy and girl and robbing them of money and their car. The car was recovered in St. Louis, Missouri. He said this crime was committed on July 11, 1967, and he was arrested on July 18, 1968, and subsequently tried.

He noted the newspaper articles stated that the kidnaper had mentioned being recently escaped from prison and among other things had blue eyes. He has brown eyes. He said, while in jail, he talked to everyone he could to find out what prisoners had escaped from Illinois and Missouri. He was told by a prisoner at the St. Louis Jail that JAMES RAY had escaped. This was in September of 1967. He said this prisoner, whose name he could not recall if he ever knew it, said that RAY had been in St. Louis all summer; had a car; was using or pushing narcotics and was living and eating in a garage and had been making money by various hold-ups. PARKER said he tried to get his attorney to send for a photograph of RAY, but this was not done.

PARKER said that he did not see a photograph of RAY until this last week when pictures were published of him in newspapers in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He noted the close resemblance between him and RAY. He said he thinks RAY is responsible for the crime for which he is serving time and he is therefore desirous of doing everything he can to help locate RAY.

PARKER said a large blow-up picture of him was used in his trial, but the picture had been "touched up" to remove facial scars. He noted he has tattoos on his arms that would show and yet the witnesses did not recall them. He said he believed the victims had been influenced in identifying him by the St. Louis Police. He claims he had a good alibi and did not commit the crime, but was convicted on his record and from biased testimony based on faulty identification of

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photograph, although the record indicates it was a court room identification.

PARKER said the victims were RITA BROCKELMAN, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri; and GEORGE MC QUADE, JR., [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri. He said the case was investigated by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Fifth District, St. Louis Police Department.

PARKER said he was in jail at St. Louis for ten months, and all this time he talked to whoever he could to find out who might have been the real perpetrator of this crime. He said he was on the fourth floor to December of 1967, and thereafter on 23 on the main custodial floor. He said, however, that prisoners mingled pretty much throughout the whole building and he does not know the names of anyone he talked to. He said he would continue to search his memory for the name of the person who told him RAY had been in St. Louis during the Summer of 1967, and was there as late as September of 1967.

PARKER said there was publicity of this case in the St. Charles, Missouri, Daily Banner of July 12, 1967, which carried interviews with the victims, and he has a deposition in which Miss BROCKELMAN testified the kidnaper had blue eyes and was very positive of this fact. He also noted the victims were let out about two miles from Alton, Illinois, where he believes RAY formerly lived. He noted the descriptions of him and RAY are practically identical except for marks and eyes.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/29/68

GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, Inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, at first said he did not know JAMES RAY. He was shown various pictures of RAY and then said he recognized him as an associate of an inmate he knew as RAY CURTIS. He said he had served time with CURTIS both in the penitentiary and in jail at Springfield, Missouri, and read an article of an interview with CURTIS in regard to RAY within the past few days.

EDMONDSON said his wife did not know RAY and he personally had no dealings with RAY inside or outside of the penitentiary, and did not discuss escapes or anything else with him.

EDMONDSON said he obtained a Canadian passport in Montreal, Canada under the name of [REDACTED] for the reason he spoke German, and is going to adopt that name eventually. He said his wife is [REDACTED], nee [REDACTED], and she is residing with her parents at [REDACTED] Quebec, Canada. He said she visits him on occasion, about every other month, but she does not plan to visit again as he expects to be released on a decision of the Missouri Supreme Court within a matter of about 30 days, and he will then go to Canada and join her.

EDMONDSON said it is very easy to get a Canadian passport and the procedure is probably known to every fugitive from the United States. He said all that is needed is \$5.00, plus someone to sign as a "guarantor", plus either a Baptismal Certificate or a Birth Certificate. He said he obtained his by sending in his marriage license and his wife's birth certificate. He said Baptismal records are available as are "guarantors" in the Rue Notre Dame area. He said most of the certificates emanate from the Saint Justin Parish and it costs about \$50.00 to obtain the necessary papers to back up the passport application.

He said there are a lot of "floaters", such as prostitutes and other "hustlers" in the Notre Dame area and they are the ones with whom to make contact. He said there

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is a definite pipe line in this regard. He said it usually would take about a week or ten days to get the necessary papers, and within a few days the passport would be received.

He said it is important to evaluate the contacts to know if 2500 Rue Notre Dame is east or west. He said neither is a good section, but east is French and west is English. He said the English are working people, but the French are "hustlers". He said the address could be considered as "downtown". He also said, if the passport was obtained on a Baptismal record, he might be able to furnish further information which might be helpful.

EDMONDSON said he believed that it would be no problem for RAY to hide out from Police and officials, but he would have to hide from the "whole literate public", which he said he knew from personal experience is not easy. He said, in his opinion, since RAY has been connected with the assassination of Dr. KING, he has no place to go, and no place to hide.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

*Adm. Kenneth Hurtt*  
*Ken. Th. Hurtt*  
JOHN KENNETH HURTT, Missouri Department of Corrections number [REDACTED] an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised that he celled in the same hall at the MSP as did JAMES EARL RAY for about two or three weeks in about 1966. He said that he was not close to RAY and that he knows of no close associates RAY had in the MSP. He stated that RAY was "always planning an escape", but he does not know who helped RAY escape in April, 1967, if anyone did help him, and he had no advance knowledge of RAY's escape in April, 1967. He advised that he has no information as to what RAY's plans were once he was able to escape, and he has no idea where he might go on escape or where he might try to hide. He said that he never heard of any bounty on the life of Dr. KING, and he never heard RAY mention such a bounty or say anything to indicate one way or the other his feelings regarding the Negro race.

RAY did say that he had a close friend who owned a paper company or office equipment company in Kansas City, Missouri, as HURTT recalled, and he said that RAY had him send a money order to this stationery company supposedly for ordering some paper. He said RAY gave him cigarettes in return for HURTT's sending about a \$15.00 money order to the stationery company, apparently because RAY did not want the records to show he was sending out the money. RAY was always talking about this same man who owned the stationery company, as RAY said, and it was this person who HURTT thought RAY said lived in Kansas City, and he thought that he sent his money order to Kansas City; however, he believes the name was PEPPER, and it is possible that he sent the money order to St. Louis, Missouri, rather than Kansas City, and he cannot recall the exact address. He advised that at any rate, the paper never came, and he asked RAY about delivery, and RAY told him that he had arranged for direct delivery to him and the paper would not be coming to HURTT. He said RAY never told him the money order had been sent to his brother-in-law. He added that this was the only time he ever sent any money out for RAY, and it was the only time RAY asked him to



do this for him. This would have been in about 1966, after RAY got out of solitary confinement following his return to the MSP from the State Hospital in Fulton, Missouri, as HURTT recalled. HURTT said that he was in solitary confinement when RAY escaped in April, 1967.

HURTT advised that he never heard of "Cooley's Organization", and he has been in the MSP for fifteen years. He said that he is not acquainted with any inmates named [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and he does not recall any such inmates being assigned to jobs with RAY or celling near him. He stated that he never heard RAY speak of Mexico, Canada, Australia, or New Orleans. He advised that RAY celled with [REDACTED] when RAY returned to the MSP from Fulton, but he knows of no other cellmates RAY had. He said that he has no information to indicate RAY was involved with the sale of amphetamine in the MSP.

On May 9, 1968, and May 10, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON and Major B. J. POIRY, Assistant Associate Warden of Custody, MSP, advised that they have no knowledge of "Cooley's Organization" and have been unable to identify it with any segment of the population at the MSP or to verify its existence, past or present.

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AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

The following investigation was conducted by  
Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]

On May 8, 1968, Mrs. LILLIAN WILLENBRINK, Secretary  
to Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP),  
advised that the only "Indian barber" in the MSP is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] # [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

On May 9, 1968, [REDACTED] # [REDACTED], who is of  
Indian heritage, advised that he did not arrive at the MSP  
until [REDACTED], which is his first sentence here,  
and he did not know JAMES EARL RAY and has no information  
regarding him.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 9, 1968, [REDACTED] # [REDACTED], inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised that he was in [REDACTED] at the MSP during the time RAY celled there in 1967. He said that he was in [REDACTED] at the time RAY escaped in April, 1967. He said that he did not know any inmates named [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], and he does not know if inmates with those names were in the MSP at the time RAY escaped. He stated that he never worked directly with RAY, but he did see him in the MSP and spoke with him. He said he went to work at the bakery at the MSP following RAY's escape, but he never heard any talk in the bakery about RAY or his escape while he was there and he has no information as to the identity of any inmate who may have aided RAY in his escape. [REDACTED] said that he was working at [REDACTED] when RAY escaped, and he did not know of his plan to escape or his plans following escape. He recalled that RAY was a "loner" who did not speak unless he was spoken to, and RAY never discussed his future plans to him. He said that he has no information regarding any "bounty" for the death of Dr. KING, and he never heard RAY speak of such a "bounty" or of Dr. KING. He stated that he got the impression that RAY had lived in New Orleans, Louisiana, as he did speak of New Orleans in his conversation, but he cannot recall any specific comments RAY made concerning New Orleans. He said he does not recall RAY's speaking of Mexico or Canada, and he has no idea where RAY might be located. He said that he recognizes a 1967 photograph of RAY in coat, white shirt, and tie, as RAY, with a fuller face. He stated that RAY never mentioned any assassination plans, and he felt that RAY was the non-violent type, since he was so quiet. He said he never heard of "Cooley's Organization" at the MSP.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 30, 1968, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that he was in the Missouri State Penitentiary during [REDACTED] on one sentence, and he believes he may have known who RAY was during that time, but was not acquainted or associated with him personally. He said when he came back to the Missouri State Penitentiary in [REDACTED] to begin his current [REDACTED] sentence from [REDACTED] Missouri, he worked in the bread room at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the early part [REDACTED] and he was working [REDACTED] at the bread room during the time RAY escaped. He stated that he recalls RAY was working the afternoon shift in the bread room, and he does not recall seeing RAY the day he escaped. He advised that he did not see RAY very much anyway, and he did not know of any plan RAY had to escape and never heard anything before he left or afterward as to where RAY planned to go after escape. He said that he does not know whether or not an inmate aided RAY in his escape, and he does not subscribe to the theory that RAY escaped in the bread box being delivered to one of the prison farms. [REDACTED] said that his shift was from 4:00 AM until 1:00 PM and he generally at about 8:00 AM took the bread box for the Ranz Farm down to the dock from the bread room to be loaded onto a truck going to the farm. He said as he recalls, the day RAY

supposedly escaped, he personally loaded the bread into the wooden bread box, personally took it down the elevator operated by an inmate to the dock, and assisted in placing the box onto the truck. He asserted that he placed the bread into an empty box, and there was nothing unusual about the box he loaded. He said that he does not believe RAY left the prison in the bread box, unless the bread box was exchanged for one in which RAY was hiding without [REDACTED] knowledge. He denied that he assisted RAY in his escape, and stated that the bread box was generally loaded with from 35 to 60 loaves of bread, which he always stacked neatly in the box. He said that he never worked directly with RAY at the prison and did not consider himself a friend of RAY. He stated that he never heard anyone at the prison speak of a bounty on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, and he never heard RAY say anything that would reveal his feelings with regard to race or about his plans for the future. He said he never heard RAY mention Oregon, Mexico or Canada. He said that he does not believe that the bread he packed into the bread box on the day RAY supposedly escaped came to the top of the bread box. He advised that sometimes the bread sits on the truck at the dock unattended while the driver picks up other supplies to be delivered to the prison farms. [REDACTED] denied having knowledge of any plan RAY had to escape and denied knowledge of his possible whereabouts.

AT TUSCUMBIA, MISSOURI:

On April 30, 1968, Sheriff WENDELL HENSLEY, Miller County Sheriff's Office, advised that the town of Lake Ozark, Missouri, is in Miller County, located on the Lake of the Ozarks. He said that he knows of no investigation being conducted at this time or recently by any law enforcement agency about "narcotics pushers" at Lake Ozark or area, and he personally has no knowledge of any peddlers of narcotics operating in this area. He said there has never been any proof of which he is aware that RAY was ever in Miller County or area.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 29, 1968, [REDACTED], MSP # [REDACTED], inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised that he knew JAMES EARL RAY at the MSP, but was not well acquainted with him. He said he would doubt that anyone was "well acquainted" with RAY, as he was a quiet individual who did not become involved in any of the prison rackets. He stated he never knew of RAY to be involved in the sale of "pills" or amphetamine, or to operate or play in poker games. He advised that he never knew RAY to express strong opinions on any subject, including racial matters, and he never heard of a bounty mentioned regarding Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he knows nothing of RAY's family, background or associates and has no information regarding his escape or plans following his escape. He advised that RAY was not known, so far as he knows, as a "kid" or a "punk" in the prison, and he doubts that RAY was ever a cellmate of [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 29, 1968, [REDACTED]

also known as [REDACTED] Missouri State Penitentiary  
number [REDACTED], advised as follows:

He knew JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). From his conversations with RAY, he learned that RAY's maximum ambition in life was to make a "score" of about \$20 - \$30,000.00, after which he would go to Mexico to "hide out", living simply on the loot at the favorable Mexican exchange rate. RAY had spoken to him about his previous trips to Mexico, following "two or three" armed robberies, involving small scores, where he would "cool off" and live on beer, beans and milk. RAY spoke of Campeche Bay, near the Yucatan Peninsula, and he spoke of living with peasants on the outskirts of the town of Campeche, Mexico. RAY also spoke of a cheap "red light district" he favored located in the town of Torreon or Torrejon (phonetic), which the former MSP inmate thought was located in north central Mexico. Cost was a factor in anything RAY did, and he apparently lived frugally and budgeted his money carefully.

RAY did not like Negroes in general, but he expressed no particular feeling toward MARTIN LUTHER KING, although he has heard RAY refer to Dr. KING as "MARTIN LUTHER COON". RAY read enthusiastically, especially the weekly news magazines available at the MSP, and he would react in an outspoken manner opposing H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL when he read of their activities, as well as in opposition to publicity Dr. KING received in certain instances.

The former MSP inmate never heard of any bounty mentioned with regard to Dr. KING at the MSP or elsewhere. He believes he has heard RAY speculate that there might be some money available through some splinter group for the murder of BROWN or CARMICHAEL, but he never heard him speak in this regard about Dr. KING. RAY did not mention specific groups or any knowledge of any real payoff information. He recalls RAY's telling him [REDACTED] that while he was on the minor construction detail at the MSP, one of the guards referred to the Negro inmates working on the detail as "boy", and the Negroes went on a "sit-down" strike, and induced about two of the white inmates to join their strike, and when one of the Negroes referred to RAY as "gray", he got into a fight with that inmate, although the prison officials never learned of the fight. [REDACTED] does not know whether or not it is true.

RAY was a hypochondriac in that he took six or seven different kinds of pills daily, imagining that he had a "cranial depression" and a "rapid palpitation of the heart". He would use former inmate's watch with a second hand and time his pulse. He was able to obtain "pills" from going on sick call as well as through inmate sources in the MSP. [REDACTED] RAY took these pills, thinking that [REDACTED] some day [REDACTED] the pills might ward off future effects [REDACTED]. He believes RAY was selling amphetamine all the time he was in the MSP, but former inmate does not know his source.

RAY mentioned a traffic for the sale of small appliances in Mexico, due to the tariff Mexicans had to pay for such items they purchased legally, and he spoke of having smuggled such items into Mexico. He said he was acquainted with a man who operated a small scale smuggling business, who lived near the town of Campeche, Mexico. RAY mentioned this man so often that former inmate recalls his name: either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], who apparently had lived for some time in the United States, and who spoke English. He believes this is the man RAY referred



to as the owner of a small fishing boat, and he would smuggle things from Brownsville, Texas, into Mexico through Campeche Bay. He believes RAY made trips on this boat with the man, and apparently Mexican Nationals are not checked upon entering Mexico through Campeche Bay in fishing boats. He does not believe RAY could speak Spanish, other than for basic words for basic needs. He heard RAY mention a brother in St. Louis, Missouri, and he believes some of RAY's trips to Mexico were with either the brother or with someone he had participated in armed robberies with, name not given. RAY indicated he had invested a little money in TV sets and washing machines which were transported to Mexico by his friend with the fishing boat. RAY said he had been to Mexico City "a couple of times", and he apparently liked Mexico City, but said it was a "tourist trap", and he could not afford to stay there.

RAY's only reference to working had to do with past bartending jobs. He believes RAY said he had tended bar somewhere in Peoria, Illinois, and at some other town in southern Illinois, exact location not known. He never mentioned Oregon or Canada, that former inmate recalls.

RAY never mentioned to him his plans for escape or specific plans to hide out any particular place, but his conversation indicated he wanted to "make the one big score" and retire in Mexico. He mentioned that he and another man, name not mentioned, drove to Mexico, apparently Campeche, one time, in an old model Chevrolet, specific routes not mentioned. He does not know how RAY made his other trips to Mexico he claimed to have made. He said that he had lived in a rented three-room shack on the outskirts of Campeche, within walking distance of the town, and from his conversation, former inmate gathered that this was during the late 1950's. RAY said he had been in Arizona before, but he did not mention any of the Mexican-United States Border towns, other than Brownsville, Texas.

He recalls RAY mentioned having watched a "fire dance" done by small Negro boys at a hotel in Acapulco, Mexico. He indicated he had not stayed at the hotel where the performance was, since it was too expensive, but stayed at an unnamed cheaper hotel, and he indicated that live coals

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were kicked over a cliff into the surf below the hotel, after which the boys would dive into the surf as it rushed through a small inlet.

He recalls RAY once had another inmate, KENNY HURT, or HURTT, in about 1966, send out about \$15.00 for him once, purportedly for the purchase of stationery for legal papers. The prison authorities watch inmate expenditures closely and at the time, the inmates were allowed only about \$23.00 per month expenditures, but RAY had some income from his illegal activities in prison and needed to conceal the money in other than his own treasury account. HURTT got RAY's money and sent it out to a Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ (name unrecalled) Stationery Company in St. Louis, Missouri, but no stationery ever came to HURTT, who worried about it and thought it might have been stolen until he was told it would never come, by RAY, who had used HURTT for getting rid of the money without HURTT's knowledge of what he was doing.

Former MSP inmate does not know who RAY might contact, other than the supposed friend at Campeche he named, and he has no knowledge of his whereabouts and no knowledge of his plans to escape, or activities following escape. He does not approve of the murder with which RAY is charged, however, and desired to furnish the above information to help if he can.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS:

A former inmate, [REDACTED], of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, currently incarcerated Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, advised on April 30, 1968, that he had worked in the bakery at the Missouri State Penitentiary while JAMES EARL RAY was an inmate at the penitentiary and also a bakery worker. RAY was a friend of [REDACTED] and an inmate recalled only as [REDACTED] believed to be from Farmington, Missouri.

[REDACTED] intimated that RAY was planning an escape from the penitentiary and his escape was finally effected with a large bread box-- [REDACTED] and possibly others assisting in the loading of the bread box containing JAMES EARL RAY. When the bread truck came in, a remark was made by [REDACTED] about sending something to the farm, and a rather heavy bread box was loaded on the bread truck.

RAY on one occasion made the remark concerning a Negro guard known as Lt. BILLY BOB "That's one Nigger that should be dead." RAY on one occasion referred to a male Negro cook as "that black son-of-a-bitch."

RAY was characterized as a loner and one who seemed to live in his own world. RAY was known to purchase the physical favors of homosexuals while still in the Missouri State Penitentiary, although it was believed that RAY would seek sexual relations with women outside the prison walls.

Prior to the time that RAY escaped in the bread box, [REDACTED] was overheard telling RAY that he wanted RAY to go to Doe Run, Missouri, where a girl named [REDACTED] (phonetic) resided. [REDACTED] wanted RAY to "beat that bitch real good, but don't kill her." [REDACTED] wanted RAY to tell [REDACTED] that the beating had come from [REDACTED]. Apparently [REDACTED] had been [REDACTED] girl friend, and when she stopped corresponding with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] became quite upset.

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It was also believed that RAY had stabbed one inmate while still in the Missouri State Penitentiary down on the dock by the garbage cans, but his identity was never discovered by prison officials. It was believed that [REDACTED] held this inmate while RAY stabbed him with a knife. It was not believed that this was a mortal wound, but simply an assault with a knife.

It was indicated that RAY used to steal locks from different doors in the bakery and kitchen area and practiced picking these locks later.

[REDACTED] was described as a white male, age 35, about 5'10", 160 pounds. [REDACTED] was a nice-looking, well built, white male with black hair.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED], advised that he was an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, while JAMES EARL RAY was also an inmate in that institution. [REDACTED] advised that he was employed in the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that he was never a close friend of RAY, and they actually resided on opposite sides of the prison. RAY was in the hospital a few times on sick call, but was never actually checked in to occupy a bed. RAY just picked up his medication and left. [REDACTED] said, therefore, that although he knew RAY to speak to him, he had never had an extended conversation with RAY and actually knew very little concerning RAY's personal life or friends at the prison.

He remembered RAY as a "loner", who always acted like he was troubled. He remembered that RAY seldom smiled, and he judged that RAY was preoccupied with his own thoughts. After RAY escaped, [REDACTED] thought that probably RAY was thinking about his escape plans rather than the events closer at hand. He viewed the photographs of RAY and indicated they were good likenesses, recalling that RAY did cock his head a little to one side.

[REDACTED] said he would have no idea as to RAY's whereabouts, since RAY had never mentioned any escape, any friends inside or outside the prison, and had never given any possible itinerary if he left the prison. [REDACTED] said that since someone would probably make some money for turning RAY in, he himself would contact this Bureau if he ever does see RAY on the outside. [REDACTED] said that his own nickname was [REDACTED] while he was in the prison at Jefferson City, Missouri.

It will be observed that the whereabouts of [REDACTED] was obtained through [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] can also be  
contacted in care of his sister  
Kansas City, Mo., phone [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

On May 2, 1968, [REDACTED], MSP # [REDACTED], serving [REDACTED], Missouri State Penitentiary, since [REDACTED], said he has worked in [REDACTED] the main kitchen and the [REDACTED] at the penitentiary. In April of 1967, he said, he was working in the [REDACTED]

He said he knew RAY on sight and spoke to him and that was all. He said he worked for a time with RAY in the kitchen, but did not associate with him in K Hall and he did not know RAY's associates. He said RAY was very quiet and he had no information on the personal habits or beliefs of RAY. He never heard of any bounty for the killing of Dr. KING, or rumors to that effect. He could furnish no further information.

Police Departments at Jefferson City, Columbia and Sedalia, Missouri, and both the Identification and Laboratory Sections of the Missouri State Highway Patrol have been requested to compare any latents on hand or received with the prints of RAY. Only the Missouri State Highway Patrol had such. To date, checks in this regard have been negative, according to [REDACTED] Missouri State Highway Patrol Laboratory, who so advised on May 6, 1968.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 24, 1968, [REDACTED] Classification Office, Missouri Department of Corrections, advised that [REDACTED] No. [REDACTED], was received at the Department of Corrections, Huntsville, Texas under that number as of [REDACTED]. He is former Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) No. [REDACTED] and was discharged [REDACTED]. His emergency address was care of [REDACTED], Houston, Texas. [REDACTED] His brother, [REDACTED] No. [REDACTED], was discharged [REDACTED].

On April 24, 1968, Lt. WILLIAM ROBERT TURNER, also known as "BILLY BOB", a Negro, advised that he was the first Negro officer at the MSP to have general jurisdiction over the whole yard, including white cells. He said, for this reason, some of the inmates resented him.

Lt. TURNER said he knew "JIMMY" RAY as an inmate and observed him in the yard on many occasions. He said the only inmate he ever saw RAY with on more than isolated occasions, was a [REDACTED] who was a cell mate of [REDACTED]. He noted [REDACTED] received a card signed [REDACTED] which he believed to be from [REDACTED]. It had no message except greetings "to a wonderful friend".

TURNER said it was his opinion that [REDACTED] was a person who would be willing to kill Negroes. He did not believe RAY would. He said he had occasion to sit on a discipline board before which [REDACTED] appeared. He said [REDACTED] tried to "snow the board" and he, TURNER, recommended rather a harsh punishment for him. He said this word could have gotten to RAY, who may have resented it.



TURNER said that RAY was very quiet and got along well with the Negro population, but did not associate with them. He said [REDACTED] did not get along well with them at all and continually "bad mouthed" them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. He said the sketch, which first appeared concerning the assassin of Dr. KING more closely resembled [REDACTED] than RAY.

Lt. TURNER said he circulates among the entire prison population all the time and supervises recreation periods in the yard. He said he never heard of any bounty on Dr. KING and he would have heard of this had there been any conversations in this regard in the penitentiary.

Lt. TURNER further recalled that he was on duty in the yard on April 23, 1967. He said an inmate came to him and advised him there had been an escape and perhaps two from this institution. He said he went to Major BERNARD POIRY, in charge, and gave him this information. They then called all known "escape artists" to the control center. However, for some reason, RAY was not included. All of the known "escape artists" were accounted for. They then took a roll call of all inmates and at the time discovered that RAY, and only RAY, was missing.

He said the inmate who advised him of the escape is [REDACTED]. He said this escape was called to his attention between Noon and 1:00 PM. He said [REDACTED] did not know who had escaped.

Lt. TURNER said he has talked to may inmates in the penitentiary regarding both RAY and possible hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan in the penitentiary. He said there are a few Black Muslims, but otherwise there is no indication of any "hate groups".

TURNER said he is acquainted with [REDACTED] released, and he could not recall ever seeing RAY with this person. He did not know RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS either as an inmate or associate of RAY's.

Lt. TURNER recalled that RAY operated a magazine service by himself. He charged twenty five cents to let inmates read magazines or paper back books he acquired. He said many inmates used cigarettes instead of money for exchange medium in the penitentiary and as a result RAY usually had a lot of cigarettes from his book business. He said, no doubt, RAY sold some of the cigarettes for cash.

Lt. TURNER said that [REDACTED] may have known RAY, but he did not think so. He said [REDACTED], could be described as a "top-con" in that he is a "fast operator" and always is able to accumulate money through various "prison rackets". He recalled that [REDACTED] was in solitary confinement when RAY escaped.

Lt. TURNER said that RAY did not have the reputation of being a drug user, including amphetamine and there was nothing to indicate he had any abnormal sexual problems. He opined that the killing of Dr. KING by RAY is hard for him to believe as he "just is not the type".

On April 24, 1968, [REDACTED] Missouri State Penitentiary, No. [REDACTED] serving [REDACTED] said he came to the MSP in [REDACTED]. He escaped from Fordland Honor Camp, Fordland, Missouri in [REDACTED]. He hitchhiked to Springfield, Missouri and took the bus to St. Louis. He said he had slightly over \$100.00 when he left Fordland. He said he "just happened on to [REDACTED] in St. Louis". He said he did not know any [REDACTED]. He said he went to school with [REDACTED] and has known him all his life. He said [REDACTED] operated [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] tried to talk him into turning himself in. He said he [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] off and on for one day and then went to the home of his brother, [REDACTED], probably [REDACTED], where he was arrested.

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He said he did not know JAMES EARL RAY in the MSP; although he said the photograph of RAY in the newspapers looked familiar. He said he never heard that [REDACTED] would hide out anyone. He said he did not know any associates of RAY. He said he did not know [REDACTED] or JAMES OWENS. He said he had not seen [REDACTED] since 1955 until [REDACTED]. He said, however, that [REDACTED] has been visiting him since that time and attempting to get him a parole. He said he believed that [REDACTED] was in the MSP many years ago. He said he knew nothing of [REDACTED] contacts with other inmates or of his activities at any of the roads near the Honor Farms as he has never been in any except Fordland.

On April 24, 1968, the visitor's card of [REDACTED] was examined. It did not have anyone by the name of [REDACTED] listed thereon.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 30, 1968, [REDACTED] # [REDACTED],  
Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that he is a native  
of Georgia, and he is due to be released soon to the  
Federal detainer filed against him. He said that in about  
[REDACTED] he worked in the kitchen at the Missouri State Penitentiary  
when JAMES EARL RAY was pushing a food cart to the hospital.  
He stated that he probably never spoke to RAY, and he does  
not recall having ever heard RAY speak. He advised that he  
has no information about RAY, his plans or his possible  
whereabouts.

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PENITENTIARY RECORDS

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/681

Dr. D. B. PETERSON, MD, Superintendent of State Hospital Number One, Fulton Missouri, advised that JAMES EARL RAY was confined in the maximum security unit of the hospital for mental evaluation from September 8 to October 21, 1966. He said mental evaluation was requested by RAY'S attorney after the latter had been charged with attempting to escape (within the walls) of the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dr. PETERSON furnished a negative of photo taken of RAY. He also furnished a letter written to the hospital by RAY in his handwriting.

Dr. PETERSON likewise furnished a diagnostic evaluation of RAY. He explained that this item is confidential, and the contents thereof can be made available only by subpoena duces tecum which should be addressed to him.

On 4/19/68 at Fulton, Missouri File # KC 44-760

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/21/68

Confidential to  
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## I. PERTINENT HISTORY

Reason for Admission: Pre-trial examination pursuant to Section 552.020 by Circuit Court Order of Cole County alleged to be charged with the crime of attempted escape.

**Legal Status:** Subject was transferred to this hospital for pre-trial evaluation from the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he was serving a sentence of twenty years, having been convicted of the crimes of first degree robbery and two charges of operating a motor vehicle without the permission of the owner. In addition to the sentence, he is serving, he now has a charge against him of attempted escape.

**Pertinent Social History:** According to accompanying information received from the Missouri State Penitentiary, at or about 9:00 p.m. on 11 March 1966, the subject attempted to escape and actually had hidden out inside the penitentiary walls until he was discovered at approximately 12:10 a.m. on 13 March 1966 attempting to make his way to the roof from which he apparently planned to scale the prison wall. He had placed a dummy in his bed to cover up for his absence at the 9:00 p.m. count on 11 March and had taken a 14 foot iron rod with a metal hook on the end with which he was able to scale several feet of one of the walls inside the penitentiary. He had cut a hole through a security screen on a window and had been hiding out from search parties on various areas of the roof.

Mr. James Ray was born on 10 March 1928 in Illinois. The record indicates that he completed ten grades of school and entered the Army in February 1946, where he served until December 1948, at which time he was discharged because of a lack of adaptability. His FBI record comprises one and one half pages and shows numerous arrests for a variety of charges. He has served sentences in various penal institutions on conviction of such charges as robbery, forgery of postal money orders, and car theft. He has been incarcerated in one or another penal institution a good part of his adult life.

## II. PHYSICAL STATES

There is no physical disease or defect which requires treatment at this time.

Laboratory Data: 9 Sep 66: Urinalysis essentially negative. Hematology within normal limits. Serum bromides negative. Blood sugar and blood urea nitrogen were within normal limits. VDRL nonreactive. 13 Sep 66: Chest x-ray reported as negative.

**II. MENTAL STATUS**

**Orientation:** He is oriented for time, place and person.

**Memory:** His memory is unimpaired for both recent and remote events.

**Speech and Mental Activity:** He is coherent, alert, relevant and there are no hallucinations or delusions.

**Mood and Affect:** He appeared to be somewhat tense and anxious and at times showed some mild depression but not of psychotic proportions.

**Insight and Judgment:** He has a good verbal assessment of reality but in the past he has used poor judgment.

**Psychological Testing:** Psychological tests indicate that he has an IQ of 105 which places him within the average range of intellectual functioning. Tests also showed some degree of depression. The psychological tests showed no evidence of a psychosis.

**IV. COURSE IN HOSPITAL**

He has made a good hospital adjustment and has not been a management problem.

**V. CONDITION AT PRESENT**

Unchanged.

**VI. DIAGNOSIS**

Sociopathic Personality, Antisocial Type with anxiety and depressive features.

**VII. DISCUSSION**

Patient has been observed, studied and tested. No symptoms or signs indicating a mental disease or defect could be found. Although he showed signs of anxiety and depression, these could not be considered of psychotic proportions.

**VIII. FINDINGS**

- 1) That the accused has no mental disease or defect within the meaning of Section 552.010.
- 2) That the accused has the capacity to understand the proceedings against him and can assist in his own defense.
- 3) That the accused did know and appreciate the nature, quality and wrongfulness of his conduct.

**IX. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that he be returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/681

Mr. HAROLD SWENSON, Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, furnished the cell assignments of JAMES EARL RAY and RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS.

RAY was in the penitentiary from March 17, 1960 to April 23, 1967, when he escaped.

He occupied the following cells:

April 12, 1960 - July 28, 1960	B-24
July 28, 1960 - March 15, 1961	K-178
March 13, 1961 - November 22, 1961	K-118
November 22, 1961 - May 25, 1962	E-224
May 25, 1962 - June 8, 1962	B-16
June 8, 1962 - July 23, 1962	E-66
July 23, 1962 - August 10, 1962	K-15
August 10, 1962 - August 15, 1962	K-161
August 15, 1962 - March 8, 1963	K-168
March 8, 1963 - October 22, 1965	K-172
October 22, 1965 - December 16, 1965	K-2
December 16, 1965 - March 4, 1966	J-42
March 4, 1966 - March 14, 1966	CB-6
March 14, 1966 - June 11, 1966	BB-9
June 11, 1966 - September 8, 1966	State Hospital #1
October 21, 1966	Returned
November 17, 1966	C-17
November 17, 1966 - January 18, 1967	C-17
January 18, 1967 - April 23, 1967	K-135.

RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS, # [REDACTED] served from May 15, 1962 to June 27, 1966, when he was paroled. He occupied the following cells:

June 21, 1962 - June 29, 1962	C-46
June 29, 1962 - July 1, 1962	C-45
July 1, 1962 - July 19, 1964	J-134
July 19, 1964 - September 5, 1964	C-60
September 5, 1964 - September 24, 1964	C-58
September 24, 1964 - September 26, 1964	F-6
September 26, 1964 - January 3, 1966	F-40
January 3, 1966 - June 27, 1966	F-3

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by IE [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/23/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/25/68

[REDACTED], Missouri State Penitentiary (inmates' accounts), stated money orders had been received by JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary as follows:

<u>1963</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sender</u>
February 20	\$ 35.00	JOHN RAY, <u>[REDACTED]</u> St. Louis, Missouri
April 16	65.00	"
May 23	25.00	JERRY RAY, <u>[REDACTED]</u> , Glenview, Illinois
June 19	50.00	PHILLIP L. BAKER, <u>[REDACTED]</u> Columbia, Missouri
June 19	50.00	JOHN RAY, <u>[REDACTED]</u> St. Louis, Missouri
July 10	15.00	JERRY RAY, <u>[REDACTED]</u> , Glenview, Illinois
August 15	1.00	West Publishing Company
August 20	30.00	JERRY RAY, <u>[REDACTED]</u> Glenview, Illinois
August 28	35.00	JERRY RAY, <u>[REDACTED]</u> St. Louis, Missouri
<u>1964</u>		
January 3	5.00	Mrs. M. FULLER, <u>[REDACTED]</u> , Quincy, Illinois

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<u>(1964)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sender</u>
January 13	1.50 (return draft)	Circuit Court St. Louis, Missouri
February 17	1.00 (return draft)	West Publishing Company
March 25	10.00	Mrs. MARY MAHER, ██████████, St. Louis, Mo.
May 27	40.00	JERRY RAY, ██████████ Glenview, Illinois
July 9	15.00	JERRY RAY, ██████████ Flossmarr, Illinois
August 31	20.00	JERRY RAY, ██████████, St. Louis, Mo.
December 24	10.00	Mrs. M. FULLER, ██████████ Quincy, Illinois
<u>1965</u>		
March 11	1.00	JERRY RAY, ██████████ Wheeling, Illinois
April 5	4.50	JERRY RAY, ██████████ Wheeling, Illinois
May 18	8.50	JERRY RAY, ██████████, St. Louis, Missouri
June 14	8.50	JERRY RAY, ██████████, St. Louis, Missouri
August 11	1.50	JERRY RAY, ██████████ Wheeling, Illinois
September 1	13.50	JERRY RAY, ██████████ Wheeling, Illinois
December 8	1.50	JERRY RAY, ██████████ Wheeling, Illinois

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(1965)  
December 20

\$ 10.00

MABEL FULLER,  
[REDACTED],  
Quincy, Illinois

1966  
February 10

1.00

JERRY RAY, [REDACTED]  
Wheeling, Illinois

March 24

8.50

"

April 1

8.50

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May 17

3.50

"

May 27

10.00

"

July 7

4.50

Circuit Court  
St. Louis, Missouri

August 18

6.75

JERRY RAY, [REDACTED]  
Wheeling, Illinois

December 20

5.00

MARY MAHER,  
[REDACTED],  
St. Louis, Missouri

December 20

5.00

JERRY RAY, [REDACTED]  
Wheeling, Illinois

1967  
February 3

15.00

JOHN RAY, [REDACTED]  
St. Louis, Missouri

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/20/68

Missouri State Penitentiary, Inmates' Bank, furnished the following data from the file of former inmate JAMES EARL RAY. He said this represented all of RAY's financial transactions, through the penitentiary facility from March 20, 1960, to the present. He said there were no means by which the reasons for withdrawals could be established. He said he would determine from whom money orders were received.

On 4/23/88 at Jefferson City, Missouri File # KC 44-760

SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 4/24/68  
by [REDACTED] Date dictated [REDACTED]

Name Ray, James Ear

Sheet No. 1

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Date of Reference	Earnings Dr. or Cr.	Earnings Balance	Cash Credit	Withdrawal	Cash Balance	Total Balance
MAR 22'60			3.06+			3.06°
MAR 22'60				3.00-		.06°
MAY 19'60	3.00+					3.06°
JUN- 7CP				3.00-		.06°
JUN 20'60	3.00+					3.06°
JUL 5CP				3.00-		.06°
JUL 21'60	4.00+					4.06°
AUG 17CP				3.00-		1.06°
AUG 19'60	4.00+					5.06°
SEP 6EX	To: James H McAtter, Circuit Court Clerk →			2.25-		2.81°
SEP 22MO			10.00+			12.81°
SEP 23'60	4.00+					16.81°
OCT 6MO			10.00+			26.81°
OCT 17CP				20.00-		6.81°
OCT 21'60	5.00+					11.81°
OCT 27CM				.50-		11.31°
NOV 16CP				6.00-		5.31°
NOV 18'60	5.00+					10.31°
NOV 18'60				.50-		9.81°
NOV 23CM				1.00-		8.81°
NOV 28JE				1.50-		7.31°
DEC 16CP				3.00-		4.31°
DEC 19'60	5.00+					9.31°
DEC 27MO			5.00+			14.31°
DEC 28MO			5.00+			19.31°
JAN 17CP				6.00-		13.31°
JAN 20'61	6.00+					19.31°
JAN 24 EX	To: West Publishing Company →			1.25-		18.06°
FEB 6EX	To: James H. McAtter, Circuit Court Clerk →			1.25-		16.81°
FEB 17CP				10.00-		6.81°
FEB 21'61	6.00+					12.81°
FEB 28'61				.50-		12.31°
MAR 16CP				6.00-		6.31°
MAR 22'61	7.00+					13.31°
APR 7MO			5.00+			18.31°
APR 17CP				15.00-		3.31°
APR 18'61				.50-		2.81°
APR 24'61	8.00+					10.81°
MAY 15CP				6.00-		4.81°
MAY 19'61	9.00+					13.81°
JUN 19CP				10.00-		3.81°

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Date of Reference	Earnings Dr. or Cr.	Earnings Balance	Credit Cash	Withdrawal	Cash Balance	Total Balance
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JUN 22'61	10.00 +					13.81 °
JUL 17 CP				10.00 -		3.81 °
JUL 21'61	11.00 +					14.81 °
JUL 25 MO			5.00 +			19.81 °
AUG 7 EX				3.25 -		16.56 °
AUG 11'61				.50 -		16.06 °
AUG 14 CP				10.00 -		6.06 °
AUG 21'61	12.00 +					18.06 °
SEP 15 CP				15.00 -		3.06 °
SEP 20'61	12.00 +					15.06 °
OCT 4'61				.50 -		14.56 °
OCT 16 CM				1.00 -		13.56 °
OCT 18 CP				10.00 -		3.56 °
OCT 20'61	12.00 +					15.56 °
NOV 6 MO			1.00 +			16.56 °
NOV 15 CM				1.00 -		15.56 °
NOV 17 CP				10.00 -		5.56 °
NOV 22'61	12.00 +					17.56 °
NOV 30'61				.50 -		17.06 °
DEC 1 CP				3.00 -		14.06 °
DEC 4'61				.88 -		13.18 °
DEC 7'61			10.00 +			23.18 °
DEC 18'61	1.63 +					24.81 °
DEC 19 MO			10.00 +			34.81 °
DEC 19'61				2.40 -		32.41 °
MAR 1 CP				1.00 -		31.41 °
MAR 29'62				2.40 -		29.01 °
APR 2 CP				3.00 -		26.01 °
MAY 1 CP				3.00 -		23.01 °
JUN 7 CP				6.00 -		17.01 °
JUN 8'62				.50 -		16.51 °
JUN 28'62				.50 -		16.01 °
JUL 2 CP				10.00 -		6.01 °
JUL 10 EX				5.50 -		.51 °
JUL 13'62	1.50 +					2.01 °
AUG 6'62				.50 -		1.51 °
AUG 15'62	1.50 +					3.01 °
SEP 12'62	1.50 +					4.51 °
SEP 13 CM				.50 -		4.01 °
OCT 10'62	1.50 +					5.51 °
OCT 18 MO			10.00 +			15.51 °

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(1962)						15.51 °
OCT 19 CM				.50 -		15.01 °
NOV 13 MO			40.00 +			55.01 °
NOV 14 '62	1.50 +					56.51 °
NOV 20 CM				.50 -		56.01 °
DEC 4 '63				2.40 -		53.61 °
DEC 5 JE				2.50 -		51.11 °
DEC 13 '63	1.50 +					52.61 °
DEC 14 CP				20.00 -		32.61 °
JAN 15 '63	1.50 +					34.11 °
JAN 16 CP				20.00 -		14.11 °
JAN 22 '63				.50 -		
JAN 22 '63				.74 -		12.87 °
FEB 7 MO			7.50 +			20.37 °
FEB 15 '63	1.50 +					21.87 °
FEB 18 CP				20.00 -		1.87 °
FEB 20 MO			35.00 +			36.87 °
MAR 6 EX	To: Sheet Publishing Company			→ 1.25 -		35.62 °
MAR 14 '63	1.50 +					37.12 °
MAR 19 EX	To: Jerry Ray			- - - - - 10.25 -		26.87 °
MAR 21 '63				.60 -		26.27 °
APR 8 EX	To: Sheet Publishing Company			→ 1.25 -		25.02 °
APR 12 '63	1.50 +					26.52 °
APR 15 CP				10.00 -		16.52 °
APR 16 MO			65.00 +			81.52 °
APR 24 '63				2.50 -		79.02 °
MAY 14 '63	1.50 +					80.52 °
MAY 16 CP				6.00 -		74.52 °
MAY 20 EX	To: Alden's			- - - - - 7.00 -		67.52 °
MAY 23 MO			25.00 +			92.52 °
JUN 3 MO			.60 +			93.12 °
JUN 10 EX	To: Jerry Ray			- - - - - 80.25 -		12.87 °
JUN 13 '63	1.50 +					14.37 °
JUN 17 CP				6.00 -		8.37 °
JUN 19 MO			50.00 +			
JUN 19 MO			50.00 +			108.37 °
JUN 24 EX	To: Jerry Ray			- - - - - 102.25 -		6.12 °
JUL 10 '63 MO			15.00 +			21.12 °
JUL 12 '63	1.50 +					22.62 °
JUL 15 CP				6.00 -		16.62 °
JUL 22 EX	To: Sheet Publishing Company			→ 1.25 -		15.37 °
AUG 14 '63	1.50 +					16.87 °

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Date of Reference	Earnings Dr. or Cr.	Earnings Balance	Credit Cash	Withdrawal	Cash Balance	Total Balance
AUG 5 MO			1.00 +			10.87 =
AUG 10 MO			30.00 +			11.87 =
SEP 13 '63	1.50 +					41.87 =
SEP 16 '63 EC				20.00 -		43.37 =
OCT 10 '63	1.50 +					23.37 =
OCT 14 '63 CP				20.00 -		24.87 =
OCT 14 '63 CH				1.00 -		4.87 =
OCT 28 '63 MO			35.00 +			3.87 =
NOV 6 '63				.50 -		38.87 =
NOV 12 '63	1.50 +					38.37 =
NOV 15 '63 CH				.62 -		39.87 =
DEC 5 '63	2.00 +					39.25 =
DEC 12 '63	1.50 +					41.25 =
DEC 16 '63 CH				.50 -		42.75 =
JAN 3 '64 MO			5.00 +			42.25 =
JAN 6 '64 EX		<i>To: James McArthur</i>		1.75 -		47.25 =
JAN 13 '64 MO			1.50 +			45.50 =
JAN 14 '64	1.50 +					47.00 =
FEB 10 '64 EX		<i>To: Sheet Publishing Company</i>		1.25 -		48.50 =
FEB 13 '64	1.50 +					47.25 =
FEB 17 '64 CP				6.00 -		48.75 =
FEB 17 '64 MO			1.00 +			42.75 =
MAR 12 '64	1.50 +					43.75 =
MAR 25 '64 MO			10.00 +			45.25 =
APR 15 '64	1.50 +					55.25 =
APR 17 '64 CP				15.00 -		56.75 =
MAY 13 '64	1.50 +					41.75 =
MAY 14 '64 CP				10.00 -		43.25 =
MAY 27 '64 MO			40.00 +			33.25 =
JUN 11 '64	1.50 +					73.25 =
JUN 15 '64 CP				15.00 -		74.75 =
JUN 22 '64 EX		<i>To: Jerry Ray</i>		55.25 -		59.75 =
JUL 9 '64 MO			15.00 +			4.50 =
JUL 13 '64	1.50 +					19.50 =
JUL 15 '64 CP				10.00 -		21.00 =
AUG 14 '64	1.50 +					11.00 =
AUG 17 '64 CP				6.00 -		12.50 =
AUG 31 '64 MO			20.00 +			6.50 =
SEP 11 '64	1.50 +					26.50 =
SEP 14 '64 CP				15.00 -		28.00 =
SEP 28 '64 CH				.50 -		13.00 =
OCT 6 '64				.50 -		12.50 =
OCT 14 '64	1.50 +					12.00 =
OCT 15 '64 CP				6.00 -		13.50 =
OCT 16 '64 CH				.50 -		7.50 =
NOV 13 '64	1.50 +					7.00 =
DEC 10 '64	1.50 +					8.50 =
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of Reference	Earnings Dr. or Cr.	Earnings Balance	Credit Cash	Withdrawal	Cash Balance	Total Balance
						10.00 °
DEC 14'64				6.00 -		4.00 °
DEC 24'64			10.00 +			14.00 °
DEC 30'64	6.00 +					20.00 °
JAN 6'65		<i>To: Jerry Ray - - - - -</i> → 19.25 -				1.75 °
JAN 14'65	1.50 +					3.25 °
JAN 25'65				1.25 -		2.00 °
FEB 10'65	1.50 +					3.50 °
MAR 11'65	1.50 +					5.00 °
MAR 11'65 NO			1.00 +			6.00 °
MAR 15'65 CP				6.00 -		.00 °
APR 5'65 NO			4.50 +			4.50 °
APR 15'65	1.50 +					6.00 °
APR 20'65 CP				6.00 -		.00 °
MAY 12'65	1.50 +					1.50 °
MAY 18'65 NO			8.50 +			10.00 °
MAY 19'65 CP				10.00 -		.00 °
JUN 11'65	1.50 +					1.50 °
JUN 14'65 NO			8.50 +			10.00 °
JUN 15'65 CP				10.00 -		.00 °
JUL 2'65			1.50 +			1.50 °
JUL 15'65	1.50 +					3.00 °
JUL 19'65 CP				3.00 -		.00 °
AUG 11'65 NO			1.50 +			1.50 °
AUG 12'65	1.50 +					3.00 °
AUG 16'65 CP				3.00 -		.00 °
SEP 1'65 NO			13.50 +			13.50 °
SEP 15'65	1.50 +					15.00 °
SEP 16'65 CP				15.00 -		.00 °
OCT 1'65	1.50 +					1.50 °
NOV 1'65	1.50 +					3.00 °
NOV 1'65 CP				3.00 -		.00 °
DEC 1'65 NO			1.50 +			1.50 °
DEC 1'65	1.50 +					3.00 °
DEC 1'65 CP				3.00 -		.00 °
DEC 2'65 NO			10.00 +			10.00 °
DEC 2'65	6.00 +					16.00 °
JAN 1'66	1.50 +					17.50 °
JAN 1'66 CP				10.00 -		7.50 °
FEB 1'66	1.50 +					9.00 °
FEB 1'66 NO			1.00 +			10.00 °
FEB 1'66 CP				10.00 -		.00 °
MAR 1'66	1.50 +					1.50 °
MAR 14'66 NO			9.50 +			10.00 °
APR 1'66 CP				10.00 -		.00 °
APR 1'66 NO			8.50 +			8.50 °
MAY 2'66 CP				6.00 -		2.50 °

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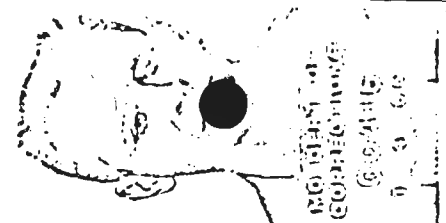
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date of Reference	Earnings Dr. or Cr.	Earnings Balance	Cash Credit	Withdrawal	Cash Balance	Total Balance
MAY 17 6MO			3.50 +			2.50 °
MAY 27 6MO			10.00 +			6.00 °
JUN 1 6CP				3.00 -		16.00 °
JUN 20 6EX				1.25 -		13.00 °
JUL 1 6CP				6.00 -		11.75 °
JUL 7 6MO			4.50 +			5.75 °
AUG 1 6CP				6.00 -		10.25 °
AUG 18 6MO			6.75 +			4.25 °
SEP 1 6CP				6.00 -		11.00 °
SEP 13 6			8.35 +			5.00 °
NOV 2 6					2.90 -	13.35 °
NOV 16 6					1.35 -	10.45 °
NOV 18 6					2.10 -	9.10 °
NOV 23 6					4.40 -	7.00 °
DEC 2 6					.65 -	2.60 °
DEC 9 6					1.30 -	1.95 °
DEC 13 6	1.50 +					.65 °
DEC 20 6MO			5.00 +			2.15 °
DEC 20 6MO			5.00 +			7.15 °
DEC 22 6			10.00 +			12.15 °
DEC 23 6					4.10 -	22.15 °
DEC 30 6					.50 -	18.05 °
JAN 6 67					2.00 -	17.55 °
JAN 10 67	6.00 +					15.55 °
JAN 13 67					6.10 -	21.55 °
JAN 17 67	1.50 +					15.45 °
JAN 20 67					.60 -	16.95 °
JAN 27 67					.75 -	16.35 °
FEB 3 67					.25 -	15.60 °
FEB 3 67MO			15.00 +			15.35 °
FEB 10 67					.35 -	30.35 °
FEB 14 67	2.00 +					30.00 °
FEB 20 67					2.00 -	32.00 °
MAR 1 67					3.35 -	30.00 °
MAR 1 67	2.00 +					26.65 °
MAR 1 67					1.50 -	26.65 °
MAR 1 67				4.00 -		27.15 °
MAR 1 67					1.25 -	23.15 °
MAR 3 67					1.00 -	21.90 °
MAR 3 67CP						20.90 °
APR 6 67					4.70 -	16.20 °
APR 6 67CP					1.00 -	15.20 °
APR 1 67					1.25 -	13.95 °
APR 1 67	2.00 +					15.95 °
APR 2 67				1.34 -		14.61 °
APR 2 67					.50 -	14.11 °
APR 2 67 VO				9.75 -		4.36 °
MAY 1 67	2.00 +					6.36 °
MAY 1 67	2.00 +					8.36 °
JUL 1 67	2.00 +					10.36 °

*To Alfred Hitchcock's magazine ->*

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 29, 1968:

A review of the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP.) revealed that there is no inmate named [REDACTED] currently confined at the MSP.

Inmates with the last name [REDACTED] who were confined at the MSP during the time of JAMES EARL RAY's incarceration were identified through records as [REDACTED], # [REDACTED], # [REDACTED], # [REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED], # [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], # [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] is described as a white male, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]; 5 feet, 10 inches; 160 pounds; brown hair, blue eyes, FBI # [REDACTED]. His parents are listed as [REDACTED], brothers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], sister [REDACTED]. He was received at the MSP [REDACTED], on a [REDACTED] sentence on [REDACTED] violation, escaped [REDACTED], and received [REDACTED] sentence for escape, transferred to Moberly [REDACTED], then to Fulton State Hospital [REDACTED] and released [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had one violation report noted for [REDACTED], but charges were dismissed and details were not available in the file.

[REDACTED], # [REDACTED], FBI # [REDACTED] was received at the MSP, [REDACTED], the first time, later discharged, and received again [REDACTED] until final discharge on [REDACTED]. He is a former [REDACTED] subject of the Kansas City Division, and he worked at the MSP in the kitchen from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and in the bakery, in Food Service, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. He is described as white male, born [REDACTED] 5 feet, 7 inches; 150 pounds, brown hair; brown eyes, mother [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, and he listed a friend as [REDACTED] East St. Louis, Illinois.

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letter in his file dated August 23, 1967, indicated that [REDACTED] was received at the California State Penitentiary at Chino, California, under # [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] # [REDACTED], was received [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] conviction and was discharged on [REDACTED]. He is described as a white male, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]; 6 feet, 2 inches; 180 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, FBI # [REDACTED]. His wife was listed as [REDACTED] Wichita, Kansas, and he listed sisters [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Kansas, and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Wichita, and an aunt [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Kansas.

On [REDACTED], he was assigned to Food Service in the kitchen at the MSP; and he had one offense report for "fighting in the kitchen" [REDACTED] with one month loss of privileges, but the offense report with the details has been destroyed. As of [REDACTED], MSP records indicate that [REDACTED] was incarcerated at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, under # [REDACTED] on a [REDACTED] sentence for [REDACTED]

aka [REDACTED] # [REDACTED], FBI # [REDACTED], was received at the MSP [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] sentence for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and he was discharged [REDACTED]. He is described as a white male, born [REDACTED], at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] feet, 8 inches; 147 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes. He is described as [REDACTED] has Social Security No. [REDACTED] and he lists no brothers and sisters, stated his father died in 1946 and that he has not seen his mother since 1946. He had no relatives or correspondents listed in his file. [REDACTED] has Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department Nos. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and New Orleans Police Department # [REDACTED].

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The following investigation was conducted by  
IC [REDACTED] at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 6, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP)  
records were checked for [REDACTED]. The following  
information was obtained:

[REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED], was discharged on  
[REDACTED]

In October 1967 his wife [REDACTED] was receiving  
or had applied for Aid to Dependent Children in [REDACTED],  
Missouri.

The Sheriff, Greene County, Missouri, placed a  
detainer regarding [REDACTED] on June 26, 1967. He was dis-  
charged on [REDACTED], without any indication that  
the detainer had been honored.

The following was taken from [REDACTED] mailing  
list:

Wife: [REDACTED], Missouri;

Mother: [REDACTED]  
Missouri

Brother-  
in-law: [REDACTED], Illinois;

Sister: [REDACTED] (Same Address)

[REDACTED] Missouri

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The following investigation was conducted by:  
IC [REDACTED]

At Jefferson City, Missouri

On April 23, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked and the following information obtained regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED] was received [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] to serve a [REDACTED] sentence on a charge of [REDACTED]. He was discharged [REDACTED].

Relatives listed in this file are: [REDACTED]

Father

Mother

Uncle

Sister

Aunt

Girl friend

Friend

He is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5' 10"
Weight	144 lbs.
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue

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Build  
Complexion  
Occupation  
Tattoos  
Scars and marks  
FBI #

Slender  
Ruddy  
Cook  
Numerous  
Tip of middle finger  
right hand cut  
[REDACTED]



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The following investigation was conducted by  
IC [REDACTED] at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On April 22, 1960, Missouri State Penitentiary,  
(MSP) records were checked and the following information  
obtained regarding [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was received at the MSP, [REDACTED]  
and assigned # [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] to serve  
sentence on charge of [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED] He was discharged [REDACTED].

He is described as a white male, born [REDACTED]  
at [REDACTED] height 5'8½", weight 148, brown hair,  
blue eyes, ruddy complexion, slender build, occupation  
[REDACTED], FBI # [REDACTED], prior  
MSP # [REDACTED].

Relatives listed:

Wife [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], Missouri;

Mother, [REDACTED] St.  
Louis, Missouri;

Brother, [REDACTED] St.  
Louis, Missouri;

Mother-in-Law, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Missouri.

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following was obtained:

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as follows:

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The following investigation was conducted by TC [REDACTED]

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On April 22-23, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked and the following information obtained:

[REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED], was received [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] on charge of [REDACTED] to serve a [REDACTED] sentence. He was paroled on [REDACTED].

Cell assignments at the MSP:

[REDACTED]

His FBI No. is listed as [REDACTED].

The emergency address is listed as Father [REDACTED] Colorado.

[REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED] was last received at the MSP, [REDACTED] from St. Louis City to serve a [REDACTED] sentence on charge of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. He was discharged on [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] is described as a white male, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] 5'9", 150 pounds, gray hair, blue eyes, slender build, medium complexion, occupation - [REDACTED], FBI No. [REDACTED] Social Security No. [REDACTED] Army Serial No. [REDACTED].

Relatives listed are:

Brother

[REDACTED] Arkansas (Emergency Address)

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Half-Brother  
Half-Brother  
Half-Brother  
Half-Brother  
Half-Brother

Friend

Nephew

California  
Arkansas  
Missouri  
California  
Arkansas

St.  
Louis, Missouri;  
St. Louis, Missouri

Violation reports reflect:

[REDACTED]

His Cell assignments under last number are as follows:

[REDACTED]

RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS, also known as RAYMOND CURTIS, was received at the MSP, May 15, 1962 from Oregon County, to serve a ten year sentence on charge of robbery. He was paroled June 27, 1966. He was given a new number [REDACTED], which sentence is to be deferred until completion of parole on number [REDACTED]. The subsequent sentence resulted in an escape conviction in 1964.

Relatives listed in this file are as follows:

Mother	[REDACTED] Tunnel Hill, Georgia
Brother	[REDACTED], Tunnel Hill Georgia
Sister-in-law	[REDACTED] same address
Brother-in-law	[REDACTED] Blue Island, Illinois
Sister-in-law	[REDACTED] same address
Wife	[REDACTED], Oak Lawn, Illinois
Brother	[REDACTED] Juneau, Wisconsin
Brother-in-law	[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois

CURTIS is described as a white male, born [REDACTED], at Dalton, Georgia, 6'3", 176 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, slender build, medium complexion, numerous tattoos on arms.

Cell assignments previously furnished.

JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, MSP # [REDACTED], was received at the MSP July 21, 1956, to serve a five year sentence on charge of Armed Robbery; Breaking Jail (5,2) from Adair County. He was paroled August 1, 1958.

Records reflect that RYAN was previously incarcerated in the State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, to serve a two-five year sentence on charge of larceny.

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*JERRY WILLIAM RYAN*

He is described as a white male, born July 16, 1935, at Quincy, Illinois, 5'10 1/2", 146 pounds, dark brown hair, brown eyes, medium complexion, FBI No. [REDACTED] occupation - Spray painter.

Relatives listed in this file are as follows:

Mother	LUCILLE RYAN (RAY marked out) 701 1/2 Washington or 307 1/2 Kentucky, Quincy, Illinois
Father	JERRELD (LNU), no address
Sister	CAROL RYAN, 701 1/2 Washington o 307 1/2 Kentucky, Quincy, Illinois
Grandmother	MARY MAHER, same address as mother
Uncle	WILLIAM MAHER, [REDACTED], Alton, Illinois
Brother	JOHN RYAN, # [REDACTED] Menard Branch Illinois State Penitentiary

At the time of RYAN's parole from the MSP there was a detainer on file in favor of Division of Supervision of Paroles, Springfield, Illinois.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 29, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary  
(MSP) file # [REDACTED], was reviewed regarding [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], incarcerated from [REDACTED] and released  
[REDACTED] for cell assignments:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/2/681

[REDACTED] Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that the ledger of JOHN HURTT, also known as KENNETH HURTT, MSP # [REDACTED] indicates a money order in the amount of \$15.25 was sent on January 20, 1967, to ALBERT J. PEPPER, Stationery Co., 712 A. Shanandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, by HURTT.

On 4/30/68 at Jefferson City, Missouri File # KC 44-760  
by IC [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/30/68



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The following investigation was conducted by  
IC [REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On May 6, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for information on inmates released with California addresses since April 1, 1967. The following information was obtained:

[REDACTED]; MSP # [REDACTED], was received [REDACTED] and discharged [REDACTED].

Relatives listed on his mailing list are:

Wife:

[REDACTED] California;

Mother:

[REDACTED] Missouri;

Stepfather:

[REDACTED] same address.

[REDACTED] St.  
Louis, Missouri.

[REDACTED], MSP # [REDACTED], was received at the  
MSP [REDACTED] and discharged [REDACTED].

Relatives listed in this file are:

Mother:

[REDACTED] Texas, or [REDACTED], Texas;

Stepfather:

[REDACTED] same address;

Girlfriend:

[REDACTED]  
California.

[REDACTED] indicated that he would be employed in  
California by [REDACTED], California.

[REDACTED], aka, MSP # [REDACTED], was received  
[REDACTED] and discharged [REDACTED].

Relatives listed in this file are:

Wife:

[REDACTED] California;

Father:

[REDACTED], Arkansas.

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Records reflects that on [REDACTED] was incarcerated in the Correctional Training Facility, North Soledad, California, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED] was received [REDACTED] and discharged [REDACTED].

Relatives listed in this file are:

Mother: [REDACTED], Illinois;  
Sister: [REDACTED], Illinois;  
Sister: [REDACTED], Illinois.

[REDACTED] aka, MSP # [REDACTED] was received [REDACTED] and paroled [REDACTED] In California he was to live at [REDACTED] California.

Relatives and friends listed are:

Mother: [REDACTED], California;  
Father: [REDACTED] same address;  
Brother-in-law: [REDACTED] California;  
Sister: [REDACTED] same address;  
Aunt: [REDACTED], California;  
Brother-in-law: [REDACTED], Missouri;  
Friend: [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri;  
Friend: [REDACTED] Michigan;  
Friend: [REDACTED] New York.

[REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED] was received [REDACTED] and discharged [REDACTED].

Relatives listed are:

Wife: [REDACTED] California.  
Daughter: [REDACTED] Springfield, Missouri.

[REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED] was received [REDACTED] and discharged [REDACTED].

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Relatives are listed:

Sister: [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California;  
Brother: [REDACTED] Missouri;  
Sister: [REDACTED] Missouri.

Total known forged money orders, including  
two uttered at Kansas City, Missouri -  
\$1,805.

R. H. J.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] on April 26, 1968:

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS:

[REDACTED], U. S.  
Penitentiary (USP) made available USP file number [REDACTED]  
pertaining to RAY, which, reflected as follows:

RAY was received at USP-L July 7, 1955, and given  
Conditional Release on April 5, 1958.

USP records fail to reflect any visit for RAY at  
USP during his incarceration there.

USP record reflects the following approved  
correspondents:

Aunt	Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN 1135 South 10th St. Louis, Missouri, or 1913 Hickory Street St. Louis, Missouri
Half-brother	JOHN RYAN State Penitentiary Menard, Illinois, Number [REDACTED]
Friend	JERRY RYAN [REDACTED] Lancaster, Missouri

RAY directed Special Purpose Letters to the following:

WILLIAM E. MAHER, [REDACTED], Alton, Illinois,  
The last letter being on March 24, 1958;

U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, May 23, 1957

U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, D.C.,  
Judge C. WHITTAKER, June 27, 1957;

Social Security Administration, Kansas City, Missouri,  
March 3, 1958.

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RAY, while incarcerated at USP, according to USP files, associated with inmate J. R. KELLER, No. [REDACTED] (as of January 23, 1957).

[REDACTED] advised USP records reflect that former USP inmate J. R. KELLER, USP No. [REDACTED], and the USP records pertaining to KELLER, on February 20, 1957, were transferred to the Federal Prison Camp, Florence, Arizona.

RAY, while incarcerated, USP, Leavenworth, is known to have completed "a course" in Spanish.

The USP commissary records, pertaining to RAY as contained in this USP file, reflect as follows:

RAY, at time of commitment to USP, Leavenworth, on July 7, 1955, had \$159.60. On August 2, 1955, he received an additional \$3.50, however, origin of this amount not reflected this file. Effective May 15, 1957, RAY was approved to earn \$10.00 per month meritorious earnings at USP, and this amount was deposited in RAY's account at USP. The only additional money reflected as being deposited in this account was \$5.00 on February 3, 1958, the origin of the \$5.00 not reflected this file.

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DATE	NAME	NO. & INST.	PAGE
	RAY, James E. (LAST NAME FIRST)	W-00416	1
4/11/60	to Cleaning Plant; Reclassification in March, 1962.		
4/12/60	B-24		
4/12/60	Cleaning plant; #2717 CC		
7/28/60	K-178		
3/13/61	K-118		
11/22/61	Attempting to escape walls; To Admn. Seg. for 6 months.		
11/22/61	E-3rd. floor, Seg. #2996 Disc. Comm.		
11/22/61	E-2244		
1/31/62	The Board has set your case for a hearing in November, 1963.		
5/24/62	to State; no plans for reclassification.		
5/25/62	State #3125 CC		
5/25/62	B-16		
6/7/62	to Vegetable Room; reclassification June, 1963.		
6/8/62	Veg. Room #3135 CC		
6/8/62	E-66		
7/23/62	Refusng to work; Yard and show priv. denied 1 month; Transfer to Bakery.		
7/23/62	K-15		
7/23/62	Bakery #3167 Disc. Comm.		
8/10/62	K-161		
8/15/62	K-168		
3/8/63	K-172		
9-6-63	Delivered to U.S. District Court, Jefferson City, Missouri.		
10-1-63	Denied parole by the Board.		

W/3/64 Wrote into Bureau. OK when returned in 1964. NO. 341-2  
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DATE	NAME	RAY, James Earl	NO. & INST.	W-00416-I	PAGE	1
		(LAST NAME FIRST)				
6-3-65		Reassigned to Bakery; reclassification in June, 1967.				
6-17-65		Trying to smuggle contraband into hospital. 3 days in P.S.; 6 days loss.				
8-30-65		Parole Notice: The Board has set case for a hearing in November, 1965.				
10-21-65		to K-Hall as Cleaner; reclassification in June, 1967.				
10-22-65		K-Cleaner; #3982-Class. Comm.				
10-22-65		K-2				
11-5-65		Parole Notice: Scheduled for review in November, 1966.				
12-16-65		K-10				
3-7-66		Trans. Outside Assignment. Not at this time. Jm.				
3-4-66		J-42				
3-14-66		Max. Security; #4076-Class. Comm.				
3-14-66		CB-6				
4-12-66		To be delivered before the Magistrate Court, Cole County, Jefferson City, Missouri on April 14, 1966 to be arraigned on escape charge.				
6-11-66		BB-9				
7-14-66		S- ADVISED WILL REMAIN IN MAX. SEC. PENDING OUTCOME OF TRIAL. P.D.K.				
8-23-66		To be delivered before Cole County Circuit Court on Sept. 6, 1966.				
9-8-66		By order of Circuit Court of Cole County this inmate has been taken to the State Hospital No. 1, Fulton, Missouri on an Out-Count.				
10-27-66		Added from Section				
11-16-66		to Inside Construction; reclassification in June, 1967.				
11-17-66		Inside Const.; #4247-Class. Comm.				
11-17-66		C-17				
12-28-66		Parole Notice: Scheduled for review in November, 1967.				





# DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## TRANSCRIPT OF SERIAL RECORD

W/32/s

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Register Number 00416 Name James Earl Ray

Age 32 Height 5 ft 11 ins. Weight 163 Length of Foot 12 Inches

Hair Dr Brn Eyes Blue Complexion Medium Nativity Ill.

Trade Baker Religion Catholic Education 10th

Under Same Name 45 Mos. 1955

Former Imprisonment Leavenworth Fed P, Kansas, Trns stolen Property across state  
Line,

Emergency Address MOTHER: Lucille Ryan, 1913 Hickory St, St Louis, Mo.

### PRESENT SENTENCE

Operating a Motor Vehicle w/o the Permission of the Owner;  
 Offense TC Robbery 1st Deg. b/m of D & DW: (2 chgs.)  
(20, 7, 5, Conc.)

County St. Louis City Sentence 20 Yrs. Feb. 19, 1960 Term of Court February 1960

Received 3-17-1960 Jail Time 27 days

Expiration Date 3-16-1980 Full Time 3-16-1975 3/4 Time 3-16-1975

Alias \_\_\_\_\_

True Name \_\_\_\_\_ Race White

Date of Birth 3-10-28 Place of Birth Alton, Ill.  
City State

Build Medium Marks, Scars, Tattoos Clear

Martial Status Single Probation \_\_\_\_\_

Escapes \_\_\_\_\_ AWOL \_\_\_\_\_ Draft Board Number \_\_\_\_\_

Military Service ARMY Service Serial Number 16163129

Type Military Discharge General Social Security Number Unknown

Remarks:

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 4-12-60 Cleaning Plant; #2717-CC  
 7-28-60 K-178  
 3-13-61 K-118  
 11-22-61 Attempting to escape walls; To Admn. Segr. for 6 months.  
 11-22-61 E-3rd floor, Segr. #3996-Disc. Comm.  
 11-22-61 E-224  
 1-31-62 The Board has set your case for a hearing in November, 1963.  
 5-24-62 To State; no plans for reclassification.  
 5-25-62 State; #3125-CC  
 5-25-62 B-16  
 6-7-62 To Vegetable Room; reclassification June, 1963.  
 6-8-62 Veg. Room; #3135-CC  
 6-8-62 E-66  
 7-23-62 Refusing to work; Yard and show privileges denied 1 month.  
 Transfer to Bakery.  
 7-23-62 K-15  
 7-23-62 Bakery; #3167-Disc. Comm.  
 8-10-62 K-161  
 8-15-62 K-168  
 3-8-63 K-172  
 9-6-63 Delivered to U.S. District Court, Jefferson City, Missouri.  
 10-1-63 Denied parole by the Board.  
 11-2-64 Wants job change. O.K. when replacement is found. SJL.  
 12-22-64 Wants Moberly; Placed in file. WN.  
 6-3-65 Reassigned to Bakery; reclassification in June, 1967.  
 6-17-65 Trying to smuggle contraband into hospital. 3 days in P.S.;  
 6 days loss.  
 8-30-65 Parole Notice: The Board has set case for a hearing in  
 November, 1965.

10-8-65

## PRE-PAROLE PROGRESS REPORT

SJL:nh

Social Data: The subject states he is in fairly good health.

Institutional Adjustment: He was received March 17, 1960. He is assigned to the Bakery where he has received good to excellent ratings on his work and training reports. He received only one conduct violation in the last 3 years. In 1961 he did attempt to escape.

Family Relations: His brother, Jerry, corresponds regularly and visits occasionally. He sometimes hears from his brother, John.

## POST RELEASE PLANS

He prefers to live with his brother, Jerry Ray, [REDACTED], Wheeling Illinois. Another home possibility would be with his brother, John Ray, in St. Louis, Missouri. He would accept almost any type of employment. He claims three years experience in bakeries.

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NAME RAY, James E.

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and kitchens.

SUMMARY

This is a 37 year old single white man from St. Louis, serving 20, and 5 years concurrently for operating a motor vehicle without the permission of the owner, and robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon (2 charges). He has now completed about 5 1/2 years of his sentence on this third incarceration. Institutionally he has done well enough to merit consideration for parole. He denies use of narcotics and claims to be a light drinker. His record of arrests dates over a 16 year period. He seems to be pretty well established in this type of anti-social behavior. He will probably continue to make a fair institutional adjustment. Prognosis for making a successful adjustment in society is considered marginal at best. He may be able to serve a short parole without too much difficulty.

*Carl White*  
Associate Warden-Treatment

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED]

On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED], United States Marshal's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that records of that office reflect on Marcy 28, 1955, JAMES EARL RAY, Marshal's # [REDACTED], FBI # [REDACTED], and WALTER T. RIFE, Marshal's # [REDACTED], FBI # [REDACTED], were fingerprinted on a charge of forgery. [REDACTED] stated there was no further information concerning this matter in records of the U. S. Marshal's Office.

On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] American Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union Local 218, AFL-CIO, 19 West Linwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that most of the bakers and apprentice bakers employed in the greater Kansas City area are employed through that office. They reviewed records of all persons who were employed through that local or who applied for work through that local during 1967 and 1968, and were unable to find any such person who might be identical with JAMES EARL RAY or WALTER TERRY RIFE on the basis of names and known aliases and physical descriptions. Both were shown a photograph of RAY and stated they could not identify this individual as anyone with whom they had had contact. They stated they would be alert to the appearance at that office of anyone who might be identical with RAY or RIFE and would immediately contact the Kansas City, FBI Office.

They further stated that there is also a union known as the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union Local 218, not affiliated with the AFL-CIO, located in the VFW Building, 34th and Broadway, seventh floor, Kansas City, Missouri. The latter union handles mostly miscellaneous bakery workers other than bakers and apprentice bakers.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
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AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Bartenders Local Union #420,  
216-A West 12th Street, provided records which failed to  
reflect any information identical with JAMES EARL RAY or any of  
his known aliases.

On the same date, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Miscellaneous  
Hotel Employees Union Local 655, AFL - CIO, 216-A West 12th  
Street, provided his files which also failed to reflect any  
information identical with JAMES EARL RAY or any of his  
known aliases.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Police Department, Raytown, Missouri, were advised that subject mentioned Raytown, Missouri, to a fellow inmate prior to 1966. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised Wanted Flyers and Identification Orders concerning RAY have been received and the men in the Police Department will be alerted for any information that RAY was ever in Raytown, Missouri, or had any associates here.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on May 2, 1968:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

[REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, furnished the arrest record of [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, # [REDACTED] which reveals he was arrested on [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] and released. On [REDACTED] was arrested for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. On February [REDACTED] he was sentenced to [REDACTED] in Missouri State Prison, (MSP). Records show he was released from MSP on [REDACTED] and on [REDACTED], was arrested for [REDACTED] in Kansas City, Missouri. He was fined \$10.00 on [REDACTED] and released.

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED]
Eyes	[REDACTED]
Hair	[REDACTED]
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED]
FBI Number	[REDACTED]
Occupation	Laborer, (unemployed)
Residence	[REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, (October, 1961)(floater)
Relatives	None listed.

[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Kansas City, Missouri, advised on May 2, 1968, that no record could be located concerning [REDACTED], alias [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on May 3, 1968:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

[REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, advised that his files indicate that [REDACTED] Independence, Missouri, was hired by [REDACTED] on March 13, 1963, and has lived at the above address since January 9, 1964. The records further indicate that [REDACTED] received his [REDACTED] May 31, 1963, and is presently employed as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that the payroll records for [REDACTED] indicate that [REDACTED] worked all day each day for the week April 1 through April 5, 1968, from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. [REDACTED] advised that due to the security precautions at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] would have to clock himself in and out.

[REDACTED] displayed a photograph of [REDACTED] taken for [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and he bore no resemblance to the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, advised an inmate by the name of [REDACTED] indicated he served time with RAY at Missouri State Prison and can help locate RAY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], inmate, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, advised on May 3, 1968, that he served in the Missouri State Prison from [REDACTED] until [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] charge from Liberty, Missouri, but he believes he is to be released on a bench parole by Judge BRADY. [REDACTED] said if the FBI could get him released early he believes he could locate JIMMY RAY.

[REDACTED] said LARRY RAY was the "tender" of C Hall at MSP where both he [REDACTED] and JIMMY RAY were assigned for a while. [REDACTED] said he got to know LARRY and JIMMY pretty well. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] JIMMY RAY hated Negroes and spoke of the KKK as being a good organization. He said JIMMY RAY also talked about Jackson, Mississippi, and he believes RAY had spent some time in Jackson, Mississippi.

[REDACTED] stated JIMMY RAY was in the hospital at the time he escaped. He said RAY went out on a trash barrel on the back of a truck. He said this was a Sunday as that is the day the back gates are not locked to allow the trash truck to get out. [REDACTED] said he learned this information from [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] who was on the trash detail. [REDACTED] also named inmates [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as being assigned to C Hall at the same time as was LARRY and JIMMY RAY.

[REDACTED] said he believes, if he was out, he could go to Topeka, Kansas and through another individual find LARRY RAY, whom he believes would know JIMMY RAY's whereabouts.

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Name  
Race  
Sex  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Wife

[REDACTED]  
White  
Male  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he did not want his name given out to anyone as the person furnishing this information.

[REDACTED] advised on May 5, 1968, that [REDACTED] was being released on [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] left a note at the jail indicating he was very sure RAY is in Mississippi. Also, [REDACTED] said he knows just about the place and is sure he can find RAY. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] telephone number after he gets out will be [REDACTED].

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 19, 1968:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Mrs. MARGARET A. HAYES, Night Clerk, Blackstone Hotel, 1817 Cherry, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that she has been employed in this position since May 2, 1967. She was shown photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that this photograph was not familiar to her and she does not recall ever seeing this individual in the hotel. Mrs. HAYES stated she is positive that this person has not been a registered guest in the hotel since she has been there.

Mrs. HAYES made available the registration cards for the period April 24, 1967 to present date. These cards were reviewed and there was no record of anyone being registered there under the name of JAMES EARL RAY or any of his known aliases.

Miss GLADYS HANSON, Day Clerk, advised she has been employed there since 1965 and does not recall JAMES EARL RAY being registered there as a guest during the time of her employment. She looked at the photograph of RAY and said that she does not recall seeing this person in the hotel. She stated that the hotel changed hands on September 10, 1965, and that they have no registration cards for the periods prior to that date. She said that the hotel is now owned by Mr. WILLIAM HEMMELSTEIN and Associates and Mr. HEMMELSTEIN's telephone number is [REDACTED]. She explained Mr. HEMMELSTEIN did not stay at the hotel and knew nothing of the guests in the hotel. He only visits the hotel occasionally to check receipts and the books.

The following persons who have been guests at the hotel for a period of time were contacted and shown photograph of RAY with negative results.

Mrs. ELVA WILSON, [REDACTED] resident since 1946  
PATRICK HADLEY, [REDACTED] resident for 10 years  
HARRY HILL, [REDACTED] resident since 1958  
ATTILIO POLLI, [REDACTED] resident for 5 years

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The following investigation was conducted at Leavenworth, Kansas, by IC [REDACTED]

On February 8, 1968, [REDACTED], U.S. Penitentiary (USP), Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that the file concerning WALTER TERRY RIFE, had been sent to the GSA Federal Records Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted at Kansas City, Missouri, by IC [REDACTED]

On February 20, 1968, [REDACTED], GSA Federal Records Center, Kansas City, Missouri, made available USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, file # [REDACTED] concerning WALTER TERRY RIFE, which contained the following information:

*aka Walter T. Rife, W. T. Rife*  
RIFE described white male, date of birth [REDACTED], 69 1/2", 161 pounds, brown hair, blue-gray eyes, FBI # [REDACTED]

RIFE was sentenced in the Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, on July 1, 1955, to a period of three years for violation of the Post Office laws, forging money orders, and was committed to the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, on July 7, 1955.

RIFE received a conditional release on September 27, 1957, at which time he was taken into custody on a detainer lodged by the State Parole Office, Springfield, Illinois, charging parole violation. RIFE was then sent to the Illinois Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, # [REDACTED], and was scheduled to be released from this institution approximately July 23, 1960.

During period of incarceration, the following individuals were on RIFE's correspondents list:

Mother

[REDACTED]  
Quincy, Illinois

Sister

[REDACTED]  
Quincy, Illinois

Sister

[REDACTED]  
Harrisburg, Illinois

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Niece

[REDACTED]  
Harrisburg, Illinois

Brother

[REDACTED]  
Quincy, Illinois

Friend

[REDACTED]  
Quincy, Illinois

It was noted that the friend, [REDACTED], was the only frequent correspondent of RIFE while confined at the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, and it was also noted that RIFE planned to marry [REDACTED] upon his release from the penitentiary.

RIFE had no release plans insofar as work or residence upon his release from the USP, Leavenworth, since he knew that a detainer had been filed for Parole Violation from the State of Illinois.

No other pertinent information contained in file.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Postal Inspector, Kansas City, Missouri, related that [REDACTED] is not known to him as a fence, that it is his belief that JAMES EARL RAY and his partner, WALTER TERRY RIFE, when apprehended in 1955 were passing postal money orders and not fencing them, and also that RAY and RIFE were probably those persons who actually burglarized the post office in Illinois from where the postal money orders were obtained although they stated they had purchased these money orders from an unknown individual.

[REDACTED] said he knew of no fence handling money orders in 1955 in the Kansas City area who RAY or RIFE may have contacted.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
IC [REDACTED] at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On April 19, 1968, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, Driver's License Section records were checked for operator's license issued in the name of JAMES EARL RAY and known aliases. There is no record on file that appears to be identical with RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

At Kansas City, Missouri:

Kansas City, Missouri City Directory and Telephone Directory reveals no listing for Robby's Bar, 1964 to present, and there is no Taylor Street in Kansas City, Missouri. A City Directory for Kansas City, Kansas reveals a Taylor Avenue, but the numbers begin with the 1200 block and there are no bars listed on the street.

JOHN HAMMER, Liquor Control Board, 414 East 12th Street, Kansas City, advised on April 26, 1968, that he had reviewed his files on individuals of the last name [REDACTED], but did not locate anyone, having worked for Robby's Bar, or a bar with a similar name sounding like Robby's.

HAMMER advised one [REDACTED] applied for clearance on March 27, 1964, for work as a waitress. She was born [REDACTED], and resided at [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri in 1964. HAMMER stated he does not have any current information regarding [REDACTED] and that his file is in storage.

1967 Polk Directory for Independence, Missouri, shows [REDACTED], Kansas City, Missouri and residing at [REDACTED], Independence, Missouri. Kansas City, Missouri directory shows [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], residing Independence, Missouri. The [REDACTED] is located at [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]

Contact [REDACTED] revealed [REDACTED] works evenings, coming in at about 4:30 PM.

[REDACTED] was contacted April 26, 1968, at [REDACTED] and she stated she has never been married, and has no information regarding a [REDACTED] formerly married to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Waitress Union Local 503, 216A West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised on April 26, 1968, she has no record of a [REDACTED] currently working as a waitress. One [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, worked at the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Restaurants in 1965, but has not paid dues since that time and therefore is not an active member.

[REDACTED], Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, 1110 Grand, advised on April 26, 1968, that records reveal a credit report dated September 24, 1965, for [REDACTED] and wife, [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, which reveals [REDACTED] has been employed for four or five months at [REDACTED] owner, [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]. The record shows he is age 37 and in the U.S. Army for approximately 10 years, stationed at Amarillo, Texas. No credit established. The record shows a divorce was filed in Kansas City on May 17, 1966.

Circuit Court records, Jackson County Courthouse, Kansas City, Missouri, reveal under number [REDACTED], that [REDACTED], Kansas City, Missouri, filed a petition for divorce [REDACTED]. She was represented by Attorney [REDACTED] and the petition shows [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), were married [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. That [REDACTED] has wholly disregarded his duties as a husband, being convicted of a felony at [REDACTED] Missouri in [REDACTED], and being sentenced to a [REDACTED] sentence at MSP. Also [REDACTED] learned after marriage that [REDACTED] had been convicted on seven or eight occasions in various states. A degree of default was granted to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED].

[REDACTED], Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, furnished an arrest record regarding [REDACTED] number [REDACTED], FBI No. [REDACTED], which shows he was arrested Kansas City, Missouri on [REDACTED], on investigation of [REDACTED] and was released to the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, Missouri. Police Department records show [REDACTED] has an arrest record dating back to [REDACTED]. No record was located for [REDACTED].

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A check on April 26, 1968, of the address at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Kansas City, Missouri, reveals that this address  
is now a parking lot.

The 1967 Polks Directory lists [REDACTED]  
at telephone number [REDACTED] and one [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. A telephone call was made to each of the numbers and  
it was determined the numbers are no longer listed to this  
individual.

A check was made on April 26, 1968, of the address  
[REDACTED], Kansas City, Missouri, and it was determined  
that the Emery Hotel has been demolished and a new building  
housing the Langley Optical Company is at that address.

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The following individuals were contacted by SA [REDACTED], on May 1, 1968, in an attempt to identify (FNU) [REDACTED] who took Delta Flight #55 from Birmingham to Memphis and Kansas City, on April 7, 1968:

[REDACTED]; Kansas City, Missouri.

[REDACTED] Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

[REDACTED], Kansas City, Missouri.

[REDACTED], Kansas City, Missouri.

[REDACTED], Kansas City, Missouri.

[REDACTED], Delta Airlines, Kansas City, Missouri, advised she has no way of identifying passenger [REDACTED] on Delta Flight #55 from Birmingham to Memphis and Kansas City, on April 7, 1968. She advised Delta Airlines records are maintained at Atlanta, Georgia, including credit records of passengers.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Kansas City, Missouri:

[REDACTED], advised the Kansas City FBI Office by telephone on April 22, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made statements to the effect that MARTIN LUTHER KING should be shot. [REDACTED] said also the boy's father, [REDACTED] residing in a trailer at [REDACTED] Missouri, made trips to Tennessee March 4-5, 1968, and March 14-15, 1968. Also the boy reported that the family was moving to California, but when school authorities contacted the mother, she denied they were moving. However, the family did move to El Cajon, California, on March 29, 1968. [REDACTED] was reported to have a Citizens Band radio in his truck. Neb.  
Kan.

[REDACTED], North Kansas City, Missouri, also telephoned the Kansas City FBI Office and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] related substantially the same information as did [REDACTED]. He stated he did not want [REDACTED] his name used as the person furnishing the information. [REDACTED]

On April 22, 1968, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, 1110 Grand, Kansas City, Missouri, furnished a report dated September 12, 1967, regarding [REDACTED] wife [REDACTED]. This report shows the [REDACTED] have been on file at the credit bureau since April, 1955. He is shown as age 38 in 1967. Records show the following residence: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] North Kansas City, Missouri  
[REDACTED] Falls City, Nebraska  
[REDACTED] Kansas City, Kansas  
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[REDACTED] Alpine, California  
[REDACTED] Kansas City, Kansas

Former Employment:

[REDACTED] North Kansas City, Missouri  
[REDACTED] Falls City, Nebraska,  
January, 1967  
[REDACTED] Kansas City, Kansas,  
February, 1967, to September, 1967

Loans: /

11/30/67

[REDACTED] Kansas  
City, Kansas, [REDACTED]

7/28/67

[REDACTED] Kansas  
City, Kansas, [REDACTED]

10/26/67

[REDACTED]  
Kansas City, Missouri, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On April 22, 1968, [REDACTED] Kansas  
City, Missouri, Police Department, advised that no record  
for [REDACTED] North Kansas City,  
Missouri, could be located.

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Reverend BILLY MAX WUELLNER, Bethel Community Church, 21st and Military Avenue, Baxter Springs, Kansas, voluntarily appeared at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and furnished the following information:

On Wednesday, April 3, 1968, at approximately 2:30 PM, he attended a church board meeting at the Blue Castle Restaurant in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Around 1:45 PM, he was sitting in his church office, and LYNN RAY CLEVELAND walked into his office, unannounced, stating he wanted to rest and play the piano. He also requested a prayer session [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated he was en route to Springfield, Missouri to contact a friend. CLEVELAND was observed to be hitchhiking and was not accompanied by anyone.

He indicated he had been on the road for approximately five days, and Reverend WUELLNER observed CLEVELAND did not have any luggage, however, was carrying a dark color tweed top-coat. He left the church office shortly before 2:30 PM, indicating he was hitchhiking to Springfield, Missouri. Reverend WUELLNER advised he could furnish no further information except to state this was the only time he had observed CLEVELAND, and further noted CLEVELAND could play the piano quite well.

Reverend WUELLNER personally confronted CLEVELAND at the City Jail in Joplin, Missouri on the night of April 9, 1968, and positively identified CLEVELAND as being the individual referred to above. He conversed with CLEVELAND, and stated there was absolutely no doubt in his mind whatever as to CLEVELAND being the individual referred to above; nor was there any doubt in his mind as to the fact he left the church shortly before 2:30 PM on April 3, 1968, as he, Reverend WUELLNER went directly from the church to his board meeting at the Blue Castle Restaurant.

Reverend WUELLNER added he could furnish no additional information and knew of no background data regarding CLEVELAND.

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On April 10, 1968, fingerprints and palm prints were obtained from LYNN RAY CLEVELAND at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and retained as possible evidence.

While being printed, it was observed that CLEVELAND was very near sighted, having to squint and move his eyes close to a sheet of paper to read any normal printing or handwriting.

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A review of the personal property in the possession of LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, when arrested by the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, revealed he had the following items on his person.

1. One five-cent piece.
2. One black billfold, containing the following items:
  - a. Receipt #2925 from One-Hour Martinizing, 1838 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri, with notation "Promised Friday, 9:00 AM".
  - b. Small religious pamphlet, entitled "Is There Any Hope?"; bearing stamp "Southern Avenue Baptist Church, 3084 Southern Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee", "Dial-A-Devotion 323-2653". This pamphlet published by Faith, Prayer and Tract League, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
  - d. Library card #72 18575 in the name of LYNN R. CLEVELAND, [REDACTED] for the Public Libraries of Springfield and Greene County, Missouri.
  - e. Card bearing the printed notation Kirkwood Hotel, Kirkwood 22, Missouri, and the hand printed telephone number TH1-9791.
  - f. Identification card, First Assembly of God, 528 E. Main, Norman, Oklahoma, Reverend B. R. BRUMMETT, Pastor.
  - g. Identification card, Central Presbyterian Church, 20th and Arch Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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- h. Identification card, GEORGE BRITTAIN, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Grants, New Mexico.
- i. Slip of paper containing the names LARRY HAYNES, RICHARD OLIVER, Missionary Pastor, 49 E. 15th Street.
- j. Slip of paper containing the name JERRY C. MURPHY, [REDACTED], Des Moines, Iowa.
- k. Identification card, American National Red Cross, St. Louis, bi-State Chapter, 212 E. Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri. This card contains the name ROSEMARY GAEBLER, Service To Military Families, printed in the lower left corner of the face of the card. The reverse side of this card contains the handwriting, Travelers Aid, Greyhound Bus Depot, 809 N. Broadway.
- l. Identification card, Haley Motor Company, Inc., 3rd and Marquette, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico. The hand-printed name GLEN SKIPWORTH appears on face of card.
- m. Social Security Application card in the name LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, Social Security Number [REDACTED]. The card issued on January 2, 1968 for twenty-one days. Under the address of Social Security Office is address 907 Walnut (no city), telephone #FR4-2263.
- n. One key, bearing numbers 806 and 074233.
- o. Slip of paper containing the hand printed name BILL WILLIAMS, [REDACTED], Dallas; and the name Rev. CLYDE BOX, Brookhollow Bapt., DeSoto, Texas.

- p. Slip of paper containing printed name and handwritten name ROBERT BECKS - Baptist.
- q. Slip of paper containing the hand printed name Reverend PAB MYERS, Box 253, Courtland, Alabama.
- r. Identification card, Mills Hotel, 442 N. Union Avenue, Ozark, Alabama, showing Mr. and Mrs. E. E. TIDWELL as managers.
- s. Weekly Gold Pass #11656, for the week of January 22 through 28, 1968, transit Bi-State System, good for free transportation service in Missouri-Illinois central fare area.
- t. Identification card, Calvary Temple Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, S. H. ROBINSON, Pastor.
- u. Guest card on Good Shepherd Refuge, 601 2nd Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico. This card is stamped December 18, 1967, and notes one LYNN R. CLEVELAND, St. Louis, Missouri, occupied bed #1-4 on December 4, 1967. The name Brother "EDWARDS" appears on the face of this card.
- v. Identification card Northvale Baptist Church, Durand Avenue, Harrison, Arkansas, J. A. KUHN, Pastor.
- w. Identification card, Dr. WILLIAM C. REED, Podiatrist, Suite 1405-A, The Stevens Building, 17 N. State, Chicago 2, Illinois.
- x. Guest card, Good Shepherd Refuge, 601 2nd Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico, showing LYNN R. CLEVELAND occupied bed #13, on November 21, 1967. The name Brother "GREGORY" appears on the face of this card.

A Thermofax record was made of the front and reverse sides of all above items, copies of which have been retained.

3. Three pamphlets on the Shepherd of the Hills Farm, Branson, Missouri (no dates or notations thereon).
4. One Standard Service Station map of the United States and Eastern United States (no notations, addresses or dates thereon).
5. CLEVELAND, when arrested, was wearing blue pants, short sleeved white shirt, brown loafers, black socks, one blue suit coat (did not match pants), one blue tie, one dark color tweed coat, and a belt. All clothing was old and well worn.
6. One gold color safety razor, found in pocket of coat.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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4/17/68

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Joplin,  
Missouri Police Department, furnished the following  
information:

One LYNN RAY CLEVELAND was arrested by officers of the Joplin Police Department on April 9, 1968, and booked in the City Jail on charge of "Hold for Investigation - Homicide Other Cities". He advised the basis for the arrest was the fact some woman had observed CLEVELAND hitchhiking and felt he resembled the artist's conception of the slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which recently appeared in the local newspaper.

\_\_\_\_\_ advised there was no other information and no evidence linking CLEVELAND with the slaying of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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[REDACTED], Joplin, Missouri Police Department, furnished the following information:

On April 10, 1968, LYNN RAY CLEVELAND appeared in Municipal Court, Joplin, and pled guilty to a charge of Vagrancy. On April 10, 1968, CLEVELAND was sentenced to three days in the City Jail.

On April 10, 1968, one Reverend KEN RAGSDALE, Bolivar, Missouri, telephonically contacted [REDACTED] and stated he recalled serving dinner to CLEVELAND on April 5, 1968 at approximately 3:30 PM at Bolivar, Missouri. Reverend RAGSDALE telephonically contacted the Police Department due to news accounts pertaining to the arrest of CLEVELAND. [REDACTED] advised he did not secure any additional information from Reverend RAGSDALE, however, it was his opinion CLEVELAND had appeared in Bolivar, Missouri without funds, and sought assistance through the local ministers at Bolivar, Missouri.

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LYNN RAY CLEVELAND was contacted at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and prior to being interviewed, was advised of his rights as indicated on a duly executed warning and waiver form. He stated he had no objection to orally answering questions, and he was told he was being questioned due to the fact an individual had reported him as resembling an artist's conception of the assassin of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., the artist's conception having recently appeared in a local newspaper.

CLEVELAND was questioned in the presence of Detective [REDACTED], Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and furnished the following information:

CLEVELAND stated he did not shoot the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., nor had he been in Memphis, Tennessee or Birmingham, Alabama at any time during the past two weeks. He stated he was not aware that Reverend KING had been murdered until two or three days after the incident, when he recalled someone talking about it. He advised he could furnish no information whatsoever as to the murder.

As to his exact whereabouts on April 4, 1968, he advised he was a traveling Baptist minister and evangelistic singer, and did not maintain any permanent residence. He advised he was unemployed and knew of no way to verify his whereabouts at any time unless some minister recalled being in contact with him on a certain date. He noted that for the past two to three weeks he had been intermittently at Springfield, Missouri, and when arrested by the Joplin, Police Department, on April 9, 1968, was hitchhiking from Springfield, Missouri to Tulsa, Oklahoma. He recalled he spent the night of April 8, 1968, sleeping in a truck at the Queen City Truck Stop in Springfield, Missouri. Efforts were made to trace his whereabouts.

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While he could not, in any way be exact, he vaguely recalled having left Springfield, Missouri during the latter part of March, 1968, and hitchhiked West. He noted, since he did not have any money, he normally contacted ministers at any town he was in, volunteering his services as a Baptist minister, and further noted he was an evangelistic singer and could play the piano at revival meetings. He stated this is the way he secured his food and enough money to live on.

On or about March 28, 1968, he recalled being in Kingman, Arizona, and in contact with individuals at the Assembly of God church. He believes he left Kingman, Arizona on or about March 28, 1968, hitchhiking back to Springfield, Missouri, and estimates arrival in Springfield, Missouri on or about April 4, 1968. After arriving in Springfield, he stated, to the best of his recollection, he spent the night at Hoff's Hotel on Olive Street in Springfield, Missouri. He stated the night before was spent at the Church Rectory somewhere in Oklahoma, exact location unrecalled.

When questioned as to the pamphlet in his possession, entitled "Is There Any Hope?" which bears the stamped address of The Southern Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, he advised he recalled having been in Memphis, Tennessee about one month ago and believed he stayed over-night at the bus station. He stated he was only passing through the area hitchhiking as he does continually, but believed he was in contact with a Catholic priest who bought him some breakfast at Memphis, Tennessee. He could not recall the name of the priest and knew of no one in Memphis who could verify this information. He noted he may have hitchhiked through Birmingham, Alabama a month or so ago, but did not stay overnight there and could furnish no information concerning anyone he might have contacted, or any place he might have stayed in Birmingham, Alabama.

CLEVELAND noted he had been in Springfield, Missouri more than any place else during the past several weeks, and while in Springfield, normally stayed at the YMCA, a small hotel across from the YMCA, the Midway Hotel, Calvary Mission, Hoff's Hotel, and the State Hotel. He could think of no other

locations other than the Queen City Truck Stop, where he might have stayed in Springfield, Missouri. As to individuals with whom he was acquainted in Springfield, who might be able to furnish information pertaining to him, he furnished the following:

Reverend BARCLAY,  
Northwest Baptist Church,  
Springfield, Missouri;

Reverend TOM GEARS,  
Pythian Street Baptist Church,  
Springfield, Missouri;

RICHARD RUBLE,  
[REDACTED]  
Springfield, Missouri.

CLEVELAND stated he presently had no room rented in Springfield, Missouri, and reiterated since he traveled continually, he had no way to positively establish his whereabouts on any given day.

As to prior arrests, he admitted having been arrested at Springfield, Missouri two or three weeks ago on a charge of investigation, and at Creve Coeur, Missouri, approximately one year ago; this also being on an investigation charge. He stated both arrests were because he had no personal identification on his person, or in his possession. As pertains to his having no identification, he stated his identification was stolen from him several months ago. He observed he also lost his glasses several months ago, and noted he is extremely near sighted.

CLEVELAND advised he left his home in Palmer, Texas in 1956 or 1957, and had not returned to Palmer, Texas at any time during the past year. He advised during the past year he had continually been on the road and the only place he had lived more than a few days at a time was at St. Louis Missouri where he resided at [REDACTED], and was acquainted with one JIM FISHBACK who resided at that address. He stated he had not been in St. Louis, Missouri during the past month, and therefore no one in that area could furnish any information as to his whereabouts on a given date during the past two weeks.

CLEVELAND advised he recalled leaving a suitcase at the Greyhound Bus Station in Springfield, Missouri about one month ago, and doubted if the suitcase was still there. He noted this contained personal clothing and he knew of no other clothing he had stored at any location.

The following description of CLEVELAND was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	LYNN RAY CLEVELAND <i>aka</i>
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	<del>REDACTED</del>
Place of birth	Palmer, Texas
Height	5'11½"
Weight	155 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown (receding and thin)(long sideburns)
Eyes	Blue
Scars and marks	1½ inch horizontal scar, right upper arm; 3 inch scar inside left forearm.
(permanent)	
Home Address	<del>REDACTED</del> , Palmer, Texas
Parents	Mr. and Mrs. GARLAND FRANCIS CLEVELAND <del>REDACTED</del> Palmer, Texas.
Education	Claims lacked three months receiving BA Degree at Baylor University, Waco, Texas
Occupation	Baptist minister and evangelistic singer
Marital status	Single
Military Service	None
Miscellaneous	<del>REDACTED</del> <del>REDACTED</del>

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After furnishing the above information, and being unable to furnish any definite information as to his whereabouts on any given date during the past two weeks, CLEVELAND was contacted by Reverend BILLY MAX WUELLNER, Baxter, Springs, Kansas, who identified CLEVELAND as having been at his church at 2:30 PM on April 3, 1968. When Reverend WUELLNER related the incidents to CLEVELAND, he was able to recall same, and recalled that he left Baxter Springs, Kansas, hitchhiking to Springfield, Missouri. His memory refreshed, he recalled he arrived in Springfield on the night of April 3, 1968, where he obtained \$20 at the Western Union Office, this money having been there approximately four or five days. The money was sent to him at his request from his father in Palmer, Texas. He noted he apparently left Springfield, Missouri prior to the money arriving there, and further recalled after he received the \$20, he stayed the night of April 3, 1968 at the State Hotel. To the best of his recollection, he stayed in Springfield, Missouri the next day and more than likely would have been in contact with RICHARD RUBLE, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

To the best of his recollection, he stayed the night of April 4, 1968 at the Hoff's Hotel. As to his whereabouts on March 29, 1968 and March 30, 1968, he could only state he was probably hitchhiking from Kingman, Arizona to Springfield, Missouri.

CLEVELAND's attention was called to the One-Hour Martinizing receipt in his possession which bore the notation "Promised Friday, 9:00 AM", and he was able to recall that he had some clothing at that establishment and he felt certain he would have placed the clothing there the day before, on a Thursday, April 4, 1968.

CLEVELAND was questioned as to the key in his possession when arrested and he stated, to the best of his knowledge, this possibly was a key to a locker at the Greyhound Bus Station, Springfield, Missouri, where he placed his clothing over a month ago. He noted he attempted to obtain the clothing from the locker, but the key no longer would fit the locker. He felt this was because the locker had been sealed due to the fact he had kept the key longer than the time allowed.

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Based upon above information, CLEVELAND stated he feels certain he would have been in Springfield, Missouri on April 4, 1968. He advised he would definitely state he was not in Memphis, Tennessee on that date, and that he had not been in Memphis, Tennessee or Birmingham, Alabama for at least one month. He observed that after his memory had been refreshed as to where he was, at a given time, that he was able to recall his actions immediately after leaving Baxter Springs, Kansas.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/17/68.

Mr. and Mrs. GARLAND CLEVELAND, [REDACTED] Palmer, Texas, arrived at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department to assume custody of their son, LYNN RAY CLEVELAND.

Mr. CLEVELAND, [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

His son, LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, was born [REDACTED] at Palmer, Texas. His son is an ordained Baptist minister, having been ordained at Palmer, Texas. Approximately seven or eight years ago LYNN RAY CLEVELAND [REDACTED] lacked only three months graduating from Baylor University. [REDACTED]

During the first part of 1967 [REDACTED] and for the past year had been away from home, and apparently traveling over the country with no permanent residence or employment. He noted his son had not been in Palmer, Texas for the past year, and they in no way could verify his whereabouts on any given day during the past two weeks. He stated his son had never been known to carry a gun, and was considered completely harmless.

Mr. CLEVELAND noted the last word they had from their son was on or about March 26, 1968, when they received a Western Union Telegram from him requesting \$20 be sent to him at [REDACTED] Springfield, Missouri in care of RICHARD RUBLE. They sent this \$20 on March 29, 1968, from Ennis, Texas and had not seen or heard from LYNN RAY CLEVELAND since receiving the telegram. They advised this was not unusual as this was the only time they had contact with their son, that being when he needed money, and would either send them a telegram or telephone them, requesting same.

Mr. CLEVELAND stated their son had never been married, nor had he ever been in the Military Service.

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Mr. CLEVELAND advised he was extremely upset, due to the publicity the arrest of his son had received. He stated he had already contacted an attorney and planned on suing the responsible persons for the news releases which had indicated that his son had been arrested as a suspect in the slaying of the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. CLEVELAND was advised that his son was not in Federal custody, had not been arrested by the FBI, nor had any comment been made by the FBI at Joplin, Missouri, to any news media whatever.

Mr. CLEVELAND was interviewed in the presence of ADRIAN MEACHAM, Chief of Police, Joplin, Missouri.

On the evening of April 10, 1968, LYNN RAY CLEVELAND was released in custody of his father, GARLAND CLEVELAND for travel back to Palmer, Texas.

Mr. CLEVELAND advised that if it was necessary to contact his son in the future, contact could be made through him at Palmer, Texas.

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[REDACTED], Joplin, Missouri Police Department, furnished the following information:

At 4:24 PM, on April 9, 1968, he was instructed by the Police Dispatcher to contact one [REDACTED], for information concerning a hitchhiker. He requested the description of the hitchhiker, and en route to [REDACTED], observed a hitchhiker at 18th and Range Line. He checked this individual for information as to his identity and ascertained he was one LYNN R. CLEVELAND. He left the individual on the highway and proceeded to [REDACTED] and contacted [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated LYNN R. CLEVELAND had walked into [REDACTED] and inquired as to directions to Tulsa, Oklahoma. While he was in [REDACTED], she had the television on, at which time a broadcast was being made of the MARTIN LUTHER KING funeral procession. CLEVELAND inquired as to whether or not it was the MARTIN LUTHER KING funeral, and according to [REDACTED] CLEVELAND appeared to be very interested in the television broadcast. After CLEVELAND departed, she telephonically contacted the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, as she felt CLEVELAND resembled an artist's conception of the individual who was being sought for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She observed this artist's conception was recently published in the Joplin Globe Newspaper.

Due to the fact [REDACTED] had not observed the artist's conception in the newspaper, he requested assistance to further check out the hitchhiker, and was assisted by officer [REDACTED].

Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrested LYNN RAY CLEVELAND while he was hitchhiking at 31st and Range Line, and at the time of arrest, all that CLEVELAND had in his possession for identification was a library card on a Springfield, Missouri library. He also had a torn Social Security application card which was barely legible, showing Social Security Number [REDACTED]. CLEVELAND stated he was en route to Tulsa,

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Oklahoma from Springfield, Missouri, and had been traveling around in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, and Tennessee. Found in his possession was one piece of religious material with the address, Memphis, Tennessee stamped on the back, which he stated he obtained from a bus station. At the time of arrest, CLEVELAND was carrying a top-coat, sports coat, and had a tie in his pocket.

It was observed CLEVELAND fit the description of the artist's conception which had appeared in the Joplin Globe, and he was therefore taken to the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and booked on a charge of "Hold for Investigation - Homicide other cities".

At time of arrest, CLEVELAND had only five cents in his possession, and a billfold containing numerous cards from various churches.

When booked at the City Jail, CLEVELAND furnished the following information:

Name	LYNN RAY CLEVELAND
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	33 years
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	Palmer, Texas
Height	5'11½"
Weight	157 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Build	Slender
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	Musician
Father,	G. T. CLEVELAND
	[REDACTED]
	Palmer, Texas
Marital status	Single
Address	[REDACTED]
	St. Louis, Missouri

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CLEVELAND was booked in at the City Jail at 4:50 PM, to be questioned further by Detective [REDACTED]

Officer [REDACTED] noted that neither he nor Officer [REDACTED] had any information whatever linking CLEVELAND with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., other than the fact CLEVELAND resembled the artist's conception of KING's assassin as set forth above.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/18/681

[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

On the evening of April 9, 1968, an unknown individual, later identified as LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, walked in to [REDACTED] and requested directions to the Tulsa, Oklahoma Turnpike. She furnished him the directions, and he then asked a question pertaining to the program that was on the television set in the motel office. She recalled at the time there was a program concerning the funeral procession of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and CLEVELAND inquired if the program was about KING's funeral. She then recalled CLEVELAND making some sort of comment that not only KING, but BILLY GRAHAM, should devote more of their time toward other things than their own religious purposes. She stated she could not directly quote him, but felt he meant that no one should become wrapped up in their own thoughts to the exclusion of all other matters.

She stated CLEVELAND was alone, did not ask for any handouts, and she did not observe him carrying any luggage.

[REDACTED] advised he stayed in [REDACTED] less than ten minutes and when he left [REDACTED], she telephonically contacted the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, as she felt CLEVELAND resembled the artist's conception of KING's slayer which recently appeared in the local newspaper. She advised she had absolutely no reason at all to suspect CLEVELAND other than the fact he resembled the artist's conception, and he made no comment whatever indicating he had been in Memphis, Tennessee, or any comment even remotely indicating he was connected with the murder of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED] advised she did recall CLEVELAND mentioning he was hitchhiking. This was the only time she had ever observed this person who was later identified as LYNN RAY CLEVELAND.

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On April 23, 1968, FRANCIS MURPHY, Sheriff, Laclede County, Lebanon, Missouri, advised his records reflect [REDACTED] was booked into the jail on [REDACTED] by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and released [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is described in the record as a white male, age 35 years, height 6'3", brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, residence - Dade City, Florida.

On April 23, 1968, records of the Magistrate Court, Laclede County, Lebanon, Missouri, revealed [REDACTED] appeared there on [REDACTED], and pled guilty to charge of [REDACTED]. He was fined \$100.00 and \$14.20 costs. His residence was listed as [REDACTED], Dade City, Florida. and he had Florida driver's license [REDACTED] and was driving a Willis Shaw truck from Springdale, Arkansas.

On April 23, 1968, Sheriff FRANCIS MURPHY, Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], along with Missouri State Highway Patrol Officers Sergeant [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were exhibited a photo of subject, but none could give any information concerning him or make any identification.

Sheriff MURPHY advised there are only two taverns in Lebanon, Missouri--City Tavern and Mary's Tavern.

On April 23, 1968, LOUISE MUSSELMAN, City Tavern, 120 $\frac{1}{2}$  W. Commercial, and MARY SPARKS, Mary's Tavern, 107 North Madison, both Lebanon, Missouri, observed photos of subject and stated they were unable to recall him as ever being a patron in their respective taverns. Both said he is not a regular or occasional customer and they were unable to give any additional information.

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FBI ATLANTA

458AM 5/9/68 URGENT LWG

TO DIRECTOR, DETROIT, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS  
FROM ATLANTA 6P

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN.

UNSUB, ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY - VICTIM; [REDACTED]

REATTTEL TO DIRECTOR FIVE EIGHT LAST, CAPTIONED MURKIN.  
EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO FBI LABORATORY UNDER MURKIN FIVE EIGHT  
LAST, AND DETROIT TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED FIVE EIGHT LAST.

FOR INFO KNOXVILLE, ATLANTA PD LOCATED BADLY DECOMPOSED  
BODY EVENING MAY SEVEN LAST ATLANTA AIRPORT IN TRUNK ONE NINE  
SIX FOUR DRAX BLUE CHEVROLET MALIBU BEARING SIXTYEIGHT MICHIGAN  
LICENSE D C EIGHT ONE ONE FOUR. LICENSE AND AUTO REGISTERED TO  
MARY JANE SALVADORI AND JO ANN MASTERS, [REDACTED]  
NICHOLS, DETROIT, MICH. FINGERPRINTS DECEASED IDENTIFIED AS  
ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY, WHO WAS WANTED FOR MURDER OF SAM  
DI MAGGIO, ON THREE TWENTYEIGHT LAST, STERLING TOWNSHIP, MICH.  
MAY 16 1968

DETROIT ADVISED JO ANN MASTERS, DAUGHTER OF MARY  
SALVADORI. MARY SALVADORI HAS BEEN IN HOSPITAL SEVERAL MONTHS.  
INSTANT SIXTYFOUR CHEVROLET LEFT IN CARE OF THOMAS A. SALVADORI  
[REDACTED], DETROIT, MICH. ; SON OF MARY

END PAGE ONE

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PAGE TWO

SALVADORI.

PARKING ATTENDANT, ATLANTA AIRPORT, APPROXIMATELY SEVEN TWENTY AM MAY SIX LAST FIRST NOTICED SIXTYFOUR MALIBU PARKED IN PARKING LOT. HE HAD NOT CHECKED CARS ON MAY THREE THROUGH MAY FIVE LAST. CAR WAS REPORTED DUE TO ODOR FROM ESCAPING BODY FLUID. CAR WAS LOCKED. SERVICE STICKER ON DOOR REFLECTS CAR SERVICED FOUR NINETEEN LAST AT HILL TOP PURE STATION. REFLECTING MILEAGE AS THIRTYNINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT. MILEAGE AT TIME RECOVERY WAS FORTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY AND FIVE TENTHS. BODY PLACED FACE DOWN IN TRUNK, DRESSED IN BEIGE SPORT SHIRT, BROWN TROUSERS, BELT AND FLY FASTENED BUT SLID DOWN AROUND HIS KNEES. HIS FRONT TROUSER POCKETS TURNED INSIDE OUT, NO WALLET OR IDENTIFICATION. BLUE WINDBREAKER JACKET BENEATH VICTIMS LEGS WITH DRIED BLOOD AROUND COLLAR AND DOWN FRONT AND BACK. SPARE TIRE MISSING FROM AUTO, HOWEVER, BUTTERFLY WING NUT THAT HOLDS SPARE TIRE LOCATED UNDER BODY IN BODY FLUID. FOURTEEN KARAT WHITE GOLD RING WITH THREE DIAMONDS ON VICTIMS LEFT RING FINGER. PAPERS BEARING NAMES OF THOMAS A. SALVADORI AND DOROTHY SALVADORI LOCATED UNDER BODY OF VICTIM, REFLECTING ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

[REDACTED] PARDA CREDIT UNION, IN CARE OF PARKE DAVIS  
AND COMPANY, G.P.O. BOX ONE ONE EIGHT, DETROIT, MICH. OTHER  
ITEMS INCLUDED OPENED BACK OF PALL MALL CIGARETTES, NO STATE  
TAX STAMP, TWO HAMM BEER CAPS, BOX LADY SCOTT TISSUES, CAN  
RONSONAL LIGHTER FLUID, MORTON SALT BOX, QUILT, STUFFED TOY  
TIGER AND TWO MENS UNDERSHIRTS. LATENTS SUBMITTED TO FBI LAB.  
VICTIM SHOT IN BACK HEAD WITH WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE THIRTY  
EIGHT CALIBER BULLET. PROJECTAL SUBMITTED FBI LABORATORY.  
POLICE OFFICERS MICHIGAN STATE POLICE AND STERLING TOWNSHIP,  
MICHIGAN HAVE ARRIVED IN ATLANTA TO ASSIST IN INVESTIGATION.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ONE [REDACTED] FRIEND OF DUNAWAY MISSING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUT HAS SUDDENLY REAPPEARED IN DETROIT AREA

END PAGE THREE

PAGE FOUR

ABOUT TWO DAYS AGO AND OFFICERS FEEL [REDACTED] MAY HAVE  
HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE DEATH OF DUNAWAY.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DETROIT OFFICERS ADVISED JO ANN MASTERS HAS MADE REMARK  
SHE FELT DUNAWAY WAS SOMEWHERE DOWN SOUTH.

ALL INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS FAILED TO DEVELOPE ANY  
CONNECTION BETWEEN DEATH OF DUNAWAY AND MURKIN.

END PAGE FOUR

PAGE FIVE

KNOXVILLE AND MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCES AND INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF DUNAWAY HAS BEEN IN TENN. [REDACTED] WILL DETERMINE IF THERE IS A HILL TOP PURE STATION THROUGH DISTRIBUTORS OF PURE GASOLINE IN TENN.

KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN. WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF DUNAWAY AND OTHERS HAD BEEN IN CHATTANOOGA IN ABOUT AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

DETROIT AT DETROIT, MICH., WILL INTERVIEW JO ANN MASTERS FOR INFORMATION AS TO LAST TIME SHE HAS SEEN DUNAWAY OR HEARD FROM HIM. OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING SIXTYFOUR MALIBU. IT BEING NOTED OFFICERS DURING FIRST PART OF APRIL SIXTYEIGHT REPORTEDLY SAW LICENSE PLATES FOR MALIBU INSIDE BUICK DRIVEN BY MASTERS. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

WILL THROUGH INFORMANTS AND SOURCES ATTEMPT TO LEARN  
END PAGE FIVE

PAGE SIX

WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] DURING PERIOD MARCH TWENTYNINE  
LAST UNTIL ABOUT MAY SIX LAST.

WILL LOCATE THOMAS SALVADORI AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING  
DISPOSITION SIXTYFOUR MALIBU.

WILL LOCATE WIFE OF ROBERT DUNAWAY, WILMA DUNAWAY,  
[REDACTED] NORTH GROSSE POINT WOODS, MICH.,  
AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF DUNAWAY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND ANY INFORMATION SHE MIGHT HAVE AS TO PERSONS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF DUNAWAY. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

FUTURE INVESTIGATION IN ATLANTA WILL BE REPORTED IN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CASE INASMUCH AS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THIS  
MURDER CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH MURKIN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FBI WASH DC

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CONFIDENTIAL

Date

5/17/68

To:

☒ Director

FILE

44-38861

Att.:

Title

(Mark Kin)

☐ SAC

☐ ASAC

☐ Supv.

☐ Agent

☐ SE

☐ IC

RE:

☐ CC

☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

☐ Rotor #:

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign Reassign

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Serial #

☐ Post

☐ Recharge

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☐ Send to

☐ Submit new charge out

☐ Submit report by

☐ Type

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MAY 23 1968

Duplicate copy of Alvin MHI  
Rpt 4/18/68 sent by my airtel  
4/22/68 per Agent SA [redacted]

ENCLOSURE  
See reverse side

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Office

[redacted]



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

Complaint # [REDACTED]

May 17, 1968

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

REGISTERED

TO:

Mr. Leslie L. Denny  
Chief of Police  
Danville, Illinois 61832

Attention: Mr. Robert R. Patterson  
Identification Officer

RE:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
PEPSI COLA BOTTLING PLANT  
DANVILLE, ILLINOIS  
OCTOBER 21, 1967  
SAFE BURGLARY

*o Muckin.*

REFERENCE:

Letter May 3, 1968

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

Addressee

SPECIMENS:

Three photographs

One negative

Thirty-five transparent lifts

One latent fingerprint of value was found in the three photographs and the negative submitted in connection with the captioned case.

Fourteen latent fingerprints of value appear on nine of the thirteen lifts submitted in connection with the Continental Filing Corporation burglary, your Complaint # [REDACTED] latent case # [REDACTED].

(Continued on next page)

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (with copy of incoming)
- 1 - Springfield (44-591) (with copy of incoming)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- ① - Bufile (44-38861)

GJB:nss

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DUPLICATE YELLOW

John Edgar Hoover, Director

NOT RECORDED

128 MAY 22 1968

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THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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Mr. Leslie L. Denny

May 17, 1968

Thirteen latent fingerprints of value were found on ten of the eleven lifts submitted in connection with the burglary at 444 North Jackson, your Complaint # [REDACTED] latent case # [REDACTED].

Four latent fingerprints of value were found on four of the eleven lifts submitted in connection with the Grand Hotel arson case, your Complaint # [REDACTED] latent case # [REDACTED]. No other latent impressions of value found on the submitted lifts.

These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

The three submitted photographs, as well as photographs of the latent fingerprints of value appearing on the lifts, are being retained in our files where they will be available for any additional comparisons you may desire.

The negative, the lifts, four identifying envelopes, and your mailing wrapper are enclosed.

A copy of this report is being forwarded to our Springfield Division.

Enclosures (41)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 5/17/68

Re: MURKIN

TO: SAC, Birmingham  
(44-1740)

Invoice of Contents

3 rifles  
Remington Model 700 .243 caliber rifle  
Rifle box  
9 boxes of ammunition  
Set of rings and bases for Redfield scope

- ☐ Crypt.-Trans.  
☐ Document  
☐ P & C  
☐ Radio Engineering  
☒ LFPS

Special Instructions:

Mail Room: Show shipment date and registry number.  
Shipping Room: Show shipment date; bill of lading number;  
initial invoice; return to Section checked in block; after  
initialing in block, invoice to be placed in administrative file.

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5/17/68 LC 91075

RAILWAY EXPRESS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: May 17, 1968

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Tolson ✓  
DeLoach ✓  
Mohr ✓  
Bishop ✓  
Casper ✓  
Callahan ✓  
Conrad ✓  
Felt ✓  
Gale ✓  
Rosen ✓  
Sullivan ✓  
Tavel ✓  
Trotter ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Holmes ✓  
Gandy ✓

In connection with our investigation concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., there is set forth below the estimated cost to the Bureau through the close of business April 30, 1968.

The total estimated cost is \$781,407. A peak of 3,075 field agents was assigned to this case and 5,380 hours of unpaid overtime have been performed. Bureau automobiles have been driven an estimated 332,849 miles.

## ACTION:

None; informational.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Mohr (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Callahan (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Bishop (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Martindale (sent direct)

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44-38861

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Dear Sir,

(MURKIN)

In confirmation of my  
phoning Toronto Police this  
evening I am forwarding this  
photo for your inspection.

The passenger circled  
closely resembles the wanted  
killer of Martin L. King.  
If so this should prove a  
good lead.

Kindly keep me anonymous.

Yours sincerely,

(nee)

Phone #

REC 1144-3861-3505

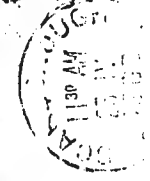
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Headquarters  
Washington, D.C.

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Urgent attention  
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VIA AIR MAIL

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...ouths, both white and Neg-  
...ro, swarmed around the  
...chauffeur-driven vehicle  
...and, one Negro youth  
...jumped on top of the car,  
...shouting "There's a white  
...man in here." Other Negro  
...youths then began shaking  
...the car.

The driver of the limou-  
sine backed the vehicle  
slowly, and the youth on  
the car then jumped off.

death and destruction. Twister also hit two towns  
Michigan, causing property damage but no fatalities.

The death count stood at 11 with scores injured and  
hundreds homeless. There were five victims in the Whee-  
lersburg, Ohio, area, five in Falmouth, Ky., and two near  
Cincinnati.

"We were going through a taste of death right there,"  
reported Henry Dance, 77, a Falmouth resident who was at  
home with his wife.

"It sounded like a clap of thunder," he said, "and then  
the roof began to fall. We fell down by the divan and part  
of the floor fell on us. The Lord saved us, that's all."

A residential area of about six square blocks bore the  
brunt of the storm in Falmouth, a community of 2,600 in  
northern Kentucky. The business section of town was  
largely spared.

Falmouth Mayor Max Goldberg said about one-third of  
the small farming community was destroyed.

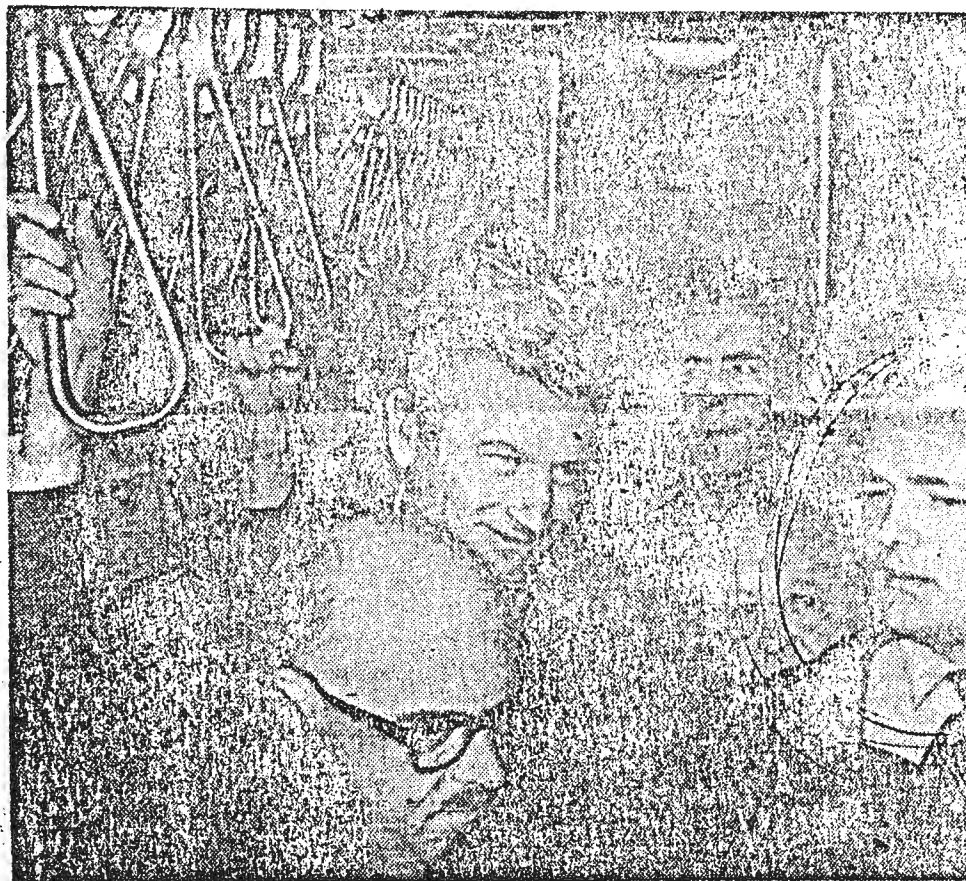
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—but so-  
outside Parliament  
servers shaking their hea-  
in disbelief.

"Sick, bizarre," was how  
one liberal columnist de-  
scribed the developments.

Said an amazed member  
of the House of Lords:

"I never thought I'd see  
the day when I would have  
to fight my way through an  
enormous crowd of dockers  
who were shouting, 'Enoch  
in, Wilson out.'"

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**STRAPHANGING IN NEW YORK**, Montreal's Mayor Jean Drapeau, wearing  
glasses, joins New York Mayor John Lindsay on a subway excursion. Drapeau  
is in U.S. promoting Man and His World exposition at last year's Expo site.

## LINDSAY, DRAPEAU JOIN STRAPHANGING

NEW YORK (UPI)—New York Mayor Lindsay took Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau yesterday from city hall to 42nd St.

Lindsay and Drapeau left city hall to avoid about 1,500 demonstrators protesting in middle-income housing projects, but they were stopped by two demonstrators in the subway.

Mrs. Esther Glazer and Mrs. Esther Busman—they were surprised to see Lindsay and Drapeau—who was carrying a sign which read "We expected him to meet with our delegation."

Drapeau is visiting New York to promote the World, the son of Expo.

He was no stranger to New York's subway. He had ridden on them over the past several years. "They are very fast and very convenient."

Lindsay, who has ridden Montreal's subway, asked by newsmen to compare the two systems.

"Montreal's is a bit different. It's a bit more quiet," he said. He added that Montreal's subway has rubber wheels and are quieter than New York's.

The two men parted at 42nd St. and Lindsay bid Drapeau "bonne chance." Drapeau was in connection with his promotion of the Man and His World exposition.

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Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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ST ReBuairtel to NY, 4/23/68.

On 4/24/68, [REDACTED] NYC cab driver, Hack License # [REDACTED] was interviewed at his home, [REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY, at which time he related that while driving a cab about two months ago, he picked up Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, a colored aide and a very attractive white woman at the International Hotel at Kennedy Airport, at around 7:00 to 8:00 pm, who he transported to the Passenger Departure Terminal of La Guardia Airport, NYC. He stated when they arrived at the airport, Dr. KING's aide left the cab with their luggage and walked into the airport. He stated that KING, while still in the cab, fondly embraced and kissed the white woman in a passionate manner. He stated that KING then left the cab and he drove the white woman into Manhattan to a town house which he believes was located somewhere between 50th and 80th Street and Madison and 1st Avenue. He stated that he recalls that this building was on a street running west and it was on the left side of the street with a wrought iron fence around the front. He stated that the building was 3 to 5 stories at the most. [REDACTED] stated that he is of the opinion that if he could see his trip sheets he could identify this trip because he is of the opinion that he listed the International Hotel when he picked up KING, when he normally only lists Kennedy Airport.

3-Bureau  
1-Memphis  
1-New York

CJA:np  
(6)

C. U. Bishop

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Approved: [Signature] 368  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M

Per [Signature]



NY 44-1609

[REDACTED] stated that he was employed at the time he transported Dr. KING by the Continental Cab Co., 2222 Tilden Ave, Brooklyn, NY.

On 4/26/68, [REDACTED] Continental Cab Co, 2222 Tilden Ave, Brooklyn, NY, made available the trip sheets of all drivers from 1/1/68 through 3/31/68.

The trip sheets for [REDACTED] were pulled and reviewed and no trip could be located from International Hotel, Kennedy Airport to La Guardia and on to the east side of Manhattan.

[REDACTED] came to the Continental Cab Co and reviewed all of his trip sheets from 1/1/68 to 3/31/68 and was unable to locate the trip where he transported Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, his aide and the white woman.

[REDACTED] was unable to furnish any additional information that would assist in identifying this white woman. He further stated that he has no reason to believe that she had anything to do with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, but if he should see this woman in the future he would make attempts to further identify her and make this information available to the FBI.

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-DALLAS

RE: SUSPECT JAMES ALLEN SMITH

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 4/16/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS.On 4/25/68, \_\_\_\_\_  
furnished the following information:

He has known \_\_\_\_\_ for about two years. \_\_\_\_\_ has been in a lot of trouble and has a long arrest record. In \_\_\_\_\_ was in the Tarrant County Jail on four charges of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. He contacted \_\_\_\_\_ on several occasions \_\_\_\_\_ could not raise any money and finally raised a total of \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ told \_\_\_\_\_ he owned some property in Houston and had some assets in Houston and if he could get out he could easily raise the other \_\_\_\_\_ and pay him in full. \_\_\_\_\_ finally agreed to make the bonds and \_\_\_\_\_ was released. He talked to \_\_\_\_\_ after he was released from jail. \_\_\_\_\_ was going to Houston and liquidate some assets and pay \_\_\_\_\_ the balance of his fee for making his bonds. \_\_\_\_\_ never saw or heard from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_, when he read in the paper that \_\_\_\_\_ was arrested with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 - Bureau  
1 - Houston (Info)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Dallas  
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Special Agent in Charge

[REDACTED] were immediately taken to Houston, Texas, to face a number of [REDACTED] charges. [REDACTED] went to the District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth to get off the bonds of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not plan to make any bond for [REDACTED] in Houston, Texas. The District Attorney in Fort Worth and Houston, along with state officers asked his assistance in this matter, and he made bond for [REDACTED] in Houston on or about [REDACTED]. He has not seen nor heard from [REDACTED] since then. He has tried to locate [REDACTED] through all known contacts in Fort Worth but has not been successful. He had heard rumors that [REDACTED] might have been killed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He has also heard that [REDACTED] is using this as an excuse to lay low. [REDACTED] related that [REDACTED] is a chronic liar, boastful, and exaggerates stories about himself. He stated [REDACTED] is a low-life police character and will do most anything to raise a few dollars. [REDACTED] had never heard of [REDACTED] having any dealings with MARTIN LUTHER KING and never heard [REDACTED] mention "South Christian Conference." He has talked about everything else but this matter to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] claimed he could do nearly anything on earth. [REDACTED] did not trust or believe [REDACTED] very much prior to last time he made bonds for him. He stated at this time he would not believe [REDACTED] "on a stack of Bibles." [REDACTED] has been involved in car thefts but [REDACTED] never heard of him being involved in Georgia or deep South. [REDACTED] is still trying to locate [REDACTED], as they have indicated they would call his case in Houston, Texas, in the near future. [REDACTED] related if he should receive any information as to the whereabouts of [REDACTED], he would notify the Fort Worth RA.

[REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, was contacted on 4/29/68 and furnished the following information:

He is well acquainted with [REDACTED] and has handled him for auto theft in the past. [REDACTED] is wanted by his attorney and bondsman at this time. [REDACTED] is also wanted for questioning in Oklahoma, but they have not issued a warrant. [REDACTED] believes [REDACTED] is hiding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] might have been buried but he had not learned any definite information to sustain this belief.

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[REDACTED] Texas Ranger, advised on 5/2/68, he had not heard from [REDACTED] and had not been able to develop any information as to his whereabouts. He stated [REDACTED] might have been knocked off. [REDACTED] knows [REDACTED] well and has talked to a number of contacts of [REDACTED] but has not been able to locate [REDACTED]. He stated [REDACTED] talks big, brags, tells big stories, and is one of the biggest liars in the world.

[REDACTED] Detective, Fort Worth PD, was contacted on 5/6/68. He advised he is well acquainted with [REDACTED]. He has made inquiries through all his sources but has not turned up any information on [REDACTED]. He related [REDACTED] could be buried [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] might be taking advantage of the situation, has left Fort Worth, and is laying low. [REDACTED] had never heard of [REDACTED] being involved in anything in Georgia or Alabama. He further related he would not believe [REDACTED] or any of the big stories he tells.

[REDACTED] was recontacted on 5/7/68, at which time he advised he had not received any information as to the whereabouts of [REDACTED]. The case at Houston has been called but he obtained a postponement for 60 days.

No further investigation being conducted to locate [REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P.O. T. Kansas, Texas  
May 9, 1968.

Dear Sirs:

INMAYNUS COMMUNICATIONS  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

There is a new bartender here on the Island whose resemblance to the commercial drawing first released in Memphis is very similar. This man goes by the name of [REDACTED]. However, he is not very tall - less than 6 feet. He looks Italian -

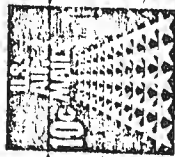
I am not signing my name because I am afraid I would lose my job if I became involved.

There is also a <sup>new</sup> colored <sup>waiter</sup> ~~cook~~ who brags about being an expert in shooting long distance sniper, working at the same place. These people may be innocent so I will not sign my name.

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Washington  
D. C.*

5-15-68

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1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Houston

From: Director, FBI

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MURKIN

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RE: ~~REDACTED~~

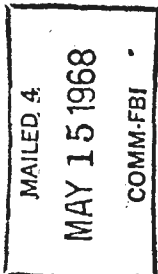
Enclosed for Houston are two copies of an anonymous letter dated 5-9-68 at Port Aransas, Texas, postmarked 5-14-68 at Durham, North Carolina. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Houston, immediately conduct investigation to identify ~~REDACTED~~ *TEXAS*

Armed and dangerous.

Enc. (2)

1 - Memphis (info) (Enc.)



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach ✓  
1 - Mr. Bishop ✓  
1 - Mr. Casper ✓  
1 - Mr. Callahan ✓  
1 - Mr. Conrad ✓  
1 - Mr. Felt ✓  
1 - Mr. Gale ✓  
1 - Mr. Rosen ✓  
1 - Mr. Sullivan ✓  
1 - Mr. Tavel ✓  
1 - Mr. Trotter ✓  
1 - Tele. Room ✓  
1 - Mr. Holmes ✓  
1 - Gandy ✓

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

## PURPOSE:

To recommend that the Washington Field Office be authorized to discuss the reviewing of passports with the [REDACTED] Passport Office and that the Rhodesian authorities at Salisbury, Rhodesia, be requested to review their records from April 5, 1968, to present date. This will be to determine if a passport has been issued to subject James Earl Ray.

## BACKGROUND:

Information has been received that subject as Eric S. Galt, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, on 12/28/67, directed a letter to Mr. John Acord, Chairman, American-Southern Africa Council, Washington, D. C., making an inquiry about possible travel to Rhodesia.

The Washington Field Office advises that passports may be applied for by any citizen at any of several thousand clerks of court offices at various cities in the United States. Each passport agency maintains information based on applications received from citizens, and this information is forwarded to Washington, D. C. The Passport Office, Washington, D. C., files this information which is maintained by year. A preliminary examination of these records at Washington, D. C., would eliminate all non-Caucasians, all females, all children and all males outside the 25 to 50 age group. A list of the remaining ones could be prepared and then the actual passport application containing photographs of the applicants, reviewed for photograph comparison and elimination could be completed. There were approximately one million passports issued in the year 1967. This review would, of course, be approached in the most reasonable and logical manner.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Washington Field Office advises that the purpose of the discussion with the [REDACTED] Passport Office would be to get estimates on the number of cards to be reviewed and to obtain permission for Special Agent personnel to have direct access to the entire Passport Office file room to carry out this project. The Washington Field Office believes that permission could be obtained without difficulty, and they would limit the number of Agents to ten to conduct the search due to space limitations. If the subject has departed from the United States with a United States passport under an assumed name, it is felt that the foregoing project would possibly have excellent chance of identifying him. Washington Field Office recommends that any formal request for review of records at Rhodesian government be held in abeyance until completion of Passport Office survey.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. It is recommended that the Washington Field Office be authorized to discuss the reviewing of passport records with the [REDACTED] Passport Office.

2. It is further recommended that Washington Field Office be immediately instructed to request the State Department to cause a review of the records of the Rhodesian authorities regarding any information they have concerning individuals entering the country from April 5, 1968 to the present date. This should not be limited to citizens of the United States only but should cover all male Caucasians between the ages of 25 and 50 in view of the fact that subject Ray could have possibly obtained a passport from the Mexican and Canadian authorities. It is noted that this type of check would only be for a period of approximately one month.

*Liaison to handle*

*Discussed w/ [REDACTED]  
State Sq, 5/14/68  
State will handle.  
ROR*

*[Handwritten initials and signatures]*

5/14/68

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TELETYPE REC 13

URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

44-38861-3510

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (By Special Messenger)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REWFOTEL FIVE TEN LAST.

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS REVIEWING OF  
PASSPORT RECORDS WITH [REDACTED] PASSPORT OFFICE.  
LIAISON SECTION OF THE BUREAU WILL REQUEST STATE DEPARTMENT  
TO REQUEST REVIEW OF RECORDS OF RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES  
REGARDING ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS  
ENTERING THEIR COUNTRY FROM APRIL FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT TO  
PRESENT DATE. THIS REVIEW SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO  
CITIZENS OF UNITED STATES ONLY BUT SHOULD COVER ALL  
CAUCASIANS BETWEEN AGES OF TWENTY-FIVE AND FIFTY IN VIEW  
OF FACT SUBJECT RAY COULD HAVE POSSIBLY OBTAINED PASSPORT  
FROM MEXICAN AND/OR CANADIAN AUTHORITIES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS

1 - Liaison Section

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NOTE:

See Memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 5/10/68, same  
caption, REL:cs.

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AIR MAIL

Via \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: New York teletype to Bureau dated 4-25-68.  
Seattle airtel 5-8-68.RE: WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On May 10, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Houston, Texas, advised SA [REDACTED] that GERALD DORR RAY, [REDACTED] is assigned to [REDACTED] at Houston, but is presently stationed with [REDACTED] Long Island, New York. His supervisor is [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED]

LEADSNEW YORK

Contact GERALD D. RAY to determine the identity of B. J. RAY and if he is related to subject JAMES EARL RAY.

3-Bureau (AM)  
2-Memphis (AM)  
1-Seattle (Info) (AM) X-115  
2-New York (AM)  
2-Houston

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10 MAY 15 1968

C. C. Bishop

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 13, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach	1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McDonough	1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Martindale	

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 5/10/68 Mexican authorities discovered a body buried on the beach at Acapulco. Police described it as that of a white male, about thirty years old and believed to be an American. Police also said the body was decomposing and had apparently been both beaten and shot with death occurring about three days before the body was found.

Mexican police fingerprinted the body and buried it. The local press speculated that the body is that of James Earl Ray. The fingerprints taken by the police have been compared with Ray's fingerprints by the Identification Division but they are so lacking in detail that it is not possible to determine whether or not they are identical. An FBI fingerprint expert is en route to Acapulco to attempt to reach a positive finding as to whether this body is identical with Ray.

Circuit Judge John C. Casey, St. Louis, has advised the St. Louis Office he sentenced Ray to twenty years for armed robbery in 1959. This is the sentence Ray was serving when he escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary in April, 1967.

A motion was filed to vacate the above judgment because of alleged improper introduction of a signed statement, failure to afford a sanity hearing, perjured testimony on behalf of the State, faulty instructions to the jury, and failure to furnish the advice and assistance of an attorney at all stages of the proceedings. The motion was overruled but on 4/12/67 the Missouri Supreme Court reversed the order overruling the motion and the case was restored to the docket, 6/15/67.

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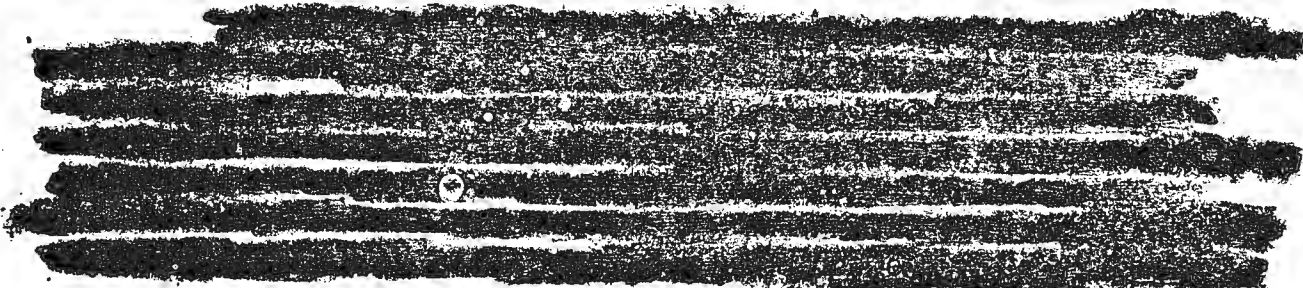
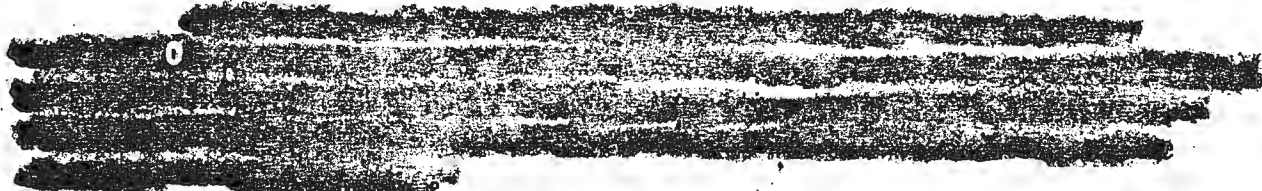
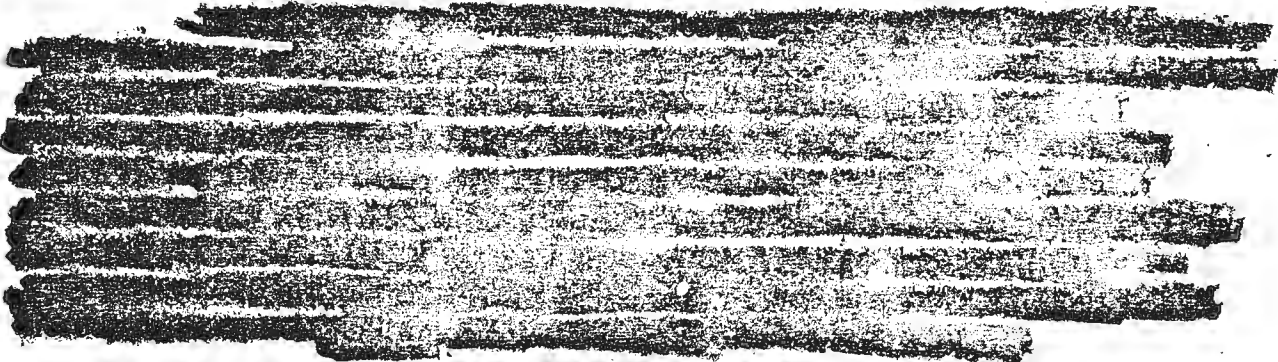
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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Judge Casey further advised that John D. Schneider, a court appointed attorney, filed a document with the court, 5/1/68, stating that no court action is possible at this time in view of Ray's escape. This was published in the daily record of court activity, 5/8/68, but has not been picked up by the press.



Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

Every possible effort is being made to locate and apprehend Ray as quickly as possible.

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Date: 5-13-68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (MAIL) AND SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)  
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 2)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED MAY NINE LAST.

ON THIS DATE, [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], BARTONVILLE, ILLINOIS, WAS INTER-  
 VIEWED AND EXHIBITED VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY, FBI  
 #FOUR ZERO FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G. SHE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL  
 IS UNKNOWN TO HER AND SHE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION WHATSOEVER  
 REGARDING HIM. SHE WAS FORMERLY THE OWNER OF [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] PEORIA, ILLINOIS, DURING NINETEEN  
 FIFTYEIGHT AND FIFTYNINE. SHE MARRIED [REDACTED] IN NINETEEN  
 SIXTY AND IS THE MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN. FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS  
 SHE HAS BEEN STEADILY EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

[REDACTED] PEORIA, ILLINOIS,  
 ADVISED SHE DIVORCED [REDACTED] FOUR YEARS AGO AND HIS WHERE-

- ① - Bureau (44-38861) (AM)  
 1 - Springfield (44-561)  
 1 - Chicago (AM)  
 1 - Memphis (AM)

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Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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(Priority)

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ABOUTS IS UNKNOWN TO HER. SHE IS OF THE OPINION HE HAS BEEN  
RESIDING SOME PLACE IN CALIFORNIA FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

MAIL COPIES BUREAU, CHICAGO, AND MEMPHIS. P.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC\*

FBI LOS ANG.

6:40PM URGENT 5-13-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE INQUIRY GALT RE TRAVEL TO RHODESIA.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY TEN LAST.

WEST COAST [REDACTED] JOHN BIRCH  
SOCIETY, SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE HAD  
RECHECKED RECORDS OF SOCIETY AND INTERVIEWED PERSONS HAVING  
TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH PUBLIC AND NO RECORD ANY ERIC S. GALT  
HAVING CONTACTED SOCIETY ANY TIME BY MAIL, PHONE OR IN PERSON.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TELETYPED TO:

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1 - Mr. Long  
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TO: SAC, BOSTON REC 11

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) — 3514

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THE CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN-SOUTHERN AFRICA COUNCIL,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., MADE AVAILABLE LETTER DATED TWELVE  
TWENTY-EIGHT, SIXTY-SEVEN, FROM SUBJECT AS ERIC S. GALT,  
GIVING ADDRESS OF ONE FIVE THREE FIVE N. SERRANO,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN WHICH HE INQUIRED REGARDING  
POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO RHODESIA. LETTER IN PART STATED "THE  
LOCAL JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PROVIDED ME WITH YOUR ADDRESS."  
IN ADDITION, A JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PAMPHLET POSSIBLY  
BELONGING TO SUBJECT WAS RECOVERED FROM ROOM IN ROOMING  
HOUSE IN ATLANTA WHERE HE RESIDED. LOS ANGELES HAS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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ADVISED THAT WEST COAST

MAY 14 1968

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY ADVISED NO RECORD OF ERIC S. GALT HAVING  
CONTACTED SOCIETY ANY TIME BY MAIL, PHONE OR IN PERSON.

UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE TO CONTRARY, IMMEDIATELY  
CHECK AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY TO DETERMINE  
IF THEIR RECORDS CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER REGARDING  
SUBJECT. ALL NAMES USED BY SUBJECT SHOULD BE CHECKED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS

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66 MAY 22 1968

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NOTE:

John Acord, Chairman of American-Southern Africa Council, Washington, D. C., made available a letter from the subject which was dated 12/28/67, giving the address of Los Angeles, California. The letter stated the local John Birch Society provided him with an address. Los Angeles advised that the West Coast [REDACTED] John Birch Society stated that no record of Galt contacting society. In view of fact that Boston is headquarters for John Birch Society they are being requested to make appropriate inquiry at the headquarters.

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Date: 5/14/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

RE: SIMILAR NAME OF EARL RAY

On 5/6/68, [REDACTED] the Aurora-Midway Branch of the People's National Bank of Washington, telephonically advised that it had come to his attention that a check had been issued to a Mrs. EARL RAY by a Mrs. ROGER L. MILLER of [REDACTED] Edmonds, Washington.

The manager reported this check had been cashed at the Liberty Supermarket, Memphis, Tennessee, and under the endorsement appeared the numbers [REDACTED] which he thought might be a telephone number.

SA [REDACTED] checked the records of the Seattle Credit Bureau and the Edmonds Police Department and found both to be negative concerning Mrs. ROGER L. MILLER also known as KATHERYN MILLER, [REDACTED] Edmonds, Washington.

SA [REDACTED] determined that the records of the Credit Bureau of Snohomish County, Everett, show that the MILLERS have been listed since January, 1965, coming to the Edmonds area from Seattle. Mr. MILLER was listed as [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]. His wife, KATHERYN MILLER, and Mr. MILLER had previously been employed by [REDACTED] in Seattle having lived in the Seattle area since at least 1958. The credit record was satisfactory.

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2-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Seattle  
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C. C. Bishop

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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A next door neighbor of the MILLERS, one Mrs. JAMES FARMER, [REDACTED], Edmonds, advised that Mr. and Mrs. MILLER and their teenage daughter live next door; that both Mr. and Mrs. MILLER work in Seattle; and that one is a native of the Seattle area and the other a native of the Memphis, Tennessee area and still has relatives in that area.

On the evening of 5/6/68, Mr. and Mrs. ROGER L. MILLER, [REDACTED] Edmonds, Washington, advised that Mrs. MILLER comes from Memphis, Tennessee, originally and that her sister, MELVA, has been married to EARL RAY for approximately the past 11 years and that they presently reside at [REDACTED] in Memphis, Tennessee, with their two children.

The MILLERS advised that RAY is approximately 38 years of age, a white male, 5'6" in height, 140 pounds in weight; and has coal black hair. They said he has lived in the Memphis area all his life to the best of their knowledge and that he has been employed in [REDACTED] and in [REDACTED] there. They said he was previously in the military service and has never been in prison to their knowledge. The MILLERS said that EARL and his wife have lived in Memphis ever since they were married and his mother still lives next door. The MILLERS said that EARL's father died approximately one year ago and that he has sisters and brothers in the same area.

Mrs. MILLER stated that as soon as she and her husband read in the newspaper the identity of the suspect in the KING killing, they thought of the name of Mrs. MILLER'S brother-in-law; and having known of his whereabouts and activities of the past 11 years and knowing what he looked like, realized that this was only a similarity in names. The MILLERS concluded that to their knowledge, Mrs. MILLER'S brother-in-law's relatives are all in the Memphis area and they were in no way connected with or related to the person charged in the KING killing.

LEAD:

MEMPHIS DIVISION  
At Memphis, Tennessee

Will, if not already done so at [REDACTED] check out EARL RAY and determine whether any of his relatives could be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date: 5/14/68

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)  
 RE: MURKIN  
 CR  
 OO: MEMPHIS

RE: [REDACTED]  
 Folsom State Penitentiary  
 Folsom, California

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies and for Kansas City two copies of an investigative insert re interview with [REDACTED].

LEADKANSAS CITY DIVISIONAT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

Will review records in an attempt to identify and locate EDMUNDSON (phonetic) who [REDACTED] said RAY often discussed escaping to Canada with.

- ③ - Bureau  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 15)  
 2 - Kansas City (Enc. 2)  
 2 - Sacramento  
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Approved: [Signature]  
 Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 5/14/68

*From  
(Tel. Calls)*Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: *WHS* SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

*Engel  
Mortimer*

Re Los Angeles teletype to Director 4/29/68,  
 concerning toll calls from the phone booth at the St. Francis  
 Hotel, Los Angeles, California and Philadelphia airtel to  
 Bureau dated 5/8/68.

A recheck of the toll records from the phone booth  
 located at the St. Francis Hotel, reveal a telephone call  
 was placed from telephone No. 462-9901, located at the St.  
 Francis Hotel, to telephone No. [REDACTED]. The call began  
 at 7:37 p.m. on 1/3/68 and listed time of call lasted for  
 three minutes and 30 seconds.

LEADPHILADELPHIA

AT LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA: Will again inter-  
 view the subscriber of telephone No. [REDACTED], with the  
 additional above information to ascertain from whom the  
 telephone call came.

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- ③ - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis
- 2 - Philadelphia
- 2 - Los Angeles

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/14/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]

Re Bureau airtel to Seattle dated 4/30/68.

On May 9, 1968, [REDACTED]  
Tacoma, Washington, was personally interviewed by SA [REDACTED]  
and was eliminated as a suspect in this matter.

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③ - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Seattle  
VPC:mm  
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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI INDAPOLS

1130AM URGENT 5/14/68 OJS  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN. OO - MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL, MAY EIGHT LAST.

CONTACT MADE ASSOCIATE EDITOR GARVER WHEELER, JOURNEYMEN  
BARBERS, ETC. MOST ANXIOUS TO PUBLISH RAY MAT AT NO COST BUT  
MUST HAVE TODAY FOR INCLUSION IN JULY ISSUE.

SUTEL.

END

SAA

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*of Crime Records*  
*called IP and told*  
*them to go ahead*  
*5/14/68*  
*3:30 P.M.*

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*cc - Mr. M. J. Jones*

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Date: 5/14/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN. CR.

RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS MAY SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: GUESTS REGISTERED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL, DEC. SEVENTEEN-  
NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, NEW ORLEANS.

ALL ATTEMPTS TO IDENTIFY W. H. RUNGLER IN CREDIT AND  
CRIMINAL RECORDS AND VARIOUS DIRECTORIES NEGATIVE. ADDRESS  
OF TWO EIGHT NINE NINE COLUMNS AVE. IS A NON-EXISTENT STREET  
AND ADDRESS.

SUBSCRIBER TO FLA. LICENSE TAG ~~REDACTED~~  
~~REDACTED~~ IS EUGENE G. HOLMAN, FOR A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX LINCOLN  
CONTINENTAL COUPE. HOLMAN STATES THIS TAG AND THIS VEHICLE  
IN HIS POSSESSION IN MIAMI ON DEC. SEVENTEEN-NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN.

1 - Bureau (AM)  
1 - Memphis (AM)  
1 - Miami  
DNJ:vc  
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22 MAY 16 1968Approved: [Signature]

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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NEW ORLEANS RECHECK PROVINCIAL MOTEL REGISTRATION RECORD  
FOR W. H. RUNGLER FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

AM COPY TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

A + D

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FBI

Date: 5/14/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

Re Bureau teletype, 4/24/68.

Re: HIPPIE ESTABLISHMENTS

The San Francisco Office has contacted all police departments in the San Francisco territory regarding hippie establishments, hang-outs and rooming houses. These departments were furnished photographs and/or I.O.s and wanted flyers regarding JAMES EARL RAY and were requested to have all sources of their respective departments be on the alert for RAY.

Informants and/or sources of the San Francisco Office, both in the criminal, security and racial fields, have been contacted regarding RAY.

Contacts with sources available to the San Francisco Office in hippie establishments will be maintained on a continuing basis, and the Bureau will be promptly advised if any information is developed.

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3 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
2 - San Francisco  
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Date: 5/14/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CR  
 OO: Memphis

Re Bureau teletype, 4/29/68.

Re: LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATIONS  
 BY LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS

All of the law enforcement agencies in the San Francisco territory were contacted and requested to conduct a comparison of unidentified latent prints in their files with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

All of these agencies, except those listed on page 2, advised their departments do not maintain a separate file of unidentified latent prints. They advised their usual procedure is to file the unidentified latent prints in the appropriate case file without duplication in a centralized file. These departments advised that new unidentified latent prints developed in current cases would be checked against RAY's prints; however, the unidentified latent prints now filed in the case file are not subject to ready examination and the requested examination and comparison of all old latent prints with RAY's would be beyond the capability of their departments.

The below listed law enforcement agencies who maintain a latent fingerprint section, on the date indicated, advised no latent print identifiable with RAY was located or that their review was continuing and the San Francisco Office would be notified if an "ident" was made.

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 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
 2 - San Francisco  
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Humboldt County Sheriff's Office;	5/1/68
Alameda Police Department conducting an examination and will advise if an "ident" is made;	5/1/68
Identification Division, Alameda County Sheriff's Office;	5/1/68
Piedmont Police Department;	5/1/68
Oakland Police Department, will advise if an "ident" is made;	5/1/68
El Cerrito Police Department;	5/9/68
Richmond Police Department;	5/9/68
San Pablo Police Department;	5/9/68
Pinole Police Department;	5/9/68
South San Francisco Police Department;	5/1/68
San Mateo County Sheriff's Office;	5/1/68
San Mateo Police Department;	5/1/68
Burlingame Police Department;	5/2/68
Identification Office, Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office, will advise if "ident" is made;	5/3/68
Santa Cruz Police Department, will advise if "ident" is made;	5/3/68
Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, will advise if "ident" is made;	5/1/68
San Francisco Police Department, Crime Laboratory.	5/8/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/14/68

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CR

OO: Memphis

Re: [REDACTED]  
Suspect

Enclosed for Memphis is one envelope containing 7 inserts and/or FD302s described as follows:

- (1) Report of interview with Agent [REDACTED], U.S. Secret Service, San Francisco - insert;
- (2) Page headed SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] - insert;
- (3) FD-302 of [REDACTED] consisting of 2 pages;
- (4) Insert starting with SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were able to observe [REDACTED];
- (5) Insert starting with the words [REDACTED], etc;
- (6) FD-302 regarding [REDACTED] consisting of 2 pages;
- (7) FD-302 regarding [REDACTED] consisting of 8 pages.

2 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM) (Encl. 7)  
2 - San Francisco  
MTG:bja  
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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URGENT 5-14-68

TO DIRECTOR AND PHOENIX  
FROM CINCINNATI

MURKIN.

RE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

RE PHOENIX TEL FIVE THIRTEEN, LAST.

[REDACTED] CHITTENDEN HOTEL, COLUMBUS, OHIO,  
ADVISED TODAY HOTEL REGISTRATION CARD SHOWS ROBERT THERIEN, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PHONEY, (APPARENTLY MEANT  
PHOENIX) ARIZONA, CHECKED INTO ROOM ONE TWO TWO CHITTENDEN HOTEL  
TWELVE ZERO NINE AM, FIVE TEN, LAST. THERIEN WAS ALONE AND PAID FOR  
ONE DAY. THERIEN CHECKED OUT FIVE TWELVE LAST LEAVING NO FORWARDING  
ADDRESS AND PAID ADDITIONAL EIGHT DOLLARS AND THIRTY TWO CENTS. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HAD NO RECORD OF LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS OR AUTO FOR  
THERIEN.

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NO RECORD HARRY LUNSFORD AT CHITTENDEN HOTEL. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], CHITTENDEN HOTEL, RECALLED THERIEN  
PICKED UP TWO SUITCASES AFTERNOON FIVE TWELVE, LAST, BUT DID NOT  
DISCLOSE DESTINATION OR MEANS OF TRAVEL. THERIEN WAS ALONE. MEANS  
OF DEPARTURE CHITTENDEN HOTEL NOT NOTED. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED THERIEN  
AS IN FORTIES, ABOUT FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, THIN BUILD, WEARING HAT.

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cc - Long

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UNABLE TO RECALL CLOTHES WORN BY THERIEN.

FORT HAYES HOTEL, COLUMBUS, OHIO, LOCATED NEAR CHITTENDEN HOTEL,  
NEGATIVE RE ROBERT THERIEN, BOB THORIN AND HARRY LUNSFORD.

AM COPIES TO SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, AND MEMPHIS. ARMED  
AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI CHICAGO

10:42 AM URGENT 5-14-68 PMS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987),

LOS ANGELES (44-1574), LAS VEGAS, DENVER (157-203)

AND ALBUQUERQUE

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY NINE LAST.

RE LOOK ALIKE JAMES EARL RAY, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT MAY THREE LAST.

REMAINING FLIGHTS UNITED AIR LINES (UAL) EIGHT FIVE  
SEVEN, MAY ONE; THREE FIVE NINE MAY TWO; AND FIVE SEVEN ONE,  
MAY TWO CHECKED MAY THIRTEEN LAST WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR  
CARL RAY.

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Y 610PM URGENT 5-14-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ ST. LOUIS /44-775/ SPRINGFIELD /44-561/  
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY NINE LAST.

RE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN AKA; FORMER ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.

AUSTIN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. RESIDES IN CHICAGO'S WEST SIDE COLORED AREA. STATES LAST SAW SUBJECT IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, HAD NO IDEA SUBJECT ESCAPED FROM PRISON AND WAS NOT AWARE RAY WAS BEING SOUGHT FOR MURKIN.

ONLY KNEW RAY FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS DURING FIFTYNINE, ROBBERY OF SUPERMARKET ALTON, ILLINOIS, WAS ONLY SCORE HE PULLED WITH SUBJECT, DID NOT KNOW ANY MALE OR FEMALE FRIENDS AND STATES NO POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT KNOWING WHERE HE IS.

WHEN FIRST SHOWN SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPHS STATED INDIVIDUAL NOT KNOWN TO HIM. WHEN TOLD PHOTOS WERE OF SUBJECT STATED NEWEST PHOTO IN BUSINESS SUIT LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE RAY BUT HEAVIER THAN HE RECALLS.

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cc - [Signature]

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CLAIMS NEVER MET SUBJECT'S BROTHERS. STATES [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RAY CHEATED AUSTIN OF HIS PART OF  
THE LOOT FROM ABOVE ROBBERY. NOTE AUSTIN SIXTYNINE YEARS OLD,  
[REDACTED]

DAILY CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH BROTHER JERRY. HAS FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION. STILL STATES SUBJECT HAD NO DEEP RACIAL HATRED FOR NEGROES. CONSIDERING MOVE FROM PRESENT RESIDENCE SINCE LOCATION KNOWN TO EX-WIFE AND POSSIBLY PRESS.

AMCC'S MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS.

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Date: 5/14/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

RE: Calls made by subject en route from LA to NO.

RE Dallas teletype 5/1/68 and El Paso airtel 4/30/68;  
Houston airtel 5/3/68.

Dallas tel 5/1/68 lists 12/15/67, 9:19 p.m. call made  
to [REDACTED], Ramsey, Indiana; and December 15, 1967, 9:14  
p.m. call made to [REDACTED] Milltown, Indiana.

Telephone Directory Ramsey, Indiana, reflects number  
[REDACTED] issued to RUSSELL STEPH, DePauw, Indiana. On 5/3/68  
Mrs. RUSSELL STEPH advised call made by boy known to her as  
PAUL DIAZ or DIEZ, who used to date her daughter. PAUL is  
Mexican and had returned home to Texas.

Photos of RAY exhibited; not identical to DIAZ.

- ③ - Bureau  
2 - Dallas (44-2649)  
2 - El Paso (157-186)  
2 - Houston  
2 - Kansas City  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Indianapolis  
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Approved: J. E. [Signature] Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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IP 44-563)

Telephone Number 633-4609, Milltown, Indiana, is assigned to EDNA GREEN.

EDNA GREEN advised on 5/3/68 call received from PAUL GUADARRAMA, [REDACTED], Sanderson, Texas. He returned to Texas to go to school. Photo of RAY exhibited; Mrs. GREEN stated no resemblance. Mr. DAN SMITH, Irby Construction Company, advised GUADARRAMA worked for company. He advised no resemblance between RAY and GUADARRAMA.

Tell City Number [REDACTED] assigned to J. ROBERT CLARK, [REDACTED] Tell City, Indiana. On 5/3/68, CLARK interviewed; advised his son DON KEITH CLARK might have made call. DON KEITH CLARK on 5/3/68 advised he made one collect call from Weatherford, Texas, and another from Pecos or Midland, Texas. He explained he drove to California on 12/15/67 and called home every night.

Telephone Number [REDACTED] is assigned to TRUMAN G. POPE, [REDACTED] Muncie, Indiana.

On 5/3/68, Mrs. GEORGIA POPE advised she had relatives visting her, ALICE and DAVE VAUGHT, sister and brother-in-law. They ran into a snowstorm in Texas and had to stay overnight and called to advise them of this.

Telephone Number [REDACTED] Mexico, Indiana, is assigned MARVIN L. JONES, Vice-President, Bank of Peru, Peru, Indiana. JONES interviewed on 5/7/68 and cannot recall receiving call from Texas on 12/16/67. His wife cannot recall receiving call either. Both have excellent reputation in community.

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 15, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach      1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Rosen        1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Malley       1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. McGowan     1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Long          1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. McDonough   1 - Mr. Trotter  
1 - Mr. Martindale

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Marie Martin, also known as Marie Deninno, who traded television sets with Ray on about 2/14/68 when Ray was living at the St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles, has been reinterviewed.

Martin stated that from the time the television sets were traded until Ray checked out of the St. Francis on 3/17/68 he appeared to be in need of money and said he was waiting for money from his brother. Martin believed Ray needed this money before he could drive to New Orleans where he delivered a package for her on about 3/21/68.

Ray told Martin he had lived in Mexico where he had used marijuana on one occasion but did not like it because it did nothing for him. He also said he had attended cock fights in Mexico but was repulsed by their barbaric nature.

Marie Martin has received a \$50 check from Louis Lomax for information she provided when he was writing his series of news articles. She believes the check is worthless.

Anonymous letters from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, have alleged Ray is at the Cuicuilco Ruins in Mexico. These ruins are about twelve miles south of Mexico City and consist of a small pyramid, 1,400 years old, surrounded by lava beds that are thirty feet thick. It is near the site being prepared for the Olympic Games this summer. Extensive investigation has been conducted throughout this area with negative results.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED], ex-convict [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
claims that when Ray escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary he did so by walking out with visitors. The official version of his escape is that he hid in a box of bread being delivered from the penitentiary to a prison farm. It has previously been alleged by other prisoners that he walked out the front door and that he wore a guard's uniform when he escaped.

It has also been alleged that another ex-convict saw Ray in St. Louis two weeks after his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary.

[REDACTED] ex-convict, and [REDACTED]  
visited [REDACTED] on the night of 5/13/68. [REDACTED] is an old man [REDACTED] who has stated he taught Ray to be a burglar. [REDACTED] has advised that although [REDACTED] did not admit it in so many words, both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] gained the impression [REDACTED] had harbored Ray after his escape in April, 1967.

[REDACTED] has been exhaustively reinterviewed. He denies having any contact with Ray since Ray's escape. Regarding the Southern bank robbery [REDACTED] previously alleged Ray was involved in, [REDACTED] now states this could have occurred in July, 1967, instead of June and was in a city on the East bank of the Mississippi River. When confronted with discrepancies in his stories, [REDACTED] stated, "As I've told you, my brain don't work right." Continuing efforts are being made to determine if such a robbery occurred.

James Laoma Owens was arrested with Ray for armed robbery in 1959. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Jefferson-Gravois Bank, St. Louis, when he met Ray and Owens who were entering the bank. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

All aspects of this investigation are being vigorously  
pursued.

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URGENT 5-15-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 238

*me [unclear] copy*

MURKIN

REMYCAB MAY ONE THREE LAST.

UNKNOWN DECEASED AT ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:

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AS BUREAU WAS DIRECTLY ADVISED ON MAY ONE THREE LAST, EXPERT FROM IDENTIFICATION DIVISION ESTABLISHED THROUGH EXAMINATION OF BODY AT ACAPULCO THAT VICTIM NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY. UNDER SEPARATE CAPTION, AS MATTER OF COOPERATION WITH MEXICAN POLICE, BUREAU BEING REQUESTED TO HANDLE LEADS IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH MAY SERVE TO IDENTIFY VICTIM WHO APPEARS FROM ITEMS FOUND NEAR BODY TO BE YOUNG WHITE AMERICAN RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY SERVICE, POSSIBLY FROM MINNEAPOLIS - SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA AREA. ONLY APPARENT MOTIVE IS ROBBERY.

ALLEGED SUSPECT AT MEXICAN - GUATEMALAN BORDER.

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GENERAL RAMON JIMENEZ DELGADO, CHIEF OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE, 10 MAY 17 1968 HAS COOPERATED FULLY IN FURNISHING COMPLETE TEXT OF REPORTS FROM HIS AGENT AT TAPACHULA, CHIAPAS.

*not ME  
cc 5-17-68  
via R/S*

*cc Long*

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TAXI DRIVER [REDACTED] LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED EXHAUSTIVELY RE ALLEGATION. HE STATES HE TOOK AN AMERICAN AT ABOUT NINE P.M., MAY THREE LAST, FROM TAPACHULA TO CIUDAD HIDALGO, A VILLAGE ON SUCHIATE RIVER WHICH FORMS FRONTIER WITH GUATEMALA AT THIS POINT. PASSENGER DESCRIBED AS WHITE, THREE FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, CLOSE TO ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY POUNDS, DARK COMPLEXION, WEARING A BEARD, SCAR SLIGHTLY OVER ONE INCH NEAR RIGHT EYEBROW. NEITHER SCAR NOR BEARD APPEARED TO BE OF RECENT ORIGIN. THIS INDIVIDUAL CARRIED A GREEN KNAPSACK AND A PISTOL BUT DRIVER DENIES PISTOL USED TO THREATEN HIM. ALSO CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, DRIVER DID NOT SEE MAN CROSS RIVER INTO GUATEMALA. DRIVER LOOKED AT PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND STATED THIS SUSPECT DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL..

NEW ALLEGATION FROM HONDURAS:

EMBASSY AT TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS, REPORTED MAY ONE FOUR INSTANT THAT ONE [REDACTED] (PHONETIC) IS REPORTEDLY [REDACTED] AT PENABLANCA, NEAR LAKE YOJJA, DEPARTMENT OF CORTES. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED PRIOR TO KING ASSASSINATION, THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD

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BRAGGED THAT MURDERERS OF CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS IN MISSISSIPPI HAD STAYED WITH HIM AND THAT ANYONE ELSE IN SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES WOULD ALSO FIND REFUGE AT HIS FARM. [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO BE AMERICAN CITIZEN BUT EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF HIM.

NO RECORD OF [REDACTED] IN MEXICO CITY FILES UNDER THIS NAME OR POSSIBLE VARIATIONS. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO OBTAIN FULL TRUE NAME AND OTHER IDENTIFYING DATA AFTER WHICH REQUEST WILL BE FORWARDED FOR CHECK OF BUREAU FILES AND LOGICAL STEPS TAKEN TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE HAS ANY CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

REMAINING LEADS RECEIVING PRIORITY HANDLING AND RESULTS WILL BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED FOR BENEFIT OF BUREAU AND INTERESTED DOMESTIC OFFICES.

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SRD CC MR. BRENNAN

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FBI ST LOUIS

1126PM URGENT 5-14-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE [REDACTED] RAY AND JAMES

LAOMA OWENS ENTER JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SL SUMMER SIXTYSEVEN.

CURSORY CHECK OF ALL CHECKING SAVINGS AND INSTALLMENT LOAN ACCOUNTS UNDER RAY NAME AND ALIASES AND JAMES LOAMA OWENS AT JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SL BY BANK [REDACTED] TODAY UNPRODUCTIVE. CHECK IN DEPTH OF ALL BANK RECORDS, INCLUDING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, WILL BE MADE TOMORROW.

RE EX CONS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TODAY ADVISED HE AND [REDACTED] VISITED [REDACTED] LAST NIGHT. ALLEGED [REDACTED] TOLD OF FBI INTERVIEW. BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] GAINED DEFINITE IMPRESSION [REDACTED] HAD HARBORED RAY AFTER ESCAPE, THO [REDACTED] DID NOT ADMIT TO SUCH IN SO MANY WORDS.

RE [REDACTED] RINTERVIEWED EXHAUSTIVELY. AGAIN DECLINED TO FURNISH SPECIFIC INFO RE DEEP SOUTH BANK ALLEGEDLY ROBBED BY UN-NAMED MAN AND RAY, JUNE JULY SIXTYSEVEN, ON GROUND WANTED FEW MORE DAYS TO DETERMINE IF SOMEONE ELSE AWARE OF SAME, SO HE WILL NOT BE FINGERED AS SOURCE. INSISTED SAW ACCOUNT OF ROBBERY IN CHICAGO

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TRIBUNE, BUT NOW PLACES TIME AS MUCH AS MONTH FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE JUNE TWENTY THIRD. NOTE CG CHECK OF TRIBUNE WAS TO END JULY SIXTY-SEVEN. PLACES VISIT OF UN-NAMED MAN FEW DAYS OR WEEKS AFTER TRIBUNE ARTICLE. NOW CLAIMS MAN TOLD HIM ON FIRST VISIT RAY WAS ACCOMPLICE. PLACES SECOND VISIT WITHIN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS OF FIRST, INSTEAD OF SIX WEEKS AGO, AS ORIGINALLY STATED. NOW SAYS MAN JUST CAME FOR CUP OF COFFEE, SECOND VISIT, AND THAT RAY OR TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR LOAN MADE ON PREVIOUS VISIT NOT MENTIONED. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH DISCREPANCIES STATED "AS I'VE TOLD YOU, MY BRAIN DON'T WORK RIGHT". STATED MAN MUST HAVE OBTAINED [REDACTED] ADDRESS FROM RAY AND RAY [REDACTED] NOW SAYS STATE LINE RIVER WAS MISSISSIPPI AND CITY WHERE BANK ROBBED ON EAST SIDE OF RIVER.

TOLD OF VISIT BY [REDACTED] WHO HE KNOWS AS [REDACTED] AND ANOTHER MAN LAST NIGHT. SAID [REDACTED] ASKED FOR FOOD MONEY. [REDACTED] GAVE HIM THREE OR FOUR DOLLARS. THEY TALKED OF RAY BEING RED HOT NOW AND BOTH MEN LEFT.

[REDACTED] EMPHATICALLY DENIED HARBORING RAY, OR KNOWING WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE. WHEN ADVISED OF REPORT RECEIVED RAY SEEN NEAR HIS RESIDENCE HE STATED IF HE WAS, HE NEVER CAME INSIDE OR CONTACTED HIM IN ANY WAY.

[REDACTED] CLOSED AS [REDACTED] UNRELIABLE. BEING CONSIDERED POSSIBLE HARBORER.

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RE CAROL PEPPER SISTER.

CAROL PEPPER RE-INTERVIEWED TODAY. SPECIFICALLY DENIED CONTACT BY OR KNOWLEDGE OF RAY WHEREABOUT SINCE ESCAPE, OTHER THAN WHAT READ IN PAPERS AFTER START OF THIS CASE. SAYS BROTHER JERRY IS ONLY MEMBER OF FAMILY WHO HAS NOT MOVED SINCE ESCAPE, AND IS ONLY ONE WHOSE PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS KNOWN TO RAY. SAYS GRAPEVINE TAVERN BARELY MAKING ESPENSES AND MAY NOT CONTINUE.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER.

JOHN RAY ONLY PERSON OPERATING GRAPEVINE TAVERN TODAY AND COULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED BECAUSE OF CUSTOMERS.

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECK DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND LOOK ALIKE RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING.

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812PM URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BUTTE AND SALT LAKE CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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*W. K. ...*  
*Long*

[REDACTED], CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S  
CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S ESCAPE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTN: IDENTIFICATION  
DIVISION

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

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The Identification Division is requested to  
 expeditiously forward to Chicago a copy of the Identification  
 Record for JERRY WILLIAM RAY, aka JERRY WILLIAM RYAN,  
 FBI # [REDACTED]

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 1 - Chicago

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
C-R  
(OO: ME)

Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68, re telephone calls from public telephones on Interstate 10.

Referenced airtel set forth five long distance calls made from the Houston area to points in Arkansas. Subscribers to these five telephones were contacted and all calls were from relatives, friends or associates and none of the subscribers had any information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Houston (44-1509) (Info.)  
2 - Little Rock  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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MEMPHIS

Re Los Angeles teletype 5/3/68.

"Local Swinger Correspondence Club"

San Francisco was requested to interview the  
 following individuals:

[REDACTED]  
 Union City

[REDACTED]  
 Salinas

Occupant  
 [REDACTED]

El Cerrito  
 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
 San Francisco

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 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - San Francisco (173-65)  
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On 5/6/68, [REDACTED] (protect identity) [REDACTED] Union City Post Office, advised that [REDACTED] had moved from Union City and left a forwarding address to [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Bethel Island, Calif., on 9/16/66.

On 5/8/68, [REDACTED] (protect identity), Bethel Island, advised there is no [REDACTED] known to her as a resident of Bethel Island. She did state a [REDACTED] is presently believed to reside with a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

On 5/13/68, [REDACTED] a resident of Bethel Island [REDACTED] advised she is the former holder of [REDACTED] at Union City, California. She stated that her maiden name was [REDACTED] and denied having ever used another name.

[REDACTED] stated that she is not a member of a correspondence club and has never heard of the Swinger Correspondence Club of Los Angeles and has never received literature from them.

She stated that she has with in the past few months received some mailings from the Los Angeles area containing advertising for material which she considered to be of a pornographic nature. However, she stated she could only presume that through some mailing list her name had been listed with the Swinger Correspondence Club (SCC). She advised the names JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO GALT and the other aliases of RAY were unknown to her and after viewing photographs, stated she did not recognize RAY.

On 5/4/68, [REDACTED], Salinas, Calif., advised that a couple of years ago she joined a correspondence club out of Chicago, Illinois and ever since then has gotten pamphlets and free offer type sales literature from several other companies. She advised that she does not remember ever getting any correspondence from a Local SCC.

She advised that she is presently writing to a man named [REDACTED] from San Francisco, California. She stated that she started writing him through the correspondence club

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out of Chicago. She advised she has no idea how the SCC could have obtained her address unless the correspondence club in Chicago gave it to them.

On 5/4/68, [REDACTED] (protect), [REDACTED] El Cerrito, Calif., advised that [REDACTED] has been in use since 12/20/67 by [REDACTED], home address [REDACTED] Walnut Creek, Calif., phone [REDACTED].

On 5/5/68, [REDACTED] Walnut Creek, Calif., advised she has never been a member of or credited in any way with the SCC. She related that she has in the past as of November, 1967, corresponded with the "Worldwide Group", P. O. Box 5075, Berkeley and with the Computer Dating Company, Inc., 681 Market Street, San Francisco.

She advised that she was unable to explain how the SCC had obtained her address of [REDACTED], El Cerrito, California. She stated she is an employee of [REDACTED] and advised she had obtained [REDACTED] El Cerrito for the sole purpose of receiving therein the "Berkeley Barb", a newspaper which she did not desire to have people know that she subscribed to. She stated this was the only reason for obtaining this box.

[REDACTED] stated that she has never received any photographs from the SCC and after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka. advised that this person was completely unknown to her.

On 5/4/68, [REDACTED] advised she had at no time joined the "Club Swinger", but had received communications from the club after sending for a Self-hypnosis book some time ago. She stated because she has received so much advertising mail that she has been destroying some of this mail without even opening it if the return address is unfamiliar to her. [REDACTED] advised that she has not received any correspondence from JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT and that she does not know him and has never seen him. [REDACTED], after viewing photographs of RAY, stated that the man was completely unknown to her.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReWFOtel dated 5/9/68.

On 5/14/68, [REDACTED] Rhodesian Government, Washington, D.C. (PROTECT IDENTITY) telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] of this office to determine if a formal request is being directed to the Rhodesian Government concerning JAMES EARL RAY. He was advised this matter is being discussed with the U.S. Department of State.

[REDACTED] again offered all assistance possible on behalf of his government. He was extremely gracious and cordial and indicated he was disappointed that such a request had not been forthcoming to this date but stated that he understood the possible reluctance on the part of the U. S. Government to address a formal request to a government with which it does not have diplomatic relations and does not recognize. [REDACTED] stated that he was writing his government concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING and was furnishing his government with a newspaper clipping from "The Evening Star" dated

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- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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5/9/68, and captioned "Holed Up-Or Buried?" "The Ray Mystery Deepens" by JEREMIAH O'LEARY, Star Staff Writer, in order that his government might be apprised of this matter in the event a formal request is made by the U. S. Government in the future.

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9:52 PM MST URGENT 5/15/68 LES

TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, AND BUTTE.

FROM SALT LAKE CITY (44-253)

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SALT LAKE CITY, BUTTE AND  
MEMPHIS, MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT.

INQUIRY AT LEAMINGTON, UTAH REFLECTS NO TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBER  
FOR NUMBER [REDACTED]. THE TELEPHONE  
PREFIX FOR LEAMINGTON, UTAH IS EIGHT FIVE SEVEN. MOUNTAIN STATES  
TEL AND TEL CO., SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH ADVISED PREFIX TWO SEVEN FIVE  
IS NOT A UTAH NUMBER.

NO FURTHER INQUIRY BEING MADE BY SALT LAKE CITY RE THIS MATTER,  
PENDING RECHECK OF TELEPHONE NUMBER AT S. W. BELL, ST. LOUIS.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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NR 7 8/50 PM URGENT 5-15-68 JEB  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND  
MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES (PLAINTEXT)  
MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM SAN JUAN (157-61) 4P

MURKIN.

RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND SAN JUAN MAY FIFTEEN  
INSTANT.

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES [REDACTED], AGE ONE NINE, AND  
[REDACTED], AGE ONE SIX, ADVISED AGENTS OF NEW HAVEN  
INSTANT DATE THEY OBSERVED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AT SAN JUAN  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SIX THIRTY AM, MAY FOURTEEN LAST, WHO  
THEY FEEL IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY. INDIVIDUAL TRIED TO  
PURCHASE TICKET AT PAN AMERICAN COUNTER TO JAMAICA OR ARUBA.  
BOTH DESCRIBED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AS HIGHLY NERVOUS, MOVING LIPS  
CONSTANTLY AND PULLING LOBE OF RIGHT EAR, THIRTY-FIVE, FIVE NINE  
OR FIVE TEN, SLENDER BUT STRONG BUILD, NO HAT, BROWN HAIR TINTED  
REDDISH BLOND, TEETH NORMAL BUT UPPER CENTER APPEARED TO PROTRUDE  
SLIGHTLY AS LIPS WERE MOVED OVER THEM, EARS PROTRUDED SLIGHTLY  
RIGHT MORE THAN LEFT, EYES BLUE, ROUND, AND PIERCING, COMPLEXION  
MEDIUM, NO SCARS NOTED, WORE MEDIUM-BROWN SUIT, LIGHT BLUE SHIRT.  
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TIE AND PLAIN BLACK SHOES, AMERICAN IN APPEARANCE. CARRIED LIGHT TAN SUITCASE WITH LARGE HANDLE. IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO EXHIBITED GIRLS WHO FEEL CERTAIN ALL FEATURES OF SUBJECT RESEMBLE THOSE OF UNKNOWN WITH EXCEPTION OF HAIR OF LATTER WHICH IS LONGER.

[REDACTED] PAN-AM RESERVATIONS AGENT, SAN JUAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ADVISED MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT THAT HE RECALLS PERSON BEING FIRST IN LINE AT RESERVATIONS BOOTH AT SIX FIFTEEN-AM, APRIL FOURTEEN LAST WHO TRIED TO PURCHASE TICKET FOR MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA, BUT BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR PROOF OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP TICKET WAS NOT SOLD, THIS PERSON STATED HE WOULD STAY AT AIRPORT AT JAMAICA AND NOT LEAVE PLANE BECAUSE HE WANTED TO CONTINUE ON TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. UNKNOWN HAD MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER FROM PAN-AM, NEW YORK AND WAS TOLD HE COULD PURCHASE DIRECT FLIGHT TO LOS ANGELES ON DELTA AIRLINES. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED UNKNOWN AS FORTY TO FORTY FIVE YEARS, FIVE EIGHT, ONE SEVENTY TO ONE SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, THIN FACE, BROWN HAIR, NO GREY, ACTED CRAZY, KEPT LAUGHING, HAIR LONG CREW CUT. WEARING TAN PANTS, BROWN-MAROON SPORT COAT. PHOTO TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY ONE NINE SIXTY EIGHT OF RAY EXHIBITED TO [REDACTED], WHO STATED THERE  
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IS RESEMBLANCE, HOWEVER HE IS NOT POSITIVE OF IDENTIFICATION.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE IS POSITIVE THAT INDEX FINGER AND MIDDLE FINGER LEFT HAND ARE MISSING. STATED SCARS APPEAR TO BE OLD AND NOT NEW SCARS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT UNKNOWN EXHIBITED DRIVERS LICENSE WITH PHOTO, BUT DOES NOT RECALL NAME. PHOTO ON DRIVERS LICENSE HAD EYES CLOSED AND HE RECALLED WANTED FLYER OF PERSON BEING SOUGHT BY FBI WITH EYES CLOSED AND LATER HE LOOKED AT WANTED FLYER AND FEELS PERSON RESEMBLES PHOTO OF RAY.

[REDACTED] TICKET AGENT, DELTA AIRLINES, SJ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAN JUAN ADVISED MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT THAT HE RECALLS SELLING TICKET TO PERSON WITH PAN-AM MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER AND LOCATED TICKET IN NAME OF [REDACTED] PURCHASED DELTA TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SIX DASH ONE ZERO ONE DASH ONE FOUR SIX DASH ZERO THREE SIX, WITH PAN-AM MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER NUMBER ZERO TWO SIX DASH ZERO ZERO ONE DASH ONE TWO SIX DASH SIX THREE FIVE DATED MAY THIRTEEN LAST AT NEW YORK IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY EIGHT CENTS. DELTA TICKET ISSUED AND ALSO ISSUED WAS DELTA MISC CHARGE ORDER NUMBER ZERO ZERO SIX DASH ZERO NINE ONE DASH ZERO ZERO ZERO DASH ZERO ZERO ONE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY THREE CENTS.

END PAGE THREE

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[REDACTED] DEPARTED SAN JUAN ON DELTA FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE NINE AT EIGHT FIFTY AM, MAY FOURTEEN LAST AND SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES AT TWO ZERO FOUR PM, (LOS ANGELES TIME) SAME DATE.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS IN THIRTYS, FIVE-SEVEN TO EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, THIN FACE, SOUTHERN ACCENT, MEDIUM BUILD, RESEMBLED PHOTO OF RAY, BUT NOT POSITIVE [REDACTED] IS IDENTICAL WITH PHOTO.

[REDACTED] ADVISED ORIGINAL TICKET PURCHASED WAS PAN AM TICKET ZERO TWO SIX DASH FOUR EIGHT ZERO DASH SIX TWO ONE DASH FIVE SIX FOUR FIVE SIX EIGHT ISSUED MAY SEVEN LAST IN CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES WILL LOCATE ORIGINAL PAN-AM TICKET, IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND RESOLVE IDENTITY.

END

RNK:R RELAY

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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MAY 15 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

PLS HOLD FOR FOUR MESSAGES

FBI ST LOUIS

1150 AM URGENT 5-15-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND DETROIT.

FFROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

[REDACTED] CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S  
CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S ESCAPE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

HOLD

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Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI ST LOUIS

1152 AM URGENT 5-15-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND BUTTE.

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

*(circled)*  
MURKIN.

\_\_\_\_\_, CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S  
CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S ESCAPE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

HOLD

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MAY 16 1968

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 15 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI ST LOUIS

1154 AM URGENT 5-15-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND OMAHA.

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

\_\_\_\_\_, CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S  
CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S ESCAPE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

HOLD

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI LOS ANG.

9:48AM URGENT 5-15-68 LLR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), & MEMPHIS  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

RE KC TELETYPE MAY FOURTEEN LAST CONCERNING PURCHASE  
OF AIRLINE TICKETS BY ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES STATED HE HAD ATTENDED  
THE FUNERAL OF DR. KING AT ATLANTA. HE STATED HE THEN  
DEPARTED ATLANTA ENROUTE TO CHICAGO VIA EASTERN AIRLINES, AND  
FROM CHICAGO TO LOS ANGELES VIA UNITED AIRLINES. HIS ORIGINAL  
INTENTION WAS TO FLY DIRECTLY FROM ATLANTA TO LOS ANGELES BUT  
AT THE TIME HE WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN CHICAGO AND DECIDED TO STOP ENROUTE HOME.  
[REDACTED] STATED WHILE IN ATLANTA HE STAYED WITH HIS SISTER.

IN [REDACTED] ATLANTA,  
AND [REDACTED]

NO FURTHER ACTION REGARDING [REDACTED] BEING TAKEN AT LA.

END

GFH

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI ST LOUIS

1145 AM URGENT 5-15-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND INDIANAPOLIS,  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

*Melton*  
*HT*  
MURKIN.

\_\_\_\_\_, CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S  
CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S ESCAPE.

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SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

PLS HOLD FOR SIX MESSAGES.

FBI ST LOUIS

1144 AM URGENT 5-15-68 MPB

TO ~~DIRECTOR~~ AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CABLEGRAM

IMMEDIATE

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

TO: LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM DETROIT:

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, ADVISED APRIL THIRTY, SIXTY-EIGHT  
THAT APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, SIXTY-EIGHT WHILE VISITING  
GUATEMALA HE WAS TOLD BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEPARTMENT OF  
TECTAN, GUATEMALA, THAT JAMES EARL RAY REPORTEDLY IN CENTRAL  
AMERICA AND WAS REPORTEDLY SEEN IN GUATEMALA. [REDACTED] STATED  
HE WAS RECOGNIZED BY [REDACTED] AS AN AMERICAN AT WHICH TIME  
[REDACTED] MADE THE ABOVE STATEMENT. [REDACTED] DID NOT QUESTION  
[REDACTED] ABOUT TIME RAY SEEN IN GUATEMALA OR BY WHOM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL TO MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS

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1 - Foreign Liaison (cleared with Liaison)

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VIA TELETYPE  
615 PM  
MAY 16 1968  
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10 MAY 17 1968

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 5-16-68

FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT: MURKIN

## BODY FOUND BURIED IN SAND IN ACAPULCO, MEXICO

An examination of the skin tissue remaining on the left index finger of the body found buried in the sand on the beach at Acapulco positively eliminated this body as being James Earl Ray.

The body was found May 10, 1968, and, according to the chief of police, had been dead at least three days and the outer skin of the fingers had already sloughed off and been lost. Fingerprints taken at that time were examined in Identification Division the night of May 11, and found to be of absolutely no value for identification.

Following examination by the local authorities on May 10, the body had been placed in a metal box, covered with lime, and kept without refrigeration in the 90 degree heat in a building at one of the local cemeteries. Access to the body was not obtained until after dark the night of May 13, and an examination by an Identification Division fingerprint examiner revealed there had been further deterioration of the skin tissue of the fingers caused by the lime and maggots. It was necessary for the examiner to remove the ridged surface of the left index finger, and by scraping the flesh away, was able to transmit the light from a flashlight (only other light was a single bulb suspended from the ceiling) through the skin and determine the pattern was not the double loop formation present on Ray's left index finger. It was not possible to obtain any identifiable fingerprints from the body.

Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake returned to Washington, D. C., at 4:30 PM, on 5-15-68, via American Airlines flight #58.

RECOMMENDATION:

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For information.

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1 - Mr. Rosen

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- (Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 16, 1968

To:

Date:

**MURKIN**

Re: CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861

FBI File No. D-680514126 JK  
Lab. No.

Los Angeles

Examination requested by:

Airtel 5/10/68

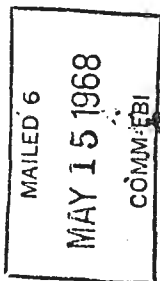
Reference:

Document - Fingerprint

Examination requested:

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination of Q337.



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19 MAY 16 1968

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report).

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 16, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680514126 JK

Specimens received 5/14/68

Q337 Post Office Department Form 1583 (Application for  
Delivery of Mail Through Agent) bearing the signature  
"Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the "Eric S. Galt" signature  
on Q337 was prepared by the writer of other signatures in this  
name on some of the items previously received in this case.

Q337 will be returned separately. Photographs were  
made.

JHM:AW (9)

Folson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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**FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

To:

Date: **May 16, 1968**

**MURKIN**  
Re: **CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

**44-38861**  
FBI File No. **D-680514123 JK**  
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **Atlanta**  
Reference: **Airtel 5-10-68**  
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**  
Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q336.**

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- Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)**
  - 1 - Little Rock Enclosure (Lab report)**

- Nelson \_\_\_\_\_
- Loach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. \_\_\_\_\_
- Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Spicer \_\_\_\_\_
- Moham \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- It \_\_\_\_\_
- De \_\_\_\_\_
- Sen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Wel \_\_\_\_\_
- Butter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_

*SM*  
*John*  
JHM:AW (10)  
MAY 17 1968

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*Long 2260*

REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 16, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680514123 JK

Specimens received 5/14/68

Q336 Registration card, No. 6960, bearing name and address  
"Ernest S. Gault 1911 W 18th St. Little Rock Ark."

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings on  
Q336 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known writings  
appear on K171, K211 and K257.

Q336 will be returned separately. Photographs are  
retained.

JHM:AW (10)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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5/16/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

To: SACs, Atlanta (44-2386)  
Birmingham (44-1740)  
Memphis (44-1987)  
New Orleans (157-10673).

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

The Postal Inspector, Los Angeles, California, made available a letter mailed to Patricia E. Anderson, 2/17/68, in Los Angeles. The letter was written as a result of Anderson's inclusion in a list called "The Local Swinger" which is compiled by a correspondence club. The letter is as follows:

"Dear Miss:

"I am ansering your listing in The Local Swinger since I think I share most of your interest, with emphasis on French cult. and swing sessions. I have just returned from Mexico after five yrs. and the few females I have met don't go for the swing parties and it takes two to swing. The same routine gets boring, don't you think. Will close until I here from you.

"5-11 - 170 lb. 36 yrs.

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"Sincerely 44-38861-3551

Eric S. Galt"

MAY 16 1968

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO...

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Airtel SACs, Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, New Orleans  
RE: MURKIN

Owners of "The Local Swinger" recall that Galt had sent one dollar for a list of swingers and subsequently submitted five letters for transmittal to persons identified on the list by symbol number. No record is maintained that would identify the persons to whom the subject wrote.

Each office receiving this communication should check with postal authorities and other sources which might have information regarding the existence of similar type "swinger" or "lonely hearts" type clubs or organizations in your areas in order to develop any information as to whether Ray, under any of his known aliases, may have contacted any such club and pursue any pertinent information developed. Each office should bear in mind that as a result of investigation conducted in Los Angeles, there was obtained the photograph of subject showing him in business suit, seated, which has been described as an excellent likeness.

Subject armed and dangerous.

NOTE:

Postal Inspector, Los Angeles, California, made available a letter mailed to Patricia E. Anderson, 2/17/68, at Los Angeles. The letter was a result of Anderson's inclusion in a list called "The Local Swinger." The letter was signed Eric S. Galt and the owners of "The Local Swinger" recall that Galt had sent one dollar for a list of swingers and subsequently submitted five letters for transmittal to persons. Checking this matter out further, we obtained a most recent photograph of subject Ray which people describe as an excellent likeness. In view of the fact that Galt submitted correspondence for a local swinger group, the offices of Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis and New Orleans are being requested to make inquiry with postal inspectors to determine if subject could have contacted a similar type club. These offices cover the known metropolitan areas in which subject resided since his escape, except Los Angeles.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 16 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

PLS HOLD FOR THREE MESSAGES

FBI ST LOUIS

1152 AM URGENT 5-16-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

██████████, THINKS ██████████ TOLD HIM RAY  
CONTACTED ██████████ AFTER RAY ESCAPED FROM MSP. ██████████ SAID HE HAD  
KNOWN RAY FOR A LONG TIME. ██████████ DID NOT KNOW WHETHER ██████████  
HELPED RAY. ██████████ DENIES KNOWING RAY. ██████████ KNOWN TO USE PAY  
PHONE AT LA FONTS SINCLAIR STATION, HIGHWAY SIX ONE, PORTAGEVILLE,  
MO., PHONE ██████████

SW BEEL TEL. CO. (PROTECT) ADVISED CALLS MADE FROM THAT  
PHONE TO FOLLOWING PHONES, AT MEMPHIS, TENN.: 44-38861-3553

██████████, MARCH TWENTYEIGHT.

██████████, MARCH SEVEN, APRIL FOUR.

██████████, MARCH TWENTYONE.

██████████, MARCH SIX, APRIL TEN.

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FOLLOWING AT MARTIN, TENN.:

[REDACTED], APRIL FIVE.

MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBERS. UNLESS THEY  
APPEAR TO BE NORMAL BUSINESS CALLS, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING  
PHONE CO., AND DETERMINE IF CALLS BEAR ON WHEREABOUTS OR  
ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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5/12/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, WFO (44-703)  
Memphis (44-1987)

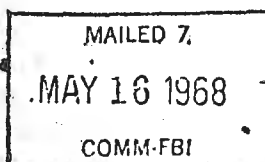
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re WFO teletype 5/10/68, and delivery of a typewritten letter dated 12/23/67, and signed Eric S. Galt, Q334, by SA [REDACTED], WFO, on 5/10/68.

Three latent fingerprints of value were developed on the letter. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942C, or Bureau employee [REDACTED]. Based on information furnished, no fingerprint record located for John P. Acord.

Results of laboratory examination and disposition of Q334 separate.



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EX 109

44-38861-3554

25 MAY 17 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen

COB:bb

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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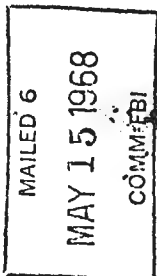
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**Clark Very Optimistic  
 Ray Will Be Captured**

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UPI) — Attorney General Ramsey Clark said today that James Earl Ray, sought in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, was alive. He said he was "very optimistic" that Ray would be captured.

Mr. Clark interviewed on the American Broadcasting Company's television program "Issues and Answers," said he had found no evidence to believe that he is not still alive. Mr. Clark said, "I believe we will find him," Clark said.

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This report contains information relating to the activities of JAMES EARL RAY while in Los Angeles area during the period November, 1967 to March 17, 1968 and his contacts with mail order houses during July and August, 1967 from his Canadian residence.

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On 5/3/68 Deputy Chief of Police ROBERT HOUGHTON, Los Angeles Police Department furnished SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP and Supervisor [REDACTED] a letter received by Chief HOUGHTON from the "Los Angeles Times" addressed to the Editor in Chief, "Los Angeles Times". The letter bore the signature "James Ray". The letter related that the writer identified himself as the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING who had been hired and paid \$3,000.00 for performing this act. The writer advised that no one would recognize him and that he was leaving this area. The letter was examined by the FBI Laboratory. The conclusion reached was that significant differences indicated the letter signed "James Ray" was probably not JAMES EARL RAY. Further that spelling and punctuation were at variance with typewritten letters received in GALT name and known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

Information copies of this report are furnished the St. Louis and Chicago Offices, since these offices are conducting investigations relating to members of the subject's family.

One additional copy is furnished Birmingham for dissemination to the United States Attorney at Birmingham with Bureau permission.

All criminal informants, security informants and racial informants in the Los Angeles Division are being contacted on a continuing basis for possible knowledge concerning the assassination and JAMES EARL RAY.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will continue all out effort to obtain background concerning JAMES EARL RAY and information leading to his whereabouts and apprehension.

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ARMED ROBBERY

Synopsis: CHARLES J. STEIN reinterviewed relative to his trip from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana, and return with RAY during December, 1967 and the retracing of this trip with LOUIS LOMAX, Los Angeles television personality and newspaper reporter during April, 1968. STEIN provided information regarding his own background and possible associates of RAY. RITA STEIN, sister of CHARLES J. STEIN and associate of RAY while in Los Angeles, interviewed relative to phone calls made by her. MARIE MARTIN interviewed, furnished personal information about RAY. Investigation conducted regarding alleged female associates of RAY as reported by LOUIS LOMAX in news media and CHARLES STEIN resulted that allegation erroneous. RAY joined "The Local Swinger", a correspondence club and sent photograph of himself and letter to PATRICIA K. ANDERSON requesting date. He also submitted advertisement to Los Angeles Free Press, avant garde newspaper, requesting dates. Neighborhood investigation in vicinity of St. Francis Hotel and 1535 North Serrano Avenue, residences of RAY while in Los Angeles not productive as to present location of RAY. Individuals from Los Angeles area registered at Rio and Tropicana Hotels, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, during October and November, 1967 interviewed regarding knowledge of RAY with negative results. ANITA KATZWINKEL, whose name appeared in material located in abandoned 1966 Mustang in Atlanta, Georgia, stated she did not know RAY. Bed linen located



in 1966 Mustang determined to have been included in Los Angeles laundry order of RAY's. Interview of associates at National Dance Studio and International School of Bartending developed information relative to RAY's habits, personal appearance and description. RAY received treatments from Dr. MARK O. FREEMAN, Clinical Psychologist, to overcome shyness and gain social confidence during November and December, 1967 in Los Angeles. RAY purchased Japanese handcuffs from mail order house in Los Angeles during February, 1968. Toll calls made from phone listed to RAY while residing at 1535 North Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, reviewed and no pertinent information developed. RAY while residing in Montreal, Canada, during July and August, 1967, purchased money orders for merchandise ordered from Los Angeles mail order houses. Tire on abandoned 1966 Mustang made from mold manufactured in Lynwood, California. RAY directed letter to American-Southern Africa Council, Washington, D.C. requesting information on Rhodesia stating he received Council's address from John Birch Society, Los Angeles. He is unknown to John Birch Society. CHARLES STEIN advised RAY drove him, RITA STEIN and MARIE MARTIN to American Independent Party, headquarters, Los Angeles, to register affiliation with that political party. RAY unknown to RODERIC BURNS DUFF, active in presidential campaign for GEORGE C. WALLACE. FBI Laboratory reports typewritten impressions on letters sent by RAY to "The Local Swinger" and advertisement sent to "Los Angeles Free Press" to be the same as impressions previously submitted. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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ASSOCIATES OF JAMES EARL RAY

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/16/68

One photograph of ERIC S. GALT, as obtained from TOMAS LAU, International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown to CHARLES J. STEIN at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California. STEIN commented, "That's him, that's him". STEIN stated that the individual in the photograph shown was ERIC S. GALT.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/26/68

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CHARLES J. STEIN, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, was reinterviewed and advised that he can recollect one telephone call made by JAMES EARL RAY while they were enroute to New Orleans. STEIN advised that the call was made from a telephone booth located near Houston, Texas, west of Houston. He advised that at approximately 9:00 p.m. on December 16, 1967, RAY was driving and turned off the freeway onto an access road paralleling the freeway heading toward Houston. He stated RAY stopped at a phone booth by a service station. He does not recollect the particular gas sold at this station. He advised that a liquor store was next to the service station, but does not recollect on what side. He stated that at the point they turned off, the freeway was eight lanes across, and there was a fence between the freeway and the access road. He stated that he does not remember how far away from Houston they were at the time of the phone call. STEIN advised that at the time of the call he bought a cup of coffee in the service station and some candy or gum in the liquor store. STEIN advised that the above information is accurate. He advised that he did not intentionally withhold this information upon prior interviews, and only recently remembered the details of the phone call.

STEIN also advised that he has been contacted by LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles newspaper man. STEIN stated that LOMAX told him he was the "key" to the KING case. STEIN stated LOMAX told him that if they solved the case, they would split the reward. STEIN advised that he told LOMAX he did not believe they could capture RAY. STEIN advised that LOMAX then told him that they need not capture RAY to collect the reward, but only obtain the information giving the solution to the case. STEIN also advised that four thousand dollars had been mentioned to him as payment for his cooperating with a newsman in investigating this case. STEIN refused to state whether this newsman was LOUIS LOMAX. He advised that LOMAX was to contact him at 4:00 p.m. today. STEIN stated that he has been

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truthful in all prior interviews by the FBI, and will remain cooperative with the FBI. He stated that he will report all information that comes to him, but he also fears that the FBI could prevent him from collecting half of the reward by immediate investigation of information he obtains.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/30/68

Mr. CHARLES J. STEIN voluntarily appeared at the Los Angeles FBI Office, 1340 West Sixth Street, and after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents was interviewed regarding a newspaper article authored by LOUIS LOMAX, which had appeared in the New Orleans, Louisiana "Times-Picayune Newspaper" on April 24, 1968.

STEIN was asked whether or not he had furnished information to LOMAX regarding his and JAMES EARL RAY's trip to New Orleans in December, 1967, which he had not furnished previously to the FBI. STEIN commented that he had been working with LOMAX in trying to develop information regarding people who knew RAY while in Los Angeles and regarding the present whereabouts of RAY. In this connection, STEIN advised that he and LOMAX have recently interviewed several people in the Los Angeles area whom STEIN stated had information concerning RAY but who were afraid to furnish this information to the FBI because they were involved in "other things" and believed these "other things" would come to the attention of the FBI if they furnished what they knew concerning RAY. STEIN stated that he knew these people, that they would talk to him, and that he was helping LOMAX interview these people. He stated these people were not afraid of him as they would be afraid of an agent of the FBI or any other law enforcement officer. STEIN stated that LOMAX was also paying good money for information from these people and that they were talking to him.

STEIN was then asked the identity of these people, and he advised that he did not wish to reveal their identities because they did not want their identities to be revealed and he did not want to misplace their trust in him. STEIN also stated that he felt it would be morally wrong to furnish information to the agents which he had obtained while in the company of LOMAX, and in affect, he would consider himself as having stolen this information from LOMAX. When pressed further to reveal the identities of the persons whom he and LOMAX had interviewed and whom allegedly knew RAY while in

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Los Angeles, STEIN asked "If you are so anxious to learn who these people are, why don't you go see LOMAX. He knows who they are and he has the whole picture."

When asked whether he had furnished information to LOMAX to the effect that RAY had been seen in the parking lot of the Sears and Roebuck's Company Store located on Pico Boulevard on or about Valentine's Day, 1968, STEIN advised that he had not furnished LOMAX with this information. When asked where he thought LOMAX obtained this information, STEIN stated it was possible that his sister, RITA STEIN, gave this information to LOMAX.

When asked what information he had regarding a woman by the name of JERI, STEIN advised that JERI is a blonde girl, about 5'2", and according to information developed by he and LOMAX, JERI lived with RAY while RAY resided in Los Angeles. According to STEIN, JERI was presently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and has used several names in the past, one of which he believed was DANIEL. When asked to furnish the source of this information, STEIN declined to furnish the identity of the specific source but claimed this information had been developed by he and LOMAX during interviews of people who claimed to have known RAY while RAY was in Los Angeles.

STEIN then advised he and LOMAX had also determined that there was a girl who worked out of the Vegas Club located on Hollywood Boulevard across from the St. Francis Hotel who had dated RAY one time while he was in Los Angeles. STEIN further described this girl as a white female, [REDACTED] who goes by the name of HELENA, the Greek Goddess. According to STEIN, this girl continues to reside in the Los Angeles area.

When asked about a second trip RAY made to New Orleans, Louisiana, from Los Angeles, California, several days following Valentine's Day, 1968, STEIN advised that here again, he and LOMAX had developed information

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concerning this trip. He stated that on this trip, RAY took a box of clothes to MARIA MARTIN's daughter, who resides in New Orleans at the present time. According to STEIN, RAY obtained these clothes from MARTIN. STEIN stated he believed MARTIN's daughter went by the name of [REDACTED] (phonetic), but he did not know exactly where she resided in New Orleans. He was of the opinion she could be located through her grandmother, who is also STEIN's aunt. Her grandmother's name is [REDACTED] (last name unknown), who resides in a house located on the downtown side of [REDACTED] Street, between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Streets in New Orleans. To the best of STEIN's recollection, [REDACTED] house is the only house having a large iron gate on the entrance way.

When asked whether he had any additional information concerning the engineer or contractor whom RAY claimed to have visited in New Orleans during the first trip to New Orleans in December, 1967, STEIN advised he believed this individual had an Italian name and worked or lived in the area of the Industrial Canal in New Orleans. STEIN advised that MARIA MARTIN has told him that this same person lived on or near Chef Menteur Highway in the area of Jackson Barracks in New Orleans.

At this point in the interview, STEIN stated that he had to leave immediately as he had a 4:00 p.m. appointment with LOUIS LOMAX that he had to keep. Because of this, the interview was terminated at this point.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/1/68

Mr. CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, [REDACTED] was contacted at his residence, and after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents, he was interviewed regarding his association with the man known to him as ERIC STARVO GALT, who is also known as James Earl Ray.

Prior to the outset of the interview, a black and white Polaroid photograph, depicting a male Caucasian seated in a chair, was shown to STEIN. He was asked if he knew who that person was, or if he had ever seen the person depicted in the photograph before. STEIN, without hesitation, answered, "Yeh". He was then asked the identity of the person. STEIN replied, "That's GALT. ERIC GALT." STEIN was then asked if the photograph was a good likeness of GALT. STEIN replied that it was a very good likeness. The background of the photograph was pointed out to STEIN, and he was asked if he knew any apartment or hotel room in the Los Angeles area whose walls were covered with flowered wallpaper like that shown in the photograph. STEIN stated that he did not. He was then asked if he owned a Polaroid camera, if RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN owned one, or if he knew whether GALT owned one. STEIN replied he did not own a Polaroid camera, he did not believe RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN owned one, and he never observed one in GALT's possession.

STEIN was then asked to furnish information regarding his initial meeting with GALT. In response to this request, STEIN advised that on the night of December 14, 1967, at about 8:00 or 9:00 P.M., he was sitting at home, [REDACTED] RITA STEIN was not there, and STEIN was alone except for RITA's two small boys. At about 8:00 or 9:00 P.M., RITA STEIN came home alone. When she came in, RITA said that she and MARIE had been asking around the Sultan Room about getting a ride to New Orleans, Louisiana. MARIE is MARIE MARTIN, cousin of CHARLES and RITA STEIN, and the Sultan Room is a hotel bar, located in the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California. [REDACTED]

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After telling CHARLES STEIN about asking around the Sultan Room in order to secure a ride to New Orleans, RITA STEIN then stated they had met a guy at the Sultan Bar who was willing to take CHARLES to New Orleans so he could pick up two of RITA's children. RITA then told CHARLES STEIN she wanted him to meet this individual. RITA STEIN then left the apartment to return to the Sultan Room. CHARLES STEIN stated that after his sister RITA left, he got dressed and went to the Sultan Room. STEIN did not recall how he traveled to the Sultan Room that night, nor did he recall RITA's mode of transportation. He thought it possible she might have borrowed MARTIN's car.

STEIN then advised that when he arrived at the Sultan Room he saw MARTIN and RITA standing at the far end of the bar next to a man seated at the bar. One of the girls motioned for him to come over to where they were gathered. He did so, and as soon as he had walked up to them, either MARTIN or RITA introduced him to the man, saying, "CHARLIE, this is ERIC." MARTIN then told STEIN that "This is the guy who will take you to New Orleans to pick up RITA's two children". STEIN stated the children referred to are RITA's two girls, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and at that time RITA was planning to bring them from New Orleans to Los Angeles. At this point in the interview, STEIN was asked if this was the first time he had ever met the man whom he knew as ERIC GALT. STEIN replied that this was the first time he had ever met GALT.

STEIN advised he did not recall if the arrangements for the trip to New Orleans were made at this time. He stated he does not drink alcoholic beverages, and believes he had a glass of orange juice and left. He explained he did not believe any specific arrangements were made for the trip, because when he was introduced to GALT he got strong "vibrations" from GALT that made him feel uneasy. When asked to explain "vibrations", STEIN advised GALT seemed somewhat apprehensive about meeting him and going to New Orleans with him. STEIN advised he got the definite impression at the time that both RITA and MARTIN had given GALT the idea he would make the trip to New Orleans with RITA, and then when he, STEIN, came on the "scene" GALT felt he was being set up.

STEIN advised he recalls thinking both RITA and MARTIN were using him and GALT to do something for them. STEIN explained he could understand GALT's apprehension at the time, for GALT expected to take RITA on the trip and when he was introduced to a "big, hairy ape", GALT must have thought he was being set up for a robbery. STEIN advised he really thinks that must have been the case, because MARTIN told him later that after he, STEIN, had left the Sultan Room, GALT made a comment to the effect of, "That he would hate to have to kill someone." STEIN stated MARTIN told him of this remark after KING's assassination; if she had told him about it before, he would never have made the trip with GALT. After leaving the Sultan Room, STEIN returned home and went to bed. He could not recall if RITA returned with him, or she stayed at the Sultan Room and returned home later.

Around 9:00 or 10:00 A.M., December 15, 1967, MARIE MARTIN came to STEIN's residence on [REDACTED] to discuss details of the arrangements for the trip to New Orleans. GALT also showed up at his home. STEIN was unable to recall if GALT came with MARTIN or alone. The arrangements for the trip to New Orleans were explained by MARTIN to STEIN in the presence of GALT. MARTIN stated, "If we register for WALLACE, ERIC will pay the expenses for the trip." STEIN again advised he does not recall if MARTIN and GALT came to his home together because he had just gotten out of bed. RITA STEIN was also present during this conversation. When asked what GALT said during the time MARTIN was telling him of the arrangements, STEIN advised that GALT just stood there with a smile on his face, not saying anything. Everyone present agreed to register to vote for GEORGE WALLACE, ex-governor of Alabama.

Thereafter, CHARLES and RITA STEIN, MARIE MARTIN, ERIC GALT, and possibly RITA's two boys, left the apartment and got into GALT's white Ford Mustang which was parked in front of the STEINs' house.

STEIN advised that GALT drove, he sat in the passenger seat in front, and RITA STEIN, MARIE MARTIN, and the two children, if they were along, sat in the back seat. GALT drove

them directly to the voter registration office. While en route GALT explained to everyone they did not have to vote for WALLACE, but just register for the American Independent Party so WALLACE could get enough signatures to qualify for the California primary ballot. STEIN advised that GALT made a few other comments while driving to the voter registration office but he could not recall what they were. He did advise that GALT seemed to know the way to the registration office, which was on Lankershim Boulevard, across the street from the Riviera Sofa Company.

STEIN advised that upon arriving at the voter registration office, he, RITA, MARIE, and GALT entered the office. STEIN, RITA and MARIE were registered by an elderly white woman in the office. She was further described by STEIN as being about fifty to sixty years old, wearing glasses, giving the appearance of being short in stature, but of medium build, having grey, short hair, and having a pleasant personality. Also present in the office was another person whom STEIN described as a white male, forty to fifty years old, slender build, tall, slightly grey hair, possibly wearing glasses, and dressed in business attire. Upon completion of registration, all three were issued voter registration receipts. GALT did not register. While they were being registered, GALT sat nearby. GALT made a few remarks to the man present, but STEIN did not recall what they were. While in the office, GALT and STEIN both served themselves coffee from a coffee urn which was located on a table to the rear of the room in which they registered.

STEIN advised he received the definite impression that GALT seemed to be familiar with this voter registration office. When asked why he received this impression, STEIN stated that he could not pinpoint anything specifically that GALT said or did, but he recalled that GALT appeared more relaxed while at the office and seemed to know right where the coffee urn was located..

After leaving the registration office, everyone returned to STEIN's home on [REDACTED] in GALT's car. STEIN then advised he packed his belongings to take on the trip. MARIE MARTIN had a box of clothes she wanted dropped off at the home of her mother, [REDACTED], in New Orleans.

STEIN loaded his suitcase in the trunk of GALT's Mustang. He observed GALT's suitcase was also in the trunk, and he, in fact, had to move it to make room for his own. This was a blue suitcase, and STEIN advised it appeared similar to the one depicted in photographs he has seen of GALT's suitcase, subsequent to the assassination of KING. STEIN advised that also located in the trunk, on the right hand side, was what appeared to be a Kodak camera box. This box was yellow and black in color, was about two and a half feet long, and a foot wide. STEIN stated he did not recall any lettering on the box, and presumed it was a Kodak camera box because of the familiar yellow and black colors used by the Kodak Company. STEIN did not recall seeing anything else in the trunk of the car. When he entered the car, he observed some papers in the glove compartment as he was putting some candy in there. He did not closely inspect these papers. In addition to loading his own suitcase into the trunk of the car, STEIN advised he loaded the box of clothing brought by MARTIN in the back seat of the Mustang. He did not observe anything else in the back or front seat area.

After loading up his belongings, STEIN advised that he and GALT entered the car, GALT drove, and they traveled to GALT's apartment at 1535 North Serrano Street in Hollywood. GALT told STEIN he wanted to pick up his mail there before leaving. When they arrived at the Serrano apartment, GALT got out of the car and went inside the building. STEIN remained in the car. GALT was not gone long, and returned carrying at least two letters which he placed in an inside breast pocket of his suit coat. Both letters were in white envelopes, but one envelope was a long, business-type envelope. STEIN advised he did not know if there were more than two letters, nor was he able to observe any addresses on the envelopes.

STEIN advised they left the Serrano apartment at about 12:00 noon, on December 15, 1967, and began the trip to New Orleans, Louisiana from there. They did not stop for gasoline prior to leaving the Los Angeles area. As STEIN recalled, the gas gauge of the Mustang showed a full tank of gas when they left the city. STEIN stated they stopped for gas for the first time at an unknown location in what he thought was the State of Arizona. He did recall that it was dark when they stopped. When they stopped, GALT got out of the car,

but STEIN remained in it. While at the gas station a woman asked STEIN where he was going and he told her New Orleans. This woman then said they had better spend the night because the sheriff had told her the roads ahead were in bad condition due to a heavy snowfall.

STEIN stated he did not tell GALT about the woman's remarks because he wanted to be sure GALT would continue the trip. They drove through the entire night, and took turns driving while the other slept. At this point, STEIN was asked why he and GALT did not spend the night in a motel at any place during the trip. In reply, STEIN advised he did not really want to spend the night anywhere because GALT was already paying for everything and he did not want to impose on him anymore. Further, STEIN advised that at one point during the trip, GALT asked him if he wanted to stop at a motel and he, STEIN, told him no, that they could take turns driving and drive straight through to New Orleans. GALT agreed with this. He also advised the matter was not brought up again, and they also drove straight through on the return trip to Los Angeles; but he personally would preferred to have stopped at a motel on the return trip.

At this time in the interview, STEIN mentioned that during the trip to New Orleans, GALT told him the name and address of the person with whom he had business with in New Orleans. STEIN stated that at the beginning of the trip to New Orleans he was under the impression GALT was making the trip as a favor to RITA STEIN and MARIE MARTIN. On what he believes was the morning of the first full day on the road, STEIN advised, he told GALT he was really grateful to him for doing such a kind thing. When he told GALT this, GALT answered him by stating that he was not doing anyone a favor because he had business to conduct in New Orleans. GALT mentioned the name and address of the person he was going to see. STEIN advised he did not recall either the name or address of this person; however, he did state that the name was an Italian-sounding name, was a well-known name in New Orleans, and the street name gave him a mental picture of the Chalmette - Industrial Canal area of New Orleans.



Sometime early the next morning, December 16, 1967, STEIN recalled being in New Mexico. He had observed snow on the ground all through Arizona and New Mexico. He recalls specifically traveling through Las Cruces, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas. He believed it was in, or near, El Paso, Texas, where GALT purchased a used tire for the Mustang at a tire store which had a large pile of used tires piled near the front of the store. The tire cost four dollars. STEIN advised that GALT purchased the tire because the tire on the right front side of the Mustang was a larger size than the other tires. He stated that at the time he thought it peculiar for a man, who had as much money as GALT appeared to have, should have such bad tires on his car. GALT did not have the tire put on his car at the same place he purchased it. He continued to drive down the road for about two hours and then pulled into a service station to have the tire changed. Later in the evening of this same day, December 16, GALT made a telephone call from a public coin box phone booth. STEIN recalled that he was sleeping; but then woke up, saw they had stopped and observed GALT standing in the phone box talking on the phone. GALT talked for quite some time. STEIN was of the opinion this call was made somewhere in the vicinity of Houston, Texas. He also stated it was dark at the time as he can recall the light in the phone booth shining down on GALT while he made the call. STEIN advised he did not recall the general surroundings of the area in which the phone booth was located; or whether it was in a gas station, a shopping center, or standing by itself. He did think, however, that if he saw the phone booth again he would probably recall it. STEIN was questioned further regarding this phone call and, in response to questions, advised this phone call was the only one he actually observed being made by GALT. However, at several other stops they made GALT was out of his sight for short periods of time and during those times GALT could have made other phone calls. STEIN advised that when GALT returned to the car after making the phone call, he, GALT, appeared to be tense and somewhat deep in thought. This condition lasted about twenty minutes or a half hour. When asked if he recalled traveling through Houston, Texas, STEIN stated he did not recall passing through there but commented he was sleeping off and on during this time.

At about 12:00 noon, December 17, they arrived in Kenner, Louisiana, and stopped along Airline Highway where STEIN took over driving the Mustang because he was familiar with the area. STEIN drove directly to [REDACTED] house located on [REDACTED] Street in New Orleans. STEIN got out of the car and delivered the box of clothing for MARIE MARTIN. GALT remained in the car. [REDACTED] was sitting on the front porch and STEIN talked to her for a few minutes. She did not know he was coming to New Orleans and did not recognize him at first because he was wearing a beard. STEIN did not mention GALT's name to [REDACTED] during their conversation. Then STEIN returned to the car and drove to his cousin's house which is located near [REDACTED] home. STEIN did not recall the exact location of this house, nor did he know her name, other than to call her [REDACTED]. His purpose in going there was to borrow her car while he was in New Orleans but she was using it. During this stop, GALT remained in the car. STEIN then drove with GALT to his mother's home, located at [REDACTED]. His mother's name is [REDACTED]. He had to park about one half block from her house. GALT remained in the car and his mother did not see him. He asked GALT if he wanted to come in and meet his mother, but GALT told him no, that he wanted to get to a motel so he could clean up and change his clothes. STEIN advised he recalls thinking at the time he did not know why GALT was in such a hurry to get cleaned up because his suit looked very presentable even though he had slept in it for three days.

After unloading his belongings, STEIN then drove GALT to the Provincial Motel, located a short distance from his mother's house. GALT got out of the car and went inside and registered at the motel. While registering, GALT gave his name loud enough to the desk clerk, that STEIN, outside the motel, could hear him say, "ERIC GALT".

After he had registered, GALT got back into the Mustang and drove STEIN back to his mother's house. GALT dropped STEIN off and started on his way back to the Provincial Motel. He went just a short distance, when he returned, and asked STEIN for further directions as to how to return to the motel. STEIN gave him further directions, and GALT drove off again.

Later that same day, around 2:00 or 3:00 P.M., STEIN went for a walk with his son, [REDACTED] and a friend of his son's, by the name of [REDACTED] last name unknown. They walked through the French Market area of the French Quarter, down Canal Street, and then over to the new Trade Mart Building located on Canal Street near the Customs Building which STEIN stated he had never seen before.

STEIN then advised that later during the evening of December 17, he was at the home of his sister, [REDACTED]. GALT commented he had seen STEIN and the two boys earlier that day near the Trade Mart Building. GALT stated he was having a beer at a bar in the area at the time he observed STEIN and the two boys. STEIN advised that GALT visited him at his sister's home where STEIN ended up staying while in New Orleans. STEIN advised he could not recall exactly how GALT knew how to get to his sister's home, but it was possible he gave GALT his sister's telephone number so GALT would have someplace to get in touch with him. STEIN stated that probably GALT contacted him at his sister's that night and he gave GALT the directions to her house. STEIN stated he recalled going out and waiting in the front of his sister's house for GALT to arrive. This was at about 8:00 P.M. GALT came into the house and STEIN introduced GALT to his sister. They talked a short while, but GALT did not have much to say; however, by the remarks GALT made STEIN formed the impression GALT was familiar with the New Orleans area. During this visit, GALT stated he had seen the persons he had business with in New Orleans sometime prior to his arrival at [REDACTED] house. STEIN advised that GALT asked if STEIN was ready to go back to Los Angeles yet. STEIN stated that when the trip to New Orleans was discussed with him originally, it was planned to return from New Orleans on Wednesday (March 20, 1967). STEIN stated he was surprised GALT wanted to return so quickly, and suggested to GALT they stay overnight anyway. He told GALT they should check the weather before leaving, because he did not want to drive back through any snow storm. STEIN told GALT this because STEIN wanted to remain in New Orleans for a while to visit friends and rest up. GALT was agreeable to remaining in New Orleans until they checked further into the weather conditions. GALT then left the [REDACTED] home by himself.

STEIN advised that the following day, December 18, he did all he could to avoid seeing GALT because he wanted to visit further with his relatives. On the evening of December 19, GALT arrived at the home of [REDACTED] to pick up STEIN and return to Los Angeles. To the best of his recollection, STEIN advised that he and GALT, his sister [REDACTED], a friend of his by the name of CHARLES CHARVELLO (Phonetic), and his mother, [REDACTED], were also present. CHARVELLO (Phonetic) helped STEIN load his belongings into GALT's car. STEIN advised that he then got into CHARVELLO's Yellow Cab, and he and CHARVELLO (Phonetic) drove to his mother's house to pick up RITA STEIN's two daughters, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. GALT followed them in his white Ford Mustang. Thereafter, STEIN, GALT and the two children departed New Orleans en route to Los Angeles, California. They left New Orleans from [REDACTED] home.

STEIN advised that on the return trip they drove straight through, stopping for gas and food only, which consisted mostly of hamburgers. They arrived back in Los Angeles on December 21, 1967, sometime during the morning. GALT dropped STEIN and the two children off at [REDACTED].

STEIN advised that at one time during the trip to and from New Orleans, GALT told STEIN that he had sold his interest in a bar in Mexico to his Mexican partner not further identified.

STEIN advised that on the way to New Orleans, while passing through what he recalled was the State of Arizona, GALT was driving and STEIN was asleep in the front passenger's seat. STEIN stated he awoke to find the car in a skid. The force of the skid kept STEIN from raising his head. The car spun around several times and finally ended up off the road. STEIN advised this occurred during the snow storm sometime after the first gasoline stop. Prior to dropping off to sleep, before the skid occurred, STEIN stated he had asked GALT if he wanted him to drive, but GALT told him no, that he was used to driving in snowy weather. STEIN stated he recalled telling GALT, before he dropped off to sleep, that if he did go into a spin because of the ice on the road, he should not "hit" the brakes because that would only make the spin worse. After

they had spun off the road, STEIN asked GALT if he had "hit" the brakes, and at first GALT denied doing so. However, he later admitted "hitting" the brakes and laughed about the incident. STEIN advised that they pulled out of the spin when the front bumper got caught on a strand of wire fence. STEIN feels that if this had not occurred, they would have turned over.

Regarding the trip to New Orleans, STEIN further advised that at the beginning he forgot GALT's name. He was embarrassed about this, so the next morning following the day they left Los Angeles, he came right out and asked GALT what his name was. STEIN advised that GALT repeated to him about three or four times, "ERIC GALT".

When STEIN was asked if he ever observed the Alabama license plates on GALT's white Mustang, STEIN stated he first observed GALT's white Mustang parked in front of the St. Francis Hotel, on Hollywood Boulevard on the evening of December 14, 1967, when he went there to meet GALT at the Sultan Room. STEIN stated he did not recall the license number, but did recall noting that the name "Alabama", or an abbreviation thereof, was written on the license plate. In addition to the plates on the car, STEIN stated he observed two license plates lying on the rear panel, below the rear window, inside the car. These plates had black numbers on a white background; however, he did not observe from what state they were issued because only a portion of one plate was visible. These plates were not there when GALT arrived at [REDACTED], the following morning to take STEIN and the others to the WALLACE voter registration office, nor did STEIN ever see them again.

At this point in the interview, STEIN was asked if he ever saw GALT again subsequent to the time they had returned to Los Angeles from New Orleans. He advised he did observe GALT on a couple of occasions at the Sultan Room of the St. Francis Hotel. On one of these occasions, GALT mentioned to him that he had "just finished bartending school". STEIN advised that sometime after this, either RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN mentioned to him that GALT was going to New Orleans

again. STEIN said he thought GALT liked hamburgers because that was all he ate on the trip to New Orleans. STEIN was not familiar with where GALT ate his meals while in Los Angeles.

At this point in the interview STEIN was asked if GALT's white Ford Mustang was ever at [REDACTED] Hollywood, or had GALT ever visited that address while STEIN resided there. STEIN advised that the first time he ever saw GALT was on the night of December 14, 1967; that he never laid eyes on GALT prior to that time and GALT never visited him at [REDACTED]. STEIN did advise that for a part of the time he resided at that address he was employed as a [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] Burbank, California, at which time he was given the use of a canary yellow Ford Mustang sedan. This car was used by STEIN for both business and personal use and was often parked at [REDACTED].

At this point STEIN was advised that the interviewing agents had information which indicated that a white Ford Mustang, bearing Alabama license plates, was observed at [REDACTED] around Thanksgiving Day, 1967, and again around mid-December, 1967. In reply, STEIN advised that this information was incorrect and whoever gave this information to the agents must have confused the white Mustang with his yellow Mustang.

STEIN was then advised that the agents had information which indicated that he was possibly engaged in the sale of some type of drugs. STEIN admitted to having been arrested in the past for narcotics violations but stated that he had never been convicted on any of the charges and denied being involved at the present time in any illegal drug activity or having been so involved while he resided at [REDACTED].

STEIN was then asked if he had ever furnished any drugs to GALT, or had ever observed GALT use any drugs while on the trip to New Orleans. STEIN advised that he had never furnished GALT with any drugs, nor did he ever observe him taking any drugs at any time. STEIN was then asked if the trip

he made with GALT to New Orleans had not been, in fact, a trip made by the two of them to procure drugs. STEIN emphatically denied this and further denied in engaging in any type of drug activity with GALT. STEIN then advised that he had no information in his possession which would indicate to him that GALT was involved in any illegal drug activity. STEIN then stated he would never even have "talked to the cops" about this matter in the first place if he were involved in any illegal activity with GALT. STEIN advised that due to his past experiences he knows a "dopehead" when he sees one, and that in his opinion, GALT was not a user of "hard drugs", such as heroin or morphine. STEIN did state, however, that GALT could have been a "pillhead", but he, STEIN, never personally observed him taking any pills. STEIN advised that on one occasion on the trip to New Orleans GALT's eyes looked a little droopy, but he, STEIN, attributed this to lack of sleep rather than use of drugs.

STEIN advised that the agents were in possession of information which indicated there was an unusually heavy amount of traffic into [REDACTED] during the time he resided there. STEIN attributed the heavy traffic to the fact he had many relatives who visited him at that address. He also said that he had many "hippie" friends who also visited him at that address with whom he held philosophical discussions.

STEIN was then asked what his purpose had been in digging holes in the backyard of the residence located at [REDACTED]. He stated that he had been attempting to rid the area of gophers. STEIN was then asked about two young men who were reportedly lying in a stupor in the backyard of the [REDACTED] address looking up into the sky while he stood over them. STEIN advised that these two men were "looking for flying saucers", and that, he, was helping them as he believed in the existence of flying saucers.

STEIN was then asked about the large number of automobiles that were being worked on at the [REDACTED] address during the time he resided there. STEIN advised that

during a short period of time, while he resided at that address, he operated an automobile repair and reconditioning business and would do the work in the garage at [REDACTED]

STEIN was then asked about his statement made during a previous interview during which Agent [REDACTED] was present, to the effect that he and LOUIS LOMAX, the newspaper reporter, had talked to some people who knew GALT while he was in Los Angeles and these people had furnished information regarding GALT. STEIN had refused to identify these persons because they were involved in "other things" that would come to light if they furnished the information they had regarding GALT. In reply, STEIN advised that this was true and there were still people who were involved in certain illegal activities that had nothing to do with the assassination in any manner who did not wish to come to the attention of the law enforcement authorities. When questioned further regarding these persons, STEIN declined to identify them. STEIN did advise, however, that he had helped LOMAX identify DARRELL DENNIS who now resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who allegedly dated GALT on one occasion while he resided in Los Angeles.

STEIN advised at this point that he is completely disillusioned with LOUIS LOMAX because he feels LOMAX "used" him solely for publicity purposes and really was not interested in solving the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. STEIN advised LOMAX initially had promised him that he would "split the reward money if STEIN assisted him in solving the case. LOMAX was supposed to pay all the expenses of the trip but that LOMAX had, in fact, failed to reimburse him for about thirty-five dollars which STEIN expended on the trip with LOMAX to locate the phone booth from which GALT had made a call. STEIN stated that LOMAX has publicly identified him as the "key to the case", and as such has placed him, STEIN, on the spot. STEIN stated that since he has been so identified he is worried that "whoever took the shot at KING, may also take a shot at me".

When asked if he, in fact, had located the phone booth from which GALT had made the phone call while he was accompanied by LOMAX, STEIN advised that he had not. He stated that LOMAX made the trip in reverse from the way he and



GALT had made it and for this reason, he, STEIN, had been unable to locate the phone booth used by GALT. STEIN was of the opinion that if allowed to make the trip in the sequence he had made it with GALT he feels certain he could locate the phone booth from which GALT made the call.

The following background and descriptive data was obtained during the course of the above interview:

Name	CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, also known as Charles Stein, Charlie Stein
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Birth Data	[REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana
Height	6'
Weight	235 pounds
Hair	Black, balding at top
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Characteristics	Wears full beard and mustache
Marital Status	Divorced
Relatives	Father: [REDACTED] Address Unknown
	Mother: [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana
	Step-father: [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana
	Brothers: None
	Sisters: [REDACTED] Address Unknown New Orleans, Louisiana RITA STEIN [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California
	Children: [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana

Ex-wives: [REDACTED]

Kenner, Louisiana

[REDACTED]  
Last known to reside  
in State of Mississippi.

[REDACTED]  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
(mother of [REDACTED])

Residence

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California  
December 1967 to present

Prior Residence

[REDACTED]  
Hollywood, California  
December 1966 to December 1967  
1964 to 1965 resided at following  
locations, exact dates and addresses  
unrecalled:

Cahuenga Boulevard, near Highland  
Avenue

Hollycrest and Earham Boulevard  
Fountain Avenue

Mansfield Avenue

1300 block of Citrus

Flores Street (upon arrival in Los  
Angeles in 1964)

Occupation

Salesman

Employment

Unemployed for past 5 to 6 months,  
currently receiving unemployment  
benefits.

Last Employment

[REDACTED]  
Burbank, California

Prior Employments

Over past two years has worked at  
following [REDACTED] in Los Angeles  
area:

FBI Number

Prior Arrests

[REDACTED]  
Admits prior arrests for possession  
narcotics, but advises never convicted  
on any charge.

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1Date 4/18/68

RITA STEIN, [REDACTED] advised she did not know GINGER DAY, GINGER HANCO, ANITA KATZWINKEL, SUE HARRIS, SUE FLIKIED, or TOM FLIKIED. STEIN further advised she had no knowledge about a slip of paper or tissue box cover with the names GINGER DAY and ANITA KATZWINKEL on it.

STEIN observed a photograph of a Zenith portable television set, gray and white in color. STEIN advised that it looked like the set which MARIE MARTIN had traded to ERIC GALT.

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by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/18/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/2/68

RITA STEIN, [REDACTED] Hollywood, advised that she recalled calling her sister [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in New Orleans, during the late part of December 1967. She stated she could not recall the purpose of the telephone call, but thought it was to tell her that the children had made the trip safely. STEIN further advised that she calls her mother with some regularity because of her mother's ill health. STEIN could not remember the exact dates of the calls but has called during March and April of 1968. STEIN advised that the calls are usually general conversation and that she could not recall anything pertaining to RAY being mentioned.

STEIN furnished a copy of her most recent telephone bill which she displayed to interviewing agents. She advised that the telephone company had erroneously charged her for a telephone call to [REDACTED] in New Orleans. It was noted that the call was made collect to the STEIN telephone on March 12, 1968, and the charge was \$8.40. STEIN advised she knew no one in New Orleans at that number. RITA STEIN, in the presence of an agent, called the [REDACTED] number in New Orleans to determine if it was that of a friend or relative. After a brief conversation over the telephone, STEIN advised that the person in New Orleans was no one she knew as a friend or a relative. She advised that the party had sounded like a person of the Negro race and when STEIN asked if they were, the reply had been yes. STEIN advised she had no Negro friends in New Orleans.

STEIN also advised that the telephone company had also erroneously charged her for a telephone call to a Maryland number [REDACTED], on March 19, 1968, which she had been told would be removed from her bill. The charges on the Maryland call were \$8.50.

STEIN advised that the telephone was listed under the name [REDACTED]. She advised this was done so she would have privacy.

STEIN advised that the utilities at the [REDACTED] Avenue residence were listed under the name [REDACTED].

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On 4/30/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574

by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/30/68

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STEIN observed a photograph of RAY taken November 1967, in Mexico. She advised it was not a good likeness of RAY.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/16/68

One photograph of ERIC S. GALT, as obtained from TOMAS LAU, International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown to RITA STEIN at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California. RITA STEIN stated, "Yes, that's him. That's ERIC GALT".

On 4/15/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574

by SAs [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/15/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/16/68

One photograph of ERIC S. GALT, as obtained from TOMAS LAU, International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown to MARIE MARTIN at the St. Francis Hotel, [REDACTED] 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. MARIE MARTIN stated, "Yes, that's definitely ERIC GALT".

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MARIE MARTIN, St. Francis Hotel, [REDACTED], 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, advised that she first met individual who introduced himself as ERIC GALT on or about December 14, 1967, in the Sultan Room, a bar at the St. Francis Hotel

[REDACTED] GALT, who had been drinking at the bar, carried on conversation with MARTIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MARTIN asked GALT if he would drive her home. GALT asked where she lived, and she replied, New Orleans. GALT was agreeable and asked when MARTIN wanted to leave. MARTIN said she explained to GALT that her cousin, RITA STEIN, has two children in New Orleans, and RITA wanted someone to take RITA to New Orleans and bring the children back to Los Angeles. RITA STEIN, who was also present at the bar, joined the conversation. RITA suggested that her brother, CHARLES STEIN, travel with GALT to New Orleans to pick up the children instead of RITA. RITA left the Sultan Room and returned a while later with her brother, CHARLES STEIN. Upon learning that RITA and MARTIN wanted CHARLES to go to New Orleans, GALT said he would make the trip, if MARTIN and the two STEINS would register to vote and list the political party sponsoring former governor GEORGE C. WALLACE as their political candidate. MARTIN and the two STEINS agreed to the conditions set down by GALT and made arrangements to register the following day. The two STEINS left and GALT commented to MARTIN words to the effect that if this was a setup, he had a gun and would hurt CHARLES. The following morning GALT, accompanied by the two STEINS, picked up MARTIN at the St. Francis Hotel in GALT's Mustang and they drove together to the Voters Registration Office located on or near Lankershim Boulevard. MARTIN said that RITA came to her room unaccompanied by anyone else to advise her that ERIC GALT, CHARLES STEIN, and herself were ready to go register.

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At the Registration Office, MARTIN and the two STEINS registered and were issued registration receipts, however, GALT did not register. Upon completion of the registration, they drove together back to the St. Francis Hotel, at which time MARTIN went to her room and brought a box of clothing down to the car which she had requested to be delivered to her mother in New Orleans. Her mother, [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED], New Orleans. The box of clothing was placed in GALT's car and GALT and the two STEINS left.

About a week later, MARTIN said she saw GALT again in front of the St. Francis Hotel for the first time since his return from New Orleans. GALT asked MARTIN if she was short of money and pressed a twenty dollar bill into her hand. Later in the Sultan Room bar, MARTIN said she questioned GALT concerning his activities while in New Orleans. MARTIN asked GALT if he visited any of the "strip joints" while in New Orleans. GALT claimed he did not and that he had visited some friends. Upon further questioning, MARTIN said the friends lived in the Industrial Canal area of New Orleans, on or near the Chef Menteur Highway. MARTIN advised that GALT did not further elaborate on the identity of these friends.

After his return from this trip, GALT was a fairly regular customer at the Sultan Room. MARTIN said she suggested to GALT that he move into the St. Francis Hotel because it was economical and he would not be bothered by neighbors if he engaged in late-hour activity.

MARTIN advised that she was in GALT's room at the St. Francis Hotel on only one occasion. She advised this occurred around February 14, 1968, which she recalls was Valentine's Day. On this occasion, while in the Sultan Room bar, GALT asked MARTIN what type of television set she owned. She said it was a portable and GALT asked if she would like to trade television sets. GALT remarked that he wanted a portable set because it was easier to transport while traveling. They both then went to GALT's room to bring his

television set to MARTIN's room. While moving the television set, she observed a "girlie type" magazine containing a variety of nude and semi-nude female photographs. She advised she observed no photographic equipment in the room nor did she photograph GALT. She said she asked GALT if he had a Polaroid camera because she wanted to send some photographs of herself to her boy friend, [REDACTED], who is currently in prison. GALT said no.

MARTIN advised the only time GALT was ever in her room at the St. Francis Hotel was when he brought his television set into her room and took away her portable set. As part of the exchange of the television set, GALT gave her a twenty dollar bill. GALT commented he was going to be traveling south. MARTIN asked if he would be going through New Orleans, and he said yes. MARTIN asked if he would drop off another package at her mother's home, and he agreed. MARTIN says she gave GALT a box containing phonograph records and clothing. She requested that GALT deliver the box to the home of her mother and in the event her mother was not home, to leave it with a neighbor.

A couple of weeks later, while MARTIN was sleeping, GALT knocked at the door of her room and asked if he could leave a set of weights with her. MARTIN advised she did not bother to get up and she told GALT to leave the weights outside of the door. GALT called her later the same date on the phone and she asked him for some money for taking care of the weights. GALT claimed he was broke but said he would leave her ten dollars for taking care of the weights. MARTIN advised GALT left ten one dollar bills in an envelope at the Registration Desk of the St. Francis Hotel. GALT claimed he was waiting for some money from his brother, whom he did not further identify. MARTIN stated that later in the day, the hotel management called her room and requested that she immediately remove a set of barbells from the hallway in front of her room door.

MARTIN made the following observations concerning GALT which were the result of her contacts mainly in the Sultan Room bar over approximately a three-month period:

MARTIN advised that GALT used Spanish phrases on occasion and she felt he was possibly proficient in the Spanish language. MARTIN advised that she could not speak Spanish. MARTIN said on one occasion GALT commented that she, MARTIN, reminded him of a girl he knew in Guadalajara. Another time during conversation at the Sultan Room bar, GALT said that while in Mexico, he had smoked marijuana but said it did nothing for him. MARTIN said she never saw GALT use any type of drug or narcotic and based on his statement, she felt he was not an addict. She said GALT claimed he lived in Mexico for about six years. He claimed he had been to see the cock fights while in Mexico but did not enjoy them because he felt they were too brutal.

MARTIN advised on one occasion she recalls showing GALT an ad in the "Los Angeles Free Press" newspaper which read, "Wanted, hot-tempered man, send photo". She said at one time, she lent GALT a bartender's instruction booklet which she had borrowed from the lobby of the hotel and GALT had kept it overnight and returned it the next day. She advised she has since returned the book to the hotel lobby.

MARTIN advised that her cousin, RITA STEIN, formerly resided at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, where she, MARTIN, frequently visited. She advised that she never saw GALT or his white Mustang at this address and that RITA STEIN moved from this address around Thanksgiving of 1967. Shortly thereafter, CHARLES STEIN vacated the premises.

Concerning a public coin box telephone booth located in the liquor store parking lot directly behind the [REDACTED] address, she advised that both she and RITA STEIN utilized this phone on occasion. Concerning the name, MIMI, written on this phone booth wall, she advised she is known by the name of MIMI by some of her close friends and she indicated they used this phone booth because RITA STEIN's telephone service had been discontinued because of non-payment. She advised she may have written her name on the phone booth wall. She said GALT, to her knowledge, never utilized this phone because during this period of time, he knew neither the STEINS or herself.

MARTIN was questioned concerning the activity of CHARLES STEIN while at the [REDACTED] address, specifically, what he had buried in the backyard. MARTIN stated that CHARLES STEIN had a "weird" philosophy which included some type of "sensory contact with nature" and on occasions he would spend long periods of time staring at the sky, observing the various celestial bodies. On one occasion when she was in ill health, CHARLES placed his hand on her knee and after spending approximately fifteen minutes in what appeared to be a trance, asked her to remove her pants which he buried in the backyard. Later, he dug them up and returned them to her.

[REDACTED]

MARTIN advised that ANITA KATZWINKEL, SUE HARRIS, and GINGER DAY were unknown to her and she never had contact with any of these individuals.

[REDACTED]

In answer to a direct question, MARTIN replied that the STEINS moved to their [REDACTED] address in November of 1967.

When asked if she was ever arrested where she utilized the name, MARIE PEREZ, she said she had never utilized the name, MARIE PEREZ.

She said that her physician, [REDACTED] maintains an office at [REDACTED]. She said she had no knowledge of [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California.

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She said that she knew NORMAN COX, the occupant of Room [REDACTED], St. Francis Hotel, only casually. She said she knew no other person in Room [REDACTED]. She said that she knew two individuals, CHUCK (LNU) and AL (LNU), who mutually resided in Room [REDACTED] of the St. Francis Hotel, but who moved from that room to an unknown address in April, 1968.

She advised that according to her knowledge and her opinion, ERIC GALT had no acquaintanceship of CHARLES STEIN and/or RITA STEIN prior to her meeting GALT at the Sultan Room in early December of 1967.

MARTIN said that she had no intimate relationship with GALT and was not involved with him in the romantic sense in any way. She stated that she did not so much as even kiss him.

[REDACTED]

MARTIN provided the following description of herself:

Sex	Female
Race	Caucasian
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5'6"
Weight	125 pounds
Hair	Black, wears wig
Eyes	Brown
Former Husbands	[REDACTED]
	married in 1950
	[REDACTED]
	married in 1958
	[REDACTED]
	married in 1960

INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE ASSOCIATES  
OF JAMES EARL RAY NAMED JERI, ALSO KNOWN  
AS DARELL AND HELENA

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During interviews of CHARLES J. STEIN during April and May, 1968, it was learned from him that while in the company of LOUIS LOMAX, LOMAX had determined during interviews in the neighborhood of the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, where JAMES EARL RAY as ERIC S. GALT resided, from January 21, 1968 to March 17, 1968 that RAY had lived with a woman known as JERI, also known as DARELL. This information, according to STEIN, was developed by he and LOMAX during interviews of people who claimed to have known RAY while he was in Los Angeles, California. It was also determined, according to STEIN, that RAY had also dated a girl named HELENA.

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Date April 26, 1968

In an attempt to determine if DYRELL DENNIS was a legitimate person and possibly identical with a mysterious blond female reported by LOUIS LOMAX to be a friend of JAMES EARL RAY, a photograph of DENNIS was exhibited to JOE PETERS, Bartender, Sultan Room, 5533 1/2 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. PETERS advised that the female depicted in the photograph of DYRELL DENNIS was the same person who used to frequent his bar from January, 1968 through March, 1968. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that he tried to keep her from coming into his bar in view of the fact that she did not have any identification. He stated that to the best of his knowledge DENNIS had no association with JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that the only time he ever saw RAY talk to DENNIS was one day when DENNIS was standing next to a juke box and RAY approached her. He stated that he could not hear what RAY was saying to DENNIS but he could observe DENNIS shaking her head in a negative manner. PETERS advised he knows of no other contact between RAY and DENNIS.

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Mr. THOMPSON advised that he recognized the female in the photograph as being identical with a female he has seen come out of the Sultan Room bar in the same building as the hotel and proceed through the hotel lobby to the restrooms. He advised that he has not observed DENNIS on any other occasions. He stated that he has never seen DENNIS in the company of JAMES EARL RAY and knows of no relationship or associations between RAY and DENNIS.

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Mr. MORRISON stated that he recognized the female in the photograph as being a photograph of a female that he has observed at his bar a few times in the past and most likely during the month of March, 1968. He stated that he has never seen DENNIS in the company of any other person that he can identify or recall. He advised that he knew absolutely nothing about DENNIS.

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EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON was interviewed at the Orthopedic Hospital, Room 602, 2400 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, at which time he furnished the following information:

PENDLETON advised he resided in the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, from March 8, 1968, to April 16, 1968, when he entered the Orthopedic Hospital, Los Angeles, for surgery on his hip. While residing at the St. Francis Hotel he became acquainted with DYRELL DENNIS and RAY SELMA (phonetic). He became acquainted with RAY SELMA approximately ten days after moving into the St. Francis Hotel. PENDLETON met DENNIS after meeting RAY SELMA. When PENDLETON first became acquainted with RAY SELMA, SELMA did not have a room at the hotel.

PENDLETON related he was in receipt of a letter from DENNIS, bearing the return address of [REDACTED] Milwaukee, Wisconsin. DENNIS had furnished her telephone number as [REDACTED]. DENNIS' letter stated in part, "Have you seen Ray? I hope he is okay."

PENDLETON stated LOUIS LOMAX had been in contact with him on two occasions, the second time after he had received the above letter from DYRELL DENNIS. He gave LOMAX DENNIS' address and told LOMAX that DENNIS was well acquainted with RAY SELMA. LOMAX told PENDLETON that he had obtained his name from MARIE (last name unknown) (LNU), a cocktail waitress at the Sultan Room, who had advised him that PENDLETON knew DENNIS and RAY SELMA.

PENDLETON commented the RAY SELMA which he knew is described as a Mexican-American, 37 to 40 years of age, dark complexion, and a wino. PENDLETON advised he had last seen RAY SELMA at the St. Francis Hotel on April 13 or 14, 1968. PENDLETON recalled that on one occasion about the first of April, 1968, RAY SELMA had a seizure similar to epilepsy.

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PENDLETON called the police ambulance for SELMA and by the time they arrived, SELMA had recovered. SELMA refused to be taken to the hospital. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PENDLETON described DENNIS as 33 years of age, blonde, sandy hair, medium build, and light complexion. He advised that DENNIS had resided at the Hollywood Roxie, Room 202, Los Angeles, for at least one night.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to PENDLETON who stated he could not recognize any of the individuals depicted in the photographs as being identical with the description fitting JAMES EARL RAY or RAY SELMA.

Mr. PENDLETON stated that he used the telephone in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel to call his son, Sergeant JACK HAROLD PENDLETON, [REDACTED] Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, North Carolina, who has telephone number [REDACTED] while he was a resident of the St. Francis Hotel.

The letter from DYRELL DENNIS received by Mr. PENDLETON was postmarked on April 19, 1968, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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1Date 5/10/68

EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON, interviewed at the Orthopedic Hospital, 2400 South Flower, and formerly a resident of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised that [REDACTED] photo taken December 16, 1965, of RAY FERNANDEZ SESMA was identical to the person PENDLETON knew as RAY SELMA (phonetic).

PENDLETON advised that SESMA had stayed at his room in the St. Francis Hotel off and on during the first part of 1968. PENDLETON advised that SESMA had poor health and drank very heavily, and for this reason PENDLETON had told SESMA not to stay at his room. PENDLETON advised that this was about the first week of April. PENDLETON stated that he had not seen SESMA since that date.

PENDLETON advised that SESMA was a drifter and wino. He also advised that he had never known SESMA to have a room or apartment of his own and usually would congregate with other winos when ever he (SESMA) could find them. PENDLETON advised that SESMA had once suggested that they live in a place on Serrano Street. PENDLETON thought that this place was in the 1600 block of Serrano and got the impression that numerous heavy drinkers stayed there.

PENDLETON advised that SESMA had mentioned about getting a job as a cook but further advised that SESMA had never held a job while he knew him. PENDLETON advised that if he heard from SESMA he would immediately advise the FBI.

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PAUL MC KAY, Night Clerk, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

MC KAY stated that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of RAY FERNANDELL. He stated that there are no fry cooks employed at the St. Francis Hotel.

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GIL MARTIN, Owner, Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

MARTIN stated that RAY FERNANDELL is unknown to him. He stated that he does not employ anyone by that name at the Sultan Room and that he does not employ any fry cooks. He advised that there were no fry cooks employed at the St. Francis Hotel.

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JAMES E. MORRISON, [REDACTED], Los Angeles, California, was asked if he knew of a middle-aged belly dancer of Greek descent named "HELENA". He said that he did. He said this individual had been excluded from the Rabbit's Foot Club. He said that she frequents the Greek Village, a restaurant near Hollywood and Vine, in Hollywood, California. He said that he believes that she used to dance at that location and also the Seventh Veil on Sunset Boulevard.

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HARRY STREEM, Owner, Vegas Club; 5510 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was asked in reference to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, if he knew of a middle age belly dancer of Greek descent named "HELENA" and/or a Caucasian female with blond hair named "JERI". STREEM said that he believed he knew of "HELENA". He said if his memory is correct, she used to dance at a night club that specializes in eastern dancing, located on the south side of Sunset Boulevard between La Brea and Fairfax Avenues. He advised that he did not know of any Caucasian female named "JERI", in reference to RAY, also known as, Galt.

He stated that his last bar girl at the Vegas Club was DANA RAVEN, [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] she only worked for a few weeks. He described her as a slender, dark Caucasian, female.

STREEM stated that prior to the employment of RAVEN, he employed Barbara (Last Name Unknown), a buxom, blond, Caucasian, female. He said that BARBARA was employed by him for in excess of a year prior to the termination of her employment. STREEM said that subsequent to her employment at the Vegas Club, he thought she was employed at the "Fat Cat" located on Western Avenue.

STREEM stated that LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles television personality, and an unknown Caucasian male with a beard, were in the Vegas Club the same day asking if he knew of "JERI" and "HELENA". He said that he provided to them essentially the same information.

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HARRY WEINER, Owner, The Fat Club, 1516 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was asked if he had recently employed a buxom blond, Caucasian, female named BARBARA - (Last Name Unknown). He advised that he had employed no such woman. WEINER was asked if he knew of a middle aged belly dancer named "HELENA". He said that he had and that to his knowledge she worked at the Seventh Veil on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California. WEINER was asked if he knew a Caucasian female with blond hair named "JERI", that was also a street hustler. He said that he knew of no such woman.

WEINER was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that this individual is not familiar to him.

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JOE PETERS, Bartender, Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was asked of his knowledge of a middle aged belly dancer of Greek descent named "HELENA", who was allegedly asked for a date by RAY. He stated that he had been asked the same question by LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles television personality, that same day. He thought he knew of such a woman. He said he did not know the location of her residence nor her last name. PETERS stated that she was just an occasional drifter that frequented the bar.

PETERS was asked if he knew of a Caucasian female with blond hair named "JERI". PETERS said he knew of no such woman.

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MIKE BADALIAN, Manager, Seventh Veil, 7180 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he has in his employment a HELENA VIAHOS. He said that she is a belly dancer and of Greek descent. He advised that she is presently living at [REDACTED], Los Angeles, California. He stated that her present telephone number is [REDACTED]. He stated that she is living with her sister.

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HELENA VLAHOS, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that these photographs are unfamiliar to her. She stated that she knows of no one by the name of JAMES EARL RAY and/or ERIC STARVO GALT. She said that she has worked at the Seventh Veil steadily since January 1968. She advised that she worked at the Seventh Veil during June, July, and August of 1967. She said that during September, October, November, and December she was working at the "Arabian Nights", a night-club in Fresno, California.

VLAHOS said that she does not go to any bars and night clubs east of the Hollywood Freeway, on Hollywood Boulevard. She said to her recollection she has never been to the Sultan Room at the St. Francis Hotel.

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MARIA VLAHOS, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Hollywood, California, stated she was the sister of  
HELENA VLAHOS. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL  
RAY. She said the individual in these photographs is  
familiar to her. She said that she remembers this individual  
coming into the Fez, 1508 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles,  
California. She said that she works at the Fez as a cocktail  
waitress and dancer. VLAHOS stated that this individual is  
familiar to her because of the strange way in which he came  
into the Fez, walked about and then left. This is unusual  
for the type of clientele that frequents this night club.  
She stated that she knows of no other information concerning  
this individual.

VLAHOS stated that she does not frequent bars east  
of the Hollywood Freeway, on Hollywood Boulevard. She stated  
that to the best of her knowledge she has never been to the  
Sultan Room in the St. Francis Hotel.

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MELODY MARGARET O'BRIEN, was interviewed at her residence, [REDACTED], Los Angeles, at which time she furnished the following information:

When asked if she was acquainted with ERIC STARVO GALT, JAMES EARL RAY, CHARLES J. or CHARLEY STEIN, RITA STEIN, or MARIE MARTIN, who is also known as Marie Dennino and Marie Martinello, she replied that she was not acquainted with any of these individuals. When asked if she was acquainted with a JERI or HELEN, she replied that she was not acquainted with a JERI, but did know a HELEN, whose last name she could not recall, who was a topless dancer at "The Mouse Trap" on Valley Boulevard, Industry, California, at the same time as O'BRIEN. She added that HELEN had formerly been employed as a topless dancer at "The Stairway", 6274 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, prior to her employment as a topless dancer at "The Mouse Trap". She stated that HELEN resided on [REDACTED], Los Angeles, exact address unknown, but in the vicinity of Western Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles. HELEN was described by O'BRIEN as:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	22-23 years
Height	5'3"
Eyes	Blue
Build	Busty, well built, and aspiring to become an actress
Hair	Brunette, wears blonde wig

O'BRIEN advised she knew of no reason why her telephone number, [REDACTED], would be written in a telephone booth in the St. Francis Hotel. She related she had never been in the St. Francis Hotel or the Sultan Room, nor did she know anyone residing at the St. Francis Hotel. She related that she was a topless dancer and many of the patrons who come to watch her dance get her name. They thereafter obtained her telephone number from the telephone book or telephone operator as her number is published. She stated she had been told that

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her name and telephone number was even written in the men's restroom at the places where she had danced topless. She commented she had danced topless in various places in the Los Angeles area until she terminated her last place of employment the past Saturday, April 20, 1968. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised she could not recognize the individual depicted in the photographs. She further added that she could not recognize JAMES EARL RAY as an individual who patronized the places where she danced. O'BRIEN stated she did not know anyone who drove a white Mustang with Alabama license plates.

O'BRIEN advised that for a period of about four months ending February 1967, she received a series of telephone calls at her residence which is the number listed above. Each call was placed at approximately 2 a.m. She advised the caller was a male, who she believed to be in his twenties. The caller would ask to meet her. She refused on every occasion and, therefore, did not learn the caller's name or the location from which he was calling. O'BRIEN stated she had notified the Hollywood Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, but telephone calls ceased before any action could be taken.

O'BRIEN advised she had been living with a roommate, MARTIN VILLAIRE, during the past two years and he may have had an acquaintance at the St. Francis Hotel, who placed her telephone number on the wall.

The following description of O'BRIEN was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	MELODY MARGARET O'BRIEN
Race	White
Sex	Female
Hair	Dark brown, worn long
Eyes	Brown
Height	5'2"
Weight	120 pounds
Age	24 years
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Los Angeles, California
Education	[REDACTED]
	The Old Mission of San Gabriel
	12th grade -
	graduated Azusa High School, 1960
Relatives	HARRY VICTOR O'BRIEN, deceased 1962

Mother, MARGARET ROSE O'HALLERN  
deceased at MELODY O'BRIEN's birth  
Sister, SHARON O'BRIEN deceased  
at City of Hope, Duarte, California  
from Leukemia

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Scars

1/2" scar on lip  
1" tracheotomy scar, center of throat  
result of auto accident, teeth also  
had to be removed as result of  
accident.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Employments

Los Angeles, California  
Subsequent employment was as  
topless dancer.  
South Forty  
Inglewood, California  
April 1966, worked one night  
Plaid Rabbit  
Norwalk, California  
March 1966 to August 1966  
Cherry Patch  
Los Angeles and Wilmington, California  
August 1966 to October 1966  
The Mouse Trap  
October 1966 to February 1967  
Satin Doll  
February 1967 to April 20, 1968



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Date 4/29/68

MARTIN EDWARD VILLAIRES, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Hollywood, was interviewed at his residence at which time he furnished the following information:

MARTIN EDWARD VILLAIRES, advised that he did not know CHARLES J. STEIN, CHARLEY STEIN, RITA STEIN, MARIE MARTIN, also known as Marie Deninno or a girl by the name of JERI. VILLAIRES advised that he did not know JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT nor did he recognize a photo of RAY as an associate of his.

VILLAIRES stated he did know a HELEN that had worked at a bar with MELODY O'BRIEN about one year ago. He advised that HELEN was a topless "Go-Go" dancer, who he described as:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	20
Height	5'3"
Hair	Brunette
Build	Well proportioned and attractive

VILLAIRES stated that he had seen a picture of HELEN in a Nudie magazine. VILLAIRES did not know HELEN's last name.

VILLAIRES advised that he did not know why MELODY O'BRIEN and his phone number was written in the phone booth at the St. Francis Hotel. VILLAIRES advised that the only person he had known who ever resided at the hotel was DON EMBRY. VILLAIRES advised that EMBRY had come from Ohio about two weeks ago and had stayed at the St. Francis Hotel till he moved to downtown Los Angeles.

VILLAIRES advised that he had received some phone calls from an unknown male, beginning about the first of December 1967, and continuing until mid January 1968. He

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advised that the caller would ask for MELODY and try to get her to meet him. VILLAIRE advised that the calls were received about 2 a.m. and were so frequent that he contacted the Hollywood Division of the Los Angeles Police Department. VILLAIRE advised that the calls ceased before anything was done to identify the caller.

VILLAIRE advised he had been in California for about two and one-half years and had resided in his current address [REDACTED] for about two years. VILLAIRE advised that he was an actor but had not yet been employed.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	MARTIN EDWARD VILLAIRE
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Detroit, Michigan
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'
Weight	155-160 pounds
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Brown
Scars or Marks	None observed
Parents	[REDACTED]
Occupation	Actor
Employer	None
Military Service	None
Education	High School St. Mary of Redford Detroit, Michigan
Driver's License	California [REDACTED]

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING LETTER SENT  
TO PATRICIA SCHUBERT THROUGH "THE  
LOCAL SWINGER" AND ADVERTISEMENT PLACED  
IN THE "LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS" BY ERIC S.  
GALT

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 1, 1968

ANN L. MEYERS, [REDACTED] Downey, California, co-owner of The Local Swinger, along with JAMES E. O'DOWD, advised that the two began the operation in February 1968 for the purpose of mailing list of local swingers to those who desired such a list. She stated that they placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press, offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who paid the price of \$1.00. In addition it was understood that for each letter sent to The Local Swinger, the sender would have to pay \$1.00.

MEYERS stated that about the middle of February 1968 they received a note from ERIC S. GALT, and also a dollar, and a request for a list of swingers. Shortly after they received what she believed were five letters being sent to five individuals who coded names appeared in their list. MEYERS stated that no record was kept of those who received these letters. She did recall that one PATRICIA SCHUBERT was the recipient of one such letter, but she did not know the other four. The \$5.00 for the five letters was in cash.

MEYERS viewed pictures of JAMES EARL RAY but stated that she had never seen RAY, or had never met the man who wrote under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 4, 1968

JAMES E. O'DOWD, [REDACTED] Downey, California, one of the co-owners of The Local Swinger, a correspondence club, stated that this club used Postoffice Box 3802, Downey, California for receipt of their mail.

O'DOWD stated that in about February 1968 he and ANN L. MEYERS started The Local Swinger by inserting an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press, offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who sent in the amount of \$1.00. About the middle of February they received a note from ERIC S. GALT, along with \$1.00, asking for the list. Shortly thereafter they received five letters, along with \$5.00, these letters to be sent to individuals whose coded names appeared in The Local Swinger list. O'DOWD explained that each time a letter is sent on to another individual they charge \$1.00, and in this case he believed that five letters were sent. O'DOWD stated that they kept no records of the individuals who were to receive these letters, but he did recall that one was sent to PATRICIA SCHUBERT, and the other four to four other unknown individuals.

O'DOWD viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but stated that he had never seen RAY, or had never met the man who wrote under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

O'DOWD reviewed his records and stated that he did not keep the note requesting that a list of swingers be sent to ERIC S. GALT, and he had no idea who GALT had contacted.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 11, 1968

PATRICIA ANDERSON, [REDACTED], Los Angeles, California, advised that she first became aware of "The Local Swinger" when she received a letter dated February 17, 1968 from ERIC S. GALT which she considered obscene in content. She immediately turned this over to the Postoffice, as well as two others which she received from other persons.

PATRICIA ANDERSON stated that all communications to her came in her maiden name, PATRICIA SCHUBERT. She believes that her name might have been bought from a mailing list as she subscribes to magazines using this name. She has never subscribed to "The Local Swinger", has never written to pen pal clubs, or subscribed to "Los Angeles Free Press".

MRS. ANDERSON viewed a group of pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, but she stated that she never saw the man, nor did she ever try to communicate with GALT despite the fact that she received his phone number and address on the letter sent to her by GALT.

PATRICIA KATHLEEN ANDERSON stated that she was a [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED], Los Angeles, California, and resides with her aged mother and ill 54 year old brother at the residence. At the present time she is separated from her husband, [REDACTED] Tucson, Arizona.

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In connection with the investigation of "The Local Swinger", Post Office Box 3302, Downey, California, a correspondence club, JAMES E. O'DOWD and ANN L. MEYERS, sponsors of the club advised on May 2, 1968 that they recall having sent a list of local swingers to ERIC S. GALT in February, 1968. They advised they had taken many of these names from the "Los Angeles Free Press", an avant garde newspaper. O'DOWD and MEYERS stated it has been their experience that many of these addresses are not accurate and some persons either send inaccurate addresses or send addresses of other individuals as a joke.

The following persons, identities supplied by O'DOWD and MEYERS, were contacted in an effort to determine if they had received any correspondence from ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY. None of the following listed individuals recalled having received mail or contact through any media from ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY. They all advised that he is unknown to them:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Burbank, California

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
West Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]  
Sepulveda, California

[REDACTED]  
Sherman Oaks, California

[REDACTED]  
Artesia, California

[REDACTED]  
Canoga Park, California

[REDACTED]  
Torrance, California

[REDACTED]  
Glendale, California



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[REDACTED]  
Bellflower, California

[REDACTED]  
Elsinore, California

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]  
Duarte, California

[REDACTED]  
Pasadena, California

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5/3/68

GENE TURNER, Accountant, employed by the Los Angeles "Free Press" at 938 North Fairfax, was interviewed at that address. He stated that the records of the "Free Press" indicate that a want ad was received in the "Free Press" office on January 30, 1968, from an individual identifying himself as ERIC S. GALT. Accompanying this advertisement was the sum of \$4.25. The records do not indicate in what form this money was received. The advertisement was made available by TURNER. It is typewritten, using red type in capital letters. It reads as follows:

"Single male Cauc. 36 yrs, 5-11, 170 lbs Digs Fr. Cult. desire's discreet meeting with passionate married female for mutual enjoyment, and/or female for swing session apt. furn. will ex. photo. Write ERIC S. 406 So. 2nd St. Alhambra, 91802."

Also in red typing below the above advertisement was a notation as follows:

"Return name and address, ERIC S. GALT. Same as above. Inclosed is M. O. for \$4.25, Run ad under 31 unit system. Thanks."

TURNER stated that this advertisement ran in the February 2-8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press." He stated that the address listed in the advertisement of 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, is an address of a mail forwarding service which is used quite frequently by persons placing advertisements in the "Free Press." TURNER made available copies of the February 2-8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press."

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[REDACTED] 406 South Second Street,  
Alhambra, California, advised on April 14, 1968 that ERIC GALT,  
5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, subscribed to  
his Mail Forwarding Service from February 1, 1968 to March 1,  
1968 and paid \$3.00 in cash for this service. GALT requested mail  
received for him through [REDACTED] be forwarded to him at the  
St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles,  
California. [REDACTED] stated he had no record showing GALT ever  
having utilized this service.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN THE  
VICINITY OF THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,  
5533 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS  
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation, in addition to that previously reported in this report, was conducted in the vicinity of the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, in an effort to determine information regarding the associates of JAMES EARL RAY and his present whereabouts.

1Date 4/29/68

ALLAN O. THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was asked if there was a male Caucasian fitting the description of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, in room [REDACTED]. THOMPSON advised that there was no male occupant in that room. He said that this room has been occupied for several years, at least ten, by NAOMI MILNE, who is a Caucasian female employed as a nurse.

He said that this woman is allegedly from Australia. He said that she has few visitors. She stated that he is well aware of the appearance of RAY, also known as Galt, and would notice him if he came into the hotel. He stated that no individual appearing like RAY has come into the hotel since RAY's departure on March 17, 1968.

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Date 4/30/68

JAMES E. MORRISON, Bartender, Rabbit's Foot Club, 5623 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he resides at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California. He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and he advised this individual is identical with a customer who frequented the Rabbit's Foot Bar. He said that he recalled this individual because of his frequency as a customer at the bar. MORRISON stated that he became engaged in a political discussion with RAY concerning ROBERT F. KENNEDY and GEORGE WALLACE. He said that RAY became rather incensed and vehemently supported WALLACE. On one other occasion, MORRISON said that RAY had a discussion with a frequent female customer of the bar whose name was PAT GOODSELL. This discussion concerned Negroes and civil rights movement. MORRISON said that RAY became very involved in the argument and began dragging her towards the door saying, "I'll drop you off in Watts and we'll see how you like it there". MORRISON said that another customer who knew the girl, separated them. MORRISON said that subsequent to this event GOODSELL died through an overdose of some type of medicine. He said that she formerly resided at the Carlton Towers, an apartment complex, in the neighborhood. He described her as:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Age	Approximately 27

MORRISON said that RAY habitually drank vodka or screwdrivers. He said that he was a very quiet customer and it was unusual for him to become involved in an argument. MORRISON said that he believes he used the name "DOUG" while at the bar.

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1Date 4/30/68

BO DEL MONTE, Bartender, Rabbit's Foot Club, 5623 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that his home address is [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California. He advised after observing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that RAY was identical to a customer who frequented the Rabbit's Foot Club, from approximately January until the middle of March 1968. He described RAY as wearing usually a dark suit, with a bow tie. He said that his appearance was that of a rural person from Alabama, who has just recently come to the "big city". He said that RAY wore his crew cut too long, or he was allowing his hair to grow.

DEL MONTE recalled the incident in which RAY became involved in a heated discussion with a Caucasian female and began dragging her towards the door of the bar saying, "I'll drop you off in Watts and we'll see how you like it there". DEL MONTE recalled that shortly after this incident a Negro patron of the Rabbit's Foot Club, and his date, were struck on the head by a rock or brick while in a nearby parking lot.

DEL MONTE acknowledge that RAY often spoke support for Governor WALLACE.

DEL MONTE said that RAY drank vodka straight or in screwdrivers. DEL MONTE said that RAY purchased a key for the key club, which is operated by the Rabbit's Foot Club. He stated that he believes RAY gave him the name "DOUG COLLINS", when he purchased his key. DEL MONTE said that the writing of this name was by himself, and RAY furnished no other information as to residence.

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Date 5/16/681

DONALD M. MURPHY, [REDACTED], Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at "The Frolic Room", a cocktail lounge, owned and operated by him. He advised that he also owned both "Pampered Pup" walk-up eating stands located on North Western Avenue and Vine Street, Los Angeles, California, respectively. He advised that he leased this operation to CECIL PAYNE. He advised that this leasing operation is not a formalized agreement.

MURPHY was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He said that the individual portrayed is identical to a caucasian male that frequented the "Rabbit's Foot" bar and the "Sultan Room" at the St. Francis Hotel, a few months ago. MURPHY advised that he also saw this same individual at the "Pampered Pup" located at 1715 North Western Avenue. MURPHY said that he may have conversed with this individual on occasion during casual "bar chatter". He advised that if he did, he does not recall the nature of the conversation. MURPHY stated he does not recall the individual's name or any of his associates. He said that usually this individual was alone.

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1Date 5/15/68

GAYLE DRUM, occupant, room [REDACTED] St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said the individual portrayed is identical to a former occupant of the St. Francis Hotel. She stated that she collided with this individual a few months ago, when delivering a plate of biscuits to FLORENCE THOMPSON, who resides in room [REDACTED]. She said that this individual appeared very concerned that he had injured her. DRUM said that she has no other knowledge of this individual or of his associates.

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Date 5/13/68

ALAN O. THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel, advised that HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD, aka Woody, is known to him as a painter, who lived at the hotel for approximately one year. He advised that LUNSFORD worked intermittently at the St. Francis Hotel. THOMPSON said that LUNSFORD drinks alcoholic beverages excessively and frequently. He said in his opinion LUNSFORD has difficulty in recalling past events accurately. He advised "if LUNSFORD wasn't in a mental fog from turpentine fumes, he was from drinking". He said that LUNSFORD is sickly with a chronic stomach illness.

THOMPSON said the assistant manager at the St. Francis, who was fired in December, 1967, is, in fact, MARTIN GETZ. He advised that GETZ was hired by the hotel management on a temporary basis to administer the hotel operation during the absence of THOMPSON who was going to Oakland, California. He stated that GETZ's employment was terminated because of the return of THOMPSON to the St. Francis.

DAVID (LNU), as referred to by LUNSFORD, was identified by THOMPSON as DAVID P. BAILEY, Social Security Number [REDACTED] who formerly lived at [REDACTED] Stowe, Pennsylvania and who provided a forwarding address as c/o [REDACTED] San Francisco, California, 94104. THOMPSON said that he does not recall the reason for the termination of BAILEY's employment at the St. Francis Hotel. BOB (LNU), as referred to by LUNSFORD, was identified by THOMPSON as being BOB EVANS. THOMPSON advised that EVANS resided at the hotel on an intermittent basis for approximately two years. He said that EVANS lived at the hotel during the time of LUNSFORD's residence but not during the time period of the residence of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt.

The individual described by LUNSFORD as "a crippled old man who has lived at the hotel for approximately 15 years", could not be determined, in fact, by THOMPSON. He said there

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are several elderly males residing at the hotel who are incapacitated for some reason or other. He advised that the individual best fitting this description is MURRY ROSENMAN. THOMPSON said ROSENMAN utilizes a cane and has lived at the hotel for approximately 15 years. He advised that any association between ROSENMAN and JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, is unlikely.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5/15/68

ALAN O. THOMPSON, manager, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that in his opinion, JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, frequently, perhaps generally, cooked his meals in his room at the St. Francis Hotel. He stated that this opinion is based upon the amount of food and the type of food left in the refrigerator at RAY's room in the St. Francis upon his departure and the residue left in and on the stove in his room.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/15/681

FLORENCE THOMPSON, occupant, Room [REDACTED], St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, she said that the individual portrayed was identical to a recent occupant of Room 403. She said that the photograph that she liked best was the one in which he was wearing sun glasses. She advised that the occupant of Room 403, ERIC GALT, habitually wore sun glasses. She also said that he was a neat dresser and normally wore dark suits.

THOMPSON said that she remembered JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric S. Galt, in that he always slammed the door to his room when entering or leaving. She said that she reported this to the desk of the St. Francis Hotel on one occasion. Because of his habit of slamming the door, she said she knew of his arrival and departure. She said he left the room about 7:30 AM and returned about 5:00 PM. She said because of this regularity, she believed him to be employed, but did not know of any specific employment.

THOMPSON said that she saw RAY with no male or female associates. She advised that she knew of him having no unusual habits. She remarked that must have eaten within his room, because of the frequency in which he carried groceries.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5/15/68

Mrs. ALVIN ROWE, occupant, room [REDACTED], St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that the individual in the photographs is familiar to her, however, she cannot identify the individual or associate him with any set of events. She said she cannot relate him to any former or present tenants of the St. Francis Hotel.

ROWE advised that Mrs. FRANK VALDEZ is her daughter and that they occupy the same room at the St. Francis Hotel.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/16/681

JOHN DOUS, owner and operator of "Angeleno's", a cocktail lounge located at 1657 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that he knew HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD, also known as "Woody". He said that "Woody" was employed by him to paint during a recent remodeling of the cocktail lounge. DOUS said that ANN SCHELL is a female associate and is in no way involved in the ownership of "Angeleno's" as stated by LUNSFORD. He said that the reason SCHELL is a frequent customer at the bar, is that she is a friend.

DOUS was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, he said that this individual is not familiar to him. DOUS was asked if the names "Ginger Nance," "Ginger Day," and/or "Anita Katzwinkel," were familiar to him [REDACTED]. He said that they were not.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/30/68

LOUISE LARSON, Manager, Larson Book Store, 5534 Hollywood Boulevard, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, she said that she is absolutely sure that this individual was in her book store within the past few months. She stated that she could not recall the specific date nor the individual's name. She said that he was just a customer that came into the book store and browsed about.

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1Date 5/7/68

VINCE SCADURO [REDACTED]  
owner, Vince's Bar, 5140 Sunset Boulevard,  
Hollywood, furnished the following information:

Vince's Bar has been in continuous operation since November 1967. SCADURO owns and operates the bar and has been in the bar every day that it has been open since November 1967.

No one using the name ERIC GALT has been in the bar to SCADURO's knowledge. SCADURO could not identify a photo of JAMES EARL RAY as a person who had been in his bar at any time in the past.

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1Date 4/14/68

THOMAS A. CARR, Room [REDACTED] St. Francis Hotel, 5530 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California stated that he was the night shift desk clerk. He said that his hours were from 3:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M. CARR was shown two artists' conceptions of ERIC S. GALT, and he advised the individual as portrayed in the sketches was unfamiliar to him. He said that the name ERIC GALT is unfamiliar to him. He advised that he was employed at the hotel during the period January 21, 1968 through March 17, 1968.

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1Date 4/29/68

NORMAN COX, tenant, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. COX stated that this individual is familiar in appearance to him and that he is well aware of his involvement in the MARTIN LUTHER KING assassination. He said; however, that he did not know RAY while he was a tenant in the St. Francis Hotel. He stated he has no information as to the present location of RAY.

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Date 5/13/68

MURRY ROSENMAN, resident at the St. Francis Hotel, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt. He advised that the individual in the photographs is not familiar to him. He said the names ERIC STARVO GALT and JAMES EARL RAY are not familiar to him as being persons of whom he has knowledge. He said that he does not have knowledge of any past residents of room 403.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5/15/68

LEONA BLAIR, occupant, room [REDACTED], St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that the individual is not familiar to her.

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1Date 5/15/68

Mrs. FRANK VALDEZ, occupant, room [REDACTED] St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that the individual in the photographs is familiar to her, however she cannot identify the individual or associate him with any set of events. She said that she cannot relate him to any former or present tenants of the St. Francis Hotel.

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CHARLES SALCEDO, occupant, room [REDACTED] St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He said that he saw the individual in the photograph at the Sultan Room of the St. Francis Hotel on several occasions. He said that he did not know the name of this individual or know of any of his associates. SALCEDO said that he never talked to this individual, nor did he know him as being a tenant of room 403, St. Francis Hotel.

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INVESTIGATION AT 1535 NORTH SERRANO  
AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHERE  
RAY RESIDED NOVEMBER, 1967 TO JANUARY, 1968

Investigation at Cort Fox Ford Company, 4531  
Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, on April 11, 1968 revealed  
that RAY had furnished an address of 1535 North Serrano, Los  
Angeles, when he had his car serviced.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/17/68

DEANE M. DI GENOVA was interviewed in regards to any information she might possess concerning ERIC GALT. She stated that she resides alone at [REDACTED], 1535 Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, California and has lived there for more than a year. She stated she could not recall the occupant of Apartment 6 and was shown composite drawings of ERIC GALT. She stated that she could not recognize this individual. She stated she had no information concerning the resident of Apartment 6.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/17/68

GEORGE E. SNELLING was interviewed at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Los Angeles, California. He stated he  
resides along with his wife in Apartment 9, 1535 Serrano  
Avenue, Los Angeles, California. He stated he could not  
recall the occupant of Apartment 6 and was shown composite draw-  
ings of ERIC GALT. He stated that he could not recognize  
this individual. He stated he had no information concerning  
the resident of apartment 6.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/17/68

ELSIE SNELLING was interviewed in Apartment 9, 1535 Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, California where she resides with her husband. She stated she could not recall the occupant of Apartment 6 and was shown composite drawings of ERIC GALT. She stated that she could not recognize this individual. She stated she had no information concerning the resident of Apartment 6.

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JOHN ROBERT GUERIN, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Los Angeles,  
was interviewed at his business address, at which time  
he furnished the following information:

GUERIN stated that he moved into Apartment 6 at 1535 Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, on July 28, 1967. He moved from this apartment on October 1, 1967. He related the names ANITA KLTZWINKEL and GINGER DAY do not mean anything to him. He related that to the best of his knowledge he has never met either of the above two persons. He recalled that when he moved into the apartment there was a woman's magazine, the exact title he does not recall, but similar to McCall's, and another article, which he could not describe, which contained some names written on it. So far as Mr. GUERIN is aware, the above articles were left in the apartment by himself when he moved from this apartment in October 1967.

Mr. GUERIN related that he came back to the apartment building at 1535 Serrano Avenue on a couple of occasions to visit with tenants he became acquainted with while a tenant. He could not recall having ever seen the individual who moved into Apartment 6 after he had moved out.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS VISITING AT PUERTO  
VALLARTA, JALISCO, MEXICO, DURING PERIOD  
OCTOBER 19 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 1967

Investigation to determine associates and past activities of JAMES EARL RAY, it was determined that RAY as ERIC STARVO GALT stayed alone at the Hotel Rio, Room 212, Morelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico from October 19, to November 6, 1967. On November 7, 1968, GALT checked into Hotel Tropicano, Puerto Vallarta, where he had Room 417. He checked out of the hotel on November 13, 1967.

The following individuals residing in the area of California covered by the Los Angeles Office who were registered at the above hotels in Puerto Vallarta during the period October 19 through November 13, 1967 were contacted regarding their knowledge of RAY. A photograph of RAY was shown to these individuals and they all advised they neither met nor observed any individual identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt.

Captain MARSHALL V. BEEBE

[REDACTED]  
Corona Del Mar, California

Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT FRANCIS FULLER

[REDACTED]  
Garden Grove, California

Mr. and Mrs. RAYMOND D. MITCHELL

[REDACTED]  
Garden Grove, California

Mr. and Mrs. STEVEN JONES

[REDACTED]  
Lawndale, California

Mr. and Mrs. GELMER C. BOGGS

[REDACTED]  
North Hollywood, California

Mrs. JOSEPH INE VARELA

CONSUELO MARIN

[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles, California

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT A. BRIGHAM

[REDACTED]  
Manhattan Beach, California

FRANK G. MILLER  
ROBERT KAMYKOWSKI

[REDACTED]  
North Hollywood, California

HAYES SCHLUNDT

[REDACTED]  
Pasadena, California (Temporary address)

Avenida Chapalita [REDACTED]  
Colonia Chapalita  
Guadalajara,  
Jalisco, Mexico (Permanent address)

Dr. E. G. SCHNEIDER  
Mrs. DELIGHT (E.G.) SCHNEIDER

[REDACTED]  
Santa Maria, California

Mr. and Mrs. GENE S. MANTLE

[REDACTED]  
Van Nuys, California

Mrs. DAVID (JOAN) HEINZ  
[REDACTED]  
Santa Barbara, California

Mr. and Mrs. GERALD J. FAY  
[REDACTED]  
Long Beach, California

L. C. HOLLIDAY  
[REDACTED]  
Torrance, California

Mr. J. P. HAYWARD, [REDACTED] Long Beach and  
Mrs. JOHN W. HODGKIN, [REDACTED] Long Beach, California,  
have been unavailable for interview due to being out of state  
in constant travel status.

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Mrs. ELIZABETH MONICA ZWOLINSKI, [REDACTED], Northridge, California, advised that POPSON is her maiden name and that she is a widow. She has resided at this address for 16 years. She stated she was a guest at the Rosarita Beach Hotel, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, during March, 1968, but was not in Puerto Vallarta during October or November, 1967. She continued that she travels extensively, however, she does not utilize her maiden name. She related that she has relatives named POPSON, but none with the initials V.J. and she does not know V.J. POPSON.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING GINGER DAY  
AND ANITA KATZWINKEL, WHOSE NAMES  
APPEARED ON PIECE OF CARDBOARD RECOVERED  
FROM TRUNK OF ABANDONED 1966 WHITE MUSTANG  
IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The Atlanta Office of the FBI advised on April 11, 1968, that examination of the 1966 white Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 on April 5, 1968, was conducted and a piece of cardboard was located in the left rear well of the trunk. On this piece of cardboard was written, "'GINGER DAY' ANITA KATZWINKEL, 1535 Serrano, Apartment 6."



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/18/68

Miss ANITA LOUISE KATZWINKEL was contacted at her residence, of [REDACTED] and after being advised of the identity of the contacting agents, she was interviewed regarding her knowledge of ERIC STARVO GALT, GINGER DAY and SUE HARRIS.

At the outset of the interview, KATZWINKEL was shown two black white photographs of the person named ERIC STARVO GALT, and was asked if she had ever seen this person before or if she knew anyone who resembled him. She stated she did not.

She then volunteered the information that she had been listening to various news broadcasts regarding GALT, and had heard that GALT drank beer and vodka and listened to country and western music. She advised that GINGER DAY, also known as Ginger Nance, favored beer and vodka and would listen only to country and western music.

KATZWINKEL was then asked if she knew any persons who used the names of CHARLIE STEIN, RITA STEIN or MARIA BARINO (phonetic). She advised that she did not.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KATZWINKEL and GINGER DAY came to the Los Angeles area. At the time it was made, LOU, [REDACTED] SUE HARRIS, and several other girls were

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Sex	Female
Race	White
Height	5'10" to 6'
Hair	Blond, long, shoulder length
Age	22 years
Characteristics	Very pretty; intelligent; possibly has some college education; originally from New Orleans, Louisiana;

KATZWINKEL stated she did not know if LOU and BENELLI (phonetic) still reside in the Hollywood area. She did state that although she never met BENELLI (phonetic), somehow she received the impression that he is about forty years of age, or at least a good deal older than LOU.

KATZWINKEL, stated she was very close to SUE HARRIS, and knows HARRIS. [REDACTED]

1Date 4/17/68

ANTHONY HARRISON; [REDACTED], Los Angeles, California advised he played guitar at the Paul Vegas Club, 5510 West Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles until February 1968. He advised that he was acquainted with ANITA KATZWINKEL and GINGER NANCE only to the extent that he thought two girls by those names were customers of the Vegas Club. He stated that he had absolutely no information pertaining to either girl. HARRISON advised that he had no information pertaining to any person using the name of ERIC GALT; but he thought that the person depicted in the artist conception received from Memphis, Tennessee resembled an unknown caucasian male, whom he thought he had seen as a customer in the Vegas Club. HARRISON stated that the word "OLKAHOMBE" was completely unfamiliar to him and when shown a photograph of a note bearing names GINGER DAY and ANITA KATZWINKEL HARRISON stated he had no knowledge concerning the note.

HARRISON advised that during the months of January and February 1968, he had a partner playing guitar with him at the Vegas Club. HARRISON stated that a male caucasian using the name of ALLAN LEE and who had the true name of ALLAN LEE STODDARD was from the State of Oklahoma and it is very likely, he stated, that STODDARD was known to some of the Vegas Club customers as "Oklahoma". HARRISON stated that in February 1968, STODDARD reportedly left California in order to return to his home in Enid, Oklahoma. HARRISON stated that he had no further background information pertaining to STODDARD and did not know his whereabouts.

HARRISON described STODDARD as follows:

Name	ALLAN LEE STODDARD
Alias	Allan Lee
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Age	25 - 27
Height	5'10" - 5'11"

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Weight	165 to 170 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Home	Enid, Oklahoma

HARRISON was shown artist composite drawings received from Memphis, Tennessee and Birmingham, Alabama and he advised that STODDARD did not look similar to either of the composite drawings.

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1Date 4/18/68

CHARLES J. STEIN, [REDACTED], advised he did not know GINGER DAY, GINGER NANCE, ANITA KATZWINKEL, SUE HARRIS, SUE FLIKIED, or TOM FLIKIED. STEIN further advised that he knew nothing about a slip of paper with the names of GINGER DAY and ANITA KATZWINKEL on it, or how it got into the trunk of GALT's car.

STEIN observed a photograph of a Zenith portable television set, gray and white in color. STEIN advised that the television set looked like the set which MARIE MARTIN had traded to ERIC GALT.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/16/68

Mr. JOHN REEVES, Chief of Security Officers, Paramount Pictures Corporation, 5451 Marathon Street, Hollywood, California, advised by phone that the Paramount Pictures Corporation and the Desilu Studios had been purchased by the Gulf-Western Corporation and the two studios had been merged effective August of 1967 and the firm was now known as Paramount Pictures Corporation. The former Desilu Studios located at 780 North Gower Street, Hollywood, had telephone number 469-5911, and up until just the past few weeks a person calling this latter number would be brought into the Paramount Pictures Corporation switchboard, and channeled to the proper department. Recently the telephone number has been changed and calls now are made through 463-0100.

During 1967, the Desilu number of 469-5911 would have been a good number. He, however, from available directories did not identify an extension 125 as being in existence on the Desilu switchboard or later on the Paramount board following the merger. He suggested that inquiry be made in the Data Processing Department of Paramount Pictures and also with the Chief Telephone Operator who might furnish any additional information concerning a possibility of an extension 125 being utilized.

Mr. REEVES said that he had no personal knowledge of anyone by the name of VINCE, having been employed in the Data Processing Department at the old Desilu Studios or the Paramount Studios.

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1Date 4/16/68

LUCILLE JACKSON, Chief Telephone Operator, Paramount Pictures Corporation, 5451 Marathon Street, Hollywood, California, advised by phone that neither the Paramount Pictures Corporation nor the recently merged Desilu Studio Corporation had any extension 125 past or present which was utilized if someone called the number 469-5911, an old Desilu Studio number and ask for extension 125. She explained further that there was an extension 125 off the Paramount board, however, it went to Stage 5 and that persons could call out from that extension but the operators on incoming calls did not ring calls into that extension.

JACKSON said that she could not identify anyone by the name of VINCE, an IBM operator, who may have been associated in any way with the Data Processing Department at the old Desilu Studios or at the Paramount Pictures Corporation.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/16/68

ANGELA ROBERTS, Data Processing Department, Paramount Pictures Corporation, 5451 Marathon Street, Hollywood, California, advised by phone that she recalled that VINCE STELLY was employed a couple of months in the Fall of 1967 in the Data Processing Department at the Desilu-Paramount Studios. He would normally have been reached on phone number 469-5911, Extension 725. He worked a later night shift briefly and was released for not showing up for work on a regular basis. Her personal descriptive recollection of VINCE STELLY was as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Age	30-35
Height	About 5' 10"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Well build figure
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Very light, but did not look too much like a Negro.

He claimed to have been formerly employed by Liquor Wholesale Outlet in Culver City, California and had been an IBM operator in the past.

ROBERTS said she recalled VINCE asking her on one occasion as to whether she knew a mutual acquaintance, MARGE MESSENGER, who apparently had worked at the Liquor Wholesale Outlet at the time VINCE claimed to have worked there. MESSENGER's husband BUDDY MESSENGER, now deceased, was a former film producer at Desilu Studios. MARGE MESSENGER was last known to be residing in the Playa Del Rey area of Los Angeles and from what VINCE had said, she might possibly be well acquainted with VINCE.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/16/68

Mr. RAY STRUCK, Data Processing Department, Paramount Pictures Corporation, 5451 Marathon Street, Hollywood, California, advised by phone that he recalled that during the Fall of 1967 there was an employee in the Data Processing Company by the name of VINCE STELLY who could have been reached by calling 469-5911, Extension 725. This extension went into the key punch operators room and that while STELLY worked on Univac Equipment, he could have been classified as an IBM operator. STELLY was employed only a short period and according to available records in the processing department, resided at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, telephone [REDACTED]

STRUCK described VINCE STELLY as:

Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Complexion	Light
Height	5' 11"
Age	28-30
Weight	170-180
Build	Slender

He suggested a check of the payroll records for further data.

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1Date 4/16/68

Records of the Paramount Pictures Corporation, 5451 Marathon Street, Hollywood, California, disclosed that VINCENT DE PAUL STELLY, Social Security Number [REDACTED] had been employed by the Paramount Pictures Corporation September 18, 1968 as an equipment operator in the Data Processing Department and was terminated October 10, 1967 for failure to show up for work. He furnished an address of [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California. No phone was listed in the payroll records. A W-2 Form sent to him following his termination of employment carried the same address. The person listed to notify in case of illness was CATHERINE STELLY, of the same address, mother.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING MATERIAL  
LOCATED IN 1966 WHITE MUSTANG  
ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Included in material located was a portion of what appeared to be classified advertisement from a newspaper. Also included were bed linen which bore laundry mark 20R-3.

The following investigation was conducted regarding the above items.

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Investigation was conducted to ascertain the name and date of the newspaper from which the two classified advertisement scraps had been taken. In doing so, Mrs. CARLTON SHAW, Carlton Shaw Realty, 13025 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City, California, telephone ST 8-7631, was contacted on April 18, 1968, as that firm had an advertisement appearing in one of the scraps.

Mrs. SHAW advised that their advertisement was in the Los Angeles Times on November 19 and December 3, 1967.

Inspection of library copies of the Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles on April 18, 1968, developed that these scraps of newspaper were taken from the Los Angeles Times dated Sunday, November 19, 1967, pages 51, 52, 53, 54.

The December 3, 1967, issue was eliminated as the advertisement pertaining to 625 South Alvarado, in that issue was not immediately preceded by the advertisement pertaining to 6326 Lexington, which was the case on the scrap of paper recovered in the Mustang.

The following investigation relates to investigation at the address of 626 South Alvarado, which is one of the addresses appearing on these scraps of newspaper.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 19681

On April 16, 1968, FRANK T. WOOD, Manager of The Palms Wilshire, 628 South Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he has been manager since November 27, 1967, but prior thereto he was relief manager since April 1, 1967.

When asked if he had any knowledge of any person named ERIC STARVO GALT, WOOD advised that he had none except that he may have heard it over the radio or television in connection with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. WOOD advised that no person with that name is presently a tenant at this address and that this name was not recognized as that of any tenant since November, 1967. He said that he would make a check of the hotel's records in this regard.

When WOOD was furnished a description of GALT, he said that he could not identify any person on the basis of it, tenant or otherwise.

On April 18, 1968, WOOD was recontacted and he advised that a search of his hotel records, which go back to January, 1967, developed no information that ERIC STARVO GALT or any person named GALT was a tenant at The Palms Wilshire.

WOOD said that subsequent to April 16, 1968 he had spoken to ANN SMITH who was manager of these premises prior to November 27, 1967, but she had no knowledge of the name ERIC STARVO GALT and could not recall any person fitting the description which he (WOOD) had given her.

WOOD was shown photographs of GALT on April 18, 1968, with eyes open and with eyes shut, but he said he could not identify them.

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FAYE BERNARD, Manager, Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Incorporated, 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, made available a double entry ledger, Standard Blank Book Number 66, which contained records of the laundry customers covering the period from August 7, 1967, to April 18, 1968. A review of the records disclosed the following entries:

	Date Received	Ticket Number	Customer	Flatwear	Finish	Date Picked Up	Cost
78	12/4/67	30826	GALT	L8	---	12/21	1.64
85	12/15/67	31053	GALT	R	F7	12/22	1.52

The following additional records were located:

Receipt number 30826 for wearing apparel rate section and customer receipt section of laundry list with GALT written on it.

Receipt number 31053 for wearing apparel rate section, flat rate section, and customer receipt section with GALT written on it.

FAYE BERNARD advised that all flatwear and finished laundry were marked with a Thermo Seal Marking Machine. She advised that all marking and laundry work was done at Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Incorporated, main plant at 3020 Hines Avenue, Culver City, California. She further stated that the plant records would reflect the color of tape and laundry mark number given to a particular customer's laundry on any given day.

BERNARD was shown a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. She advised she was unable to identify the photograph as a person who had been a customer at the Avalon Cleaners.

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FRED BACK, Owner, Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Incorporated, 3020 Hines Avenue, advised that he used four Thermo Seal Marking machines at his laundry plant. The machine serial numbers were obtained:

	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Model Number</u>
Machine number one	32192	H5L4
Machine number two	31900	H5L4
Machine number three	32190	H5L4
Machine number four	32189	H5L4

Samples of laundry mark 20R-3 were obtained from all machines.

BACK advised that the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, store number 20, located at 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, was one of 25 Avalon stores where laundry was picked up for processing at the main plant, and that this particular store was assigned the code number 20. BACK advised that all Thermo Seal Laundry Marks for this store would begin with the numerals 20.

BACK further advised that laundry list receipt ticket number 31053 for store number 20 reflected that finished laundry and flat laundry had been checked into the main plant and marked on December 18, 1967. BACK advised that all laundry was logged for store 20 according to receipt number and that receipt number 31053 shows that the flatwear laundry mark was 20R-3, which was printed on white tape.

BACK advised that the letter R and the white tape are used as a means of checking the particular day work is done and the numeral 3 is the lot number given to each separate bundle of laundry from a particular store.

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by SA [REDACTED] and  
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BACK advised that the flatwear processed on December 18, 1967, cost \$.33 and would indicate that two sheets were processed. BACK stated sheets cost \$.19 each and pillowcases cost \$.09 each to launder. BACK further advised that the finished laundry cost \$1.14 which would indicate six shirts were processed according to price lists in effect at that time.

BACK furnished one Piece Count Ledger, labeled Laundry Prices and Count, covering the period May 14, 1963, to April 18, 1968, which shows on page 108 that on December 18, 1967, white Thermo Seal tape was used with the code letter R on flatwork.

BACK also furnished one lot control ledger for color marking tapes, which shows on page 62 that on December 18, 1967, white Thermo Seal tape with code letter R was used on flatwear laundry.

BACK also furnished one Ledger Sheet for cash inventory for store number 20, Hollywood and Wilton, dated December 20, 1967, which shows that laundry list number 31053 for flatwear laundry was priced to the customer for \$.33 and was marked 20R-3. Also received on this ticket was finish wear laundry priced to the customer at \$1.14 and marked 20F-7.



INVESTIGATION AT NATIONAL DANCE  
STUDIO, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA,  
WHERE RAY ATTENDED CLASSES DECEMBER,  
1967 TO FEBRUARY, 1968

During the course of the investigation to determine background of JAMES EARL RAY it was ascertained that he probably attended some dance school in the Los Angeles area. Through a telephonic survey of the various dance schools throughout the Los Angeles area it was determined from Mr. RODNEY ARVIDSON, owner, National Dance Studio, 2026 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California, that ERIC GALT enrolled at this school during the first week of December, 1967 and took lessons until approximately February 12, 1968.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/17/68

SHARON RHOADS, employed at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the vicinity of her employment on April 16, 1968, at which time she advised as follows:

She stated that she was employed on a part-time basis as an evening dance instructor at the National Dance Studio located at 2026 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California.

She stated that she recalled one ERIC S. GALT as a former student whom she instructed. She stated that as she recalled, GALT was her dancing pupil from about the first week in December 1967 through approximately the middle of February 1968.

In recalling GALT, she offered the following information concerning him:

She said that GALT was a very neat person and that he dressed immaculately, often in expensive clothes. He always appeared at the dance studio cleanly shaven, wearing white shirt and tie, and either a sport coat and slacks or a suit. She stated he also owned an expensive looking pair of alligator loafers, which he often wore with a sport suit. She stated that his hands were very well kept, and his nails may have been professionally manicured, but she could not state this with absolute certainty. She stated, however, that she had never seen his hands soiled or his fingernails dirty. His fingernails were well filed and trimmed and were worn short and neat. She stated that he was left handed inasmuch as she had noticed him on two occasions writing, and at the time she observed him writing, she made a mental note that he was a "south paw."

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GALT was very ill at ease in crowds and gave her the impression that he prefers to be either alone or with no more than one other individual. He was an introvert and was very hard to converse with. She stated that in the approximate two months that she knew him, only towards the last did he feel confident enough with her that he would joke with her. She stated that toward the end he showed somewhat of a humor, which she believed very few people knew he had. He was always ill at ease around others and could not relax while in conversation with any other individual. He always fidgeted, pulled at his ears, played with his hands, and looked in every direction but at the person with whom he was conversing. She stated that he smiled with a one-sided smile and that he smiled very infrequently.

He would never talk about himself, but in general conversations she was led to believe that he came to Los Angeles from Mexico, possibly around Mexico City. He told her that he was unemployed; was a former merchant seaman; that he wished to return to sea, and that he received sufficient proceeds from the sale of a bar that he could "get along without being gainfully employed."

RHOADS stated that she was of the opinion that GALT entertained the thought of asking her for a date on many occasions, but his backwardness prevented him from actually doing so. During the dancing lessons he always centered his conversations around dancing techniques and never talked in general terms about himself. She believes he was a Southerner, and she recalled that possibly the first or second week during January 1968, he did not attend dancing instruction, and upon his return, stated that he had visited a brother in the State of Louisiana. RHOADS stated that during the two month period that she knew GALT, he changed residences twice in Hollywood, California. She at no time associated with GALT socially. She was not acquainted with any of his associates, and through conversations, GALT told her that he had no particular "hobby."

She stated that GALT seemed to compensate for his social inaptness by his attire and placing his schedule on precise projects which he was participating in.

As an example, she stated that GALT took dancing lessons she believed to overcome some of his shyness. He pursued the dancing lessons quite vigorously, doubling up on the number of lessons normally taught per week so as to take the maximum number of lessons in the shortest possible time. He abruptly quit dancing, telling her that he had enrolled in bartending school and was having a conflict in his schedule.

RHOADS was of the opinion that he had toyed with his dancing lessons sufficiently to satisfy himself and was "running off on another tangent." She also stated that GALT was not sufficiently busy she believed to have not pursued both courses, because GALT told her that he slept rather late, had lunch, took a nap in the early afternoon, went to bartending school in the late afternoon, and would then attend dancing lessons in the early evening. This, he explained to her, was his typical day, which was not a busy, productive, or strenuous one in her mind.

She stated that GALT was very slow in his mental processes. He often did not understand jokes and did not react favorably to a friendly gesture extended to him. RHOADS stated that during one conversation with GALT she made mention that it was odd that he did not wear any jewelry, that is ring or watch, since he was so well dressed otherwise. GALT replied that he detested jewelry of any sort, and to her knowledge, she never saw him wear a watch, ring, or cuff links, or any other items of jewelry.

RHOADS could remember nothing else of the mannerisms, background, etc. of GALT. She stated that GALT was a white male, weighing about 165 pounds. She stated that he had brown hair; was in his middle 30s; had a medium complexion, and spoke with a Southern accent. She stated that from his diction she believed him to be high school educated. To her knowledge, he spoke no foreign language.

His hair was short but not a flattop or Butch haircut. She stated that she could not recall whether or not he had a part in his hair but for some reason doubted that his hair was parted. His eyes were described as pretty and blue in color.

She stated that should she remember any further information pertaining to GALT, she would immediately contact the Los Angeles Division of the FBI.

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Date 4/18/68

PATTY HARRIS [REDACTED] Long Beach, California, [REDACTED] a student at Long Beach City College, telephonically advised she was formerly employed as a dancing teacher at the National Dance Studio at Long Beach and had as a student, ERIC GALT. She stated that as she recalls he had a course of some 50 hours, and she taught him on the average of about one hour a week for about a month and a half during the early part of this year. He did not finish all of his dance lessons.

During this period, on several occasions, she and he discussed Mexico in general. He told her that he was from Mexico and that he had a business there with someone else. She said he said he was in business with a friend. He told her something about being in the Los Angeles area to attend school but that he had not obtained any employment. He told her that he intended to return to Mexico.

She said he had a very limited knowledge of the Spanish language. In their discussions, he indicated that he had been in Mexico City and to Cuernavaca, Mexico. He did not tell her where his business was, nor where he was living in Mexico.

Through conversation, he indicated that at least on one occasion he had visited a night club in Mexico City known as Senoryel (phonetic), which she also has visited. She stated that this night club had three separate rooms or lounges with different types of music in each. She stated that she thought he was in his early 30s and about 5'8" or 5'9" in height. She noted that she is 5'5" herself and did not regard him as too much taller than she.

She advised that she did not date GALT herself nor does she know anyone who did date him or had any social contact with him.

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She said she believes that ROD, the owner of the dance studio, at one time or another had told her that GALT was a restaurant owner.

She stated that she could not recall if GALT smoked but believes that on several occasions she smelled liquor on his breath.

She stated that she would be agreeable to being re-contacted concerning this matter, and this was the only information she could recall at this time concerning GALT.

1Date 4/29/68

JOHN F. PRICE, manager of the Time Out Cafe located at 2054 Pacific, several doors north of the National Dance Studios, advised that during the months of December 1967 and January 1968, as he recalled, an individual who appeared identical with JAMES EARL RAY appeared at his bar about two or three times a week. This individual, according to PRICE, always appeared at the Time Out Cafe alone and sat alone. He was a good tipper; dressed well, and in conversation with people always talked about dancing. PRICE stated that he firmly suspected that this individual was attending dance lessons at the National Dance Studios several doors south of the Time Out Cafe.

PRICE stated that, as he recalled, this individual always wore a dark tie and on occasion was invited by other patrons of the bar to enter a game of billiards or shuffleboard, always declined the invitation.

PRICE stated that this individual always entered the bar on foot, and he, PRICE, never saw a vehicle which this individual might have driven.

He stated that this individual had a Southern drawl, or perhaps more actually a country boy manner of speaking.

PRICE could furnish no further information about this individual. He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, at which time he stated that he was certain that RAY was the individual who appeared at his bar during December 1967 and January 1968.

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INVESTIGATION AT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
OF BARTENDING, LOS ANGELES, ATTENDED  
BY RAY FROM JANUARY 19, 1968 TO MARCH 2,  
1968

During interviews of the personnel at the National Dance Studio, it was learned that RAY might possibly have attended a bartending school somewhere in the Los Angeles area. Investigation subsequently determined that RAY had attended bartending school at the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/17/68

TOMAS LAU, Director, International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, advised ERIC GALT was not fluent in Spanish and could only say a few words in Spanish. These words, however, were correctly pronounced by him. LAU stated he now recalls that GALT had mentioned to him that he had lived in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for about three years. The exact dates of this residence are unknown. LAU could not recall GALT ever mentioning the reason he had been living in Mexico.

LAU stated he thought it rather peculiar that someone would spend three years in Mexico and would not take the trouble to learn the language. He never questioned GALT in this regard.

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RICHARD GONZALES, [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence at which time he furnished the following information:

He advised he is a former student of the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California at the same time that ERIC GALT, known to him as ERIC, attended the school. He stated they both graduated from the school on the same date and he has not seen GALT since. During conversations with GALT, while attending school, he learned from GALT that GALT had lived in Mexico for about three years, the exact dates and places unknown. GALT claimed to have gotten along well with Mexicans, liked Mexico very much and planned to return there to live.

On the date that graduation took place, in response to a question from TOMAS IAU, Director of the above school, as to what he, GALT, planned to do, GALT stated he was going to go to Birmingham, Alabama to visit his brother for about two weeks. He did not mention the name of his brother or his exact address. He indicated he would possibly return to Los Angeles after this trip to Alabama. GALT indicated he had been a chef in the Merchant marine, sometime in the past, serving on seagoing vessels. GALT never mentioned any other type of employment or members of his family but did imply he had been married once though was not presently married.

At the bartending school, GONZALES found GALT to be very quiet and one who kept to himself. He was also quite slow in mastering the bartending school curriculum and often displayed nervousness. GONZALES stated he thinks that GALT is right handed.

GONZALES stated that GALT never mentioned any women and it was not known whether he drank much. He did not smoke. GONZALES stated that GALT usually wore a business suit to school, however, gave the appearance of one who felt ill at ease in such clothing and it would be more fitting to his personality for him to wear more casual clothing.

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GONZALES stated he never saw GALT's car and he was led to believe that GALT usually drove his car to school. GONZALES stated however that on at least one occasion did not drive his car to school because he, GALT, had allegedly lost his billfold, which contained his driver's license and it was not known if this billfold was ever recovered.

GALT claimed the reason he was taking this bartending course was because as a chef he had occasion to serve cocktails on board ship. He stated he did not feel qualified to mix these drinks properly and so was taking this course.

Concerning descriptive information on GALT, GONZALES furnished the following information:

He stated GALT never used profanity and talked like a fairly educated person. GALT was not observed wearing any rings although did wear a watch which had no distinguishing characteristics. He usually wore a short sleeve with his business suit and no tattoos or scars were observed. GALT's hair was brown with some graying on the sides. GONZALES stated that GALT wore dark brown wing tipped shoes and had a slight southern accent. He stated GALT had a medium frame although somewhat of a large stomach. He never mentioned being in the military and did appear to know a few words in Spanish and what words he did say in Spanish were correctly pronounced.

GONZALES stated that within the next two weeks he is going to move to Oakland, California and will be taking up permanent residence at [REDACTED] Oakland, California. He stated that his mother, Mrs. NINA GONZALES, who lives at [REDACTED] Oakland, California, telephone [REDACTED] will always know his whereabouts.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL TREATMENT RECEIVED BY  
JAMES E. RAY IN LOS ANGELES DURING THE  
PERIOD NOVEMBER 27, 1967 TO DECEMBER 14, 1967

On April 19, 1968, Dr. MARK O. FREEMAN telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office of the FBI stating he believed he had information regarding JAMES E. RAY and desired to be interviewed.

Date April 19, 1968

Dr. MARK O. FREEMAN, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, was interviewed at his residence, 227 South Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, April 19, 1968, at which time he furnished the following information:

On November 27, 1967, he received a telephone call from a JAMES E. RAY, who said he wanted to overcome his shyness, gain social confidence, and learn self-hypnosis in order that he could relax, sleep and learn to remember things better. As there was an open appointment that afternoon, an appointment was made for RAY to come to the doctor's office, 9952 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, at 5:00 p.m.

RAY did report for the scheduled appointment on November 27th, at 5:00 p.m. Dr. FREEMAN exhibited a leaf from his consultation notebook (approximately 3"x5" in size), on which he said he had made some notes regarding RAY on the occasion of their first appointment. This notebook page contained the name JAMES E. RAY; address, 1535 North Serrano; telephone 469-8096; and notations indicating the patient was single; had said he was from East St. Louis, and had worked on boats on the Mississippi River. Born March 10, 1928.

In this first appointment and in subsequent appointments, RAY had very little to contribute about his personal family background. He said that he was unemployed. That he had worked as a cook on a Mississippi river steamer, but did not like the work, so had quit.

The doctor said he got the impression that RAY was an early riser, as he wanted early appointments, where ever possible. He also usually arrived at the office early, considerably ahead of his scheduled appointment time. He was not "shaky," when he arrived for the early morning appointments. No indications that he was suffering from "hang-overs," on those occasions.

RAY had no physical distresses. No headaches. Was in excellent health, trim and handsome. He gave no indications of being psychotic or of being plagued with neuroses. Impressed the doctor as having an average intelligence quotient. No evidence of any deep animosity.

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Although he gave his birthdate as March 10, 1928, on the occasion of their first appointment, RAY impressed the doctor as being "young and immature."

In consultations subsequent to their first meeting, the doctor stated he felt that he and RAY developed a good rapport. RAY repeated his request that he wanted to overcome his shyness, and gain social confidence so that he would be able to talk to people. He was usually placid, cooperative, easily led in conversations, and did not fight against the doctor as some of his clients do. During either the second or third visit, the doctor asked RAY if he had any "deep dark secrets that he wanted to get off his chest." The doctor said he usually asks this question to determine if his clients have any criminal background or any sexual problems or aberrations. He said that RAY answered in the negative, and gave him no reason to doubt his answer.

RAY indicated he had read a lot of books on hypnosis. According to Dr. FREEMAN, "RAY had the old power idea of hypnotism. That is that you can go around looking people in the eye and can hypnotise them and make them do what you want them to." In subsequent appointments, Dr. FREEMAN placed RAY in a hypnotic state. He said he would have RAY lie down on a couch in his office, and stare at a little spiral on the ceiling. Then the doctor would talk to him. He was a very apt subject for hypnosis. Very eager, and very cooperative. He was an excellent hypnotic subject. He was likeable, and polite. He was making progress in overcoming his shyness. At the conclusion of each session, he thanked the doctor for his assistance; and indicated that he was satisfied with the progress he was making. He was learning to calm his body down, and overcome nervousness, and shyness. He usually did what the doctor wanted.

The doctor had no recollection of any particular habits or hobbies that RAY might have had. He did not recall any scars or peculiar physical characteristics that made any special impression on him with regard to RAY. He had no recollection of any discussions regarding sports, although their visits were during the height of the football season and the start of the basketball season. He was neat, and to the best of the doctor's recollection, usually wore a suit coat, without a tie. Two photographs of ERIC GALT (with eyes open and eyes closed) were exhibited to the doctor, who said they were excellent likenesses of his patient, JAMES E. RAY.

The doctor pointed out in his professional appointment book, entries for JAMES E. RAY covering six appointments and a seventh entry which was

crossed through. These appointment dates and times, as noted in the professional appointment book, were:

November 27, 1967	5:00 p.m.
November 30, 1967	10:00 a.m.
December 4, 1967	9:00 a.m.
December 6, 1967	10:00 a.m.
December 11, 1967	3:00 p.m.
December 14, 1967	10:00 a.m.
December 18, 1967	3:00 p.m.

This latter appointment (12/18/67) was the one with the line through it. The doctor recalled that RAY had telephone him at the office, after making the appointment for December 18th, and told him that he would be unable to come to the office for the appointment as he had received information from his brother, that the latter had "found a job for him in the Merchant Marine in New Orleans, Louisiana." The doctor is not sure of the date or time that RAY telephone to cancel this last appointment; but feels sure that it was sometime after their 10:00 a.m. appointment on December 14, 1968.

Dr. FREEMAN said that RAY paid in cash, \$25.00 per visit. Except he has the recollection that RAY sent him a money order (he believes it was a postal money order) for the final \$25.00 payment.

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The doctor said that many of his patients come to him a referral from Mr. MELVIN POWERS of the Wilshire Book Company on the Sunset Strip in Hollywood, California; which he described as a publishing house that publishes numerous titles in the field of self-hypnosis. It was his recollection that RAY had indicated he had read some of these books and that he had been referred to the doctor from that source.



The doctor concluded by stating that JAMES E. RAY came to him seeking psychological help in the nature of self-hypnosis to gain confidence, overcome shyness, learn to sleep better, and to be able to talk to people. Following each session, he was instructed to go home and practice the methods of relaxation they had gone over in the office. He was shy, introverted, and withdrawn, but not psychotic or plagued with any deep seated neuroses. Although he indicated he was unemployed, he never seemed to lack money to pay in cash for his consultations during the period of their appointments. When he called to cancel their last appointment, he indicated he was going to New Orleans to accept a position his brother had obtained for him; but he told the doctor he hoped they would meet again sometime.

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POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OF RAY IN  
THE LOS ANGELES AREA

On application for admission to the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, RAY listed a prior employment as Mr. WILIER, 751 South Figueroa, Los Angeles, with a salary of \$50.00.

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Date 4/17/68

R. J. WEILER, Owner, Office Building, 751 South Figueroa Street, furnished the following information:

Miss E. J. KELLY, Secretary to Mr. WEILER, handles the hiring and paying of all employees. WEILER does not have personal contact with the maintenance employees at 751 South Figueroa Street.

WEILER advised that he has never employed anyone using the name ERIC S. GALT and he could not identify artist drawings of ERIC S. GALT as a prior acquaintance.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING LONG DISTANCE  
TELEPHONE CALLS PLACED FROM TELEPHONE  
BOOTH IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA

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On April 25, 1968, the telephone toll tickets of all long distance telephone calls placed from the telephone booths in the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, were made available to the FBI. The identity of the recipients of the telephone calls were located and interviewed to ascertain the identity of the caller. Investigation to date has failed to locate any recipient of long distance call from telephone booth at St. Francis Hotel who could furnish any information regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

INVESTIGATION REGARDING PURCHASE  
OF JAPANESE HANDCUFFS BY RAY

On April 16, 1968, [REDACTED]  
Hollywood - Wilshire Branch, Bank of America, Los Angeles,  
California, advised that bank money order 0799 19703 dated  
February 26, 1968 in the amount of \$9.98 made payable to  
Tiffany Enterprises was purchased by RAY. This money order  
was endorsed by Tiffany Enterprises and was paid by this bank  
on March 1, 1968.

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Date 4/30/68

On April 25, 1968, Mr. HERBERT F. GREENBERG was contacted at his place of employment, 1640 South La Cienega Boulevard, by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. After being advised of the identity of the contacting agents, he was interviewed regarding a purchase of a set of Japanese handcuffs by ERIC S. GALT, from the International Police Equipment Company, 806 South Robertson Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

GREENBERG stated he is the owner of the International Police Equipment Company, and that company is operated by him strictly on a mail order basis. He has no walk-in customers, and the address of 806 South Robertson Avenue, is nothing more than a mail drop utilized by him to receive mail directed to the International Police Equipment Company. He has been in business since 1953, and advertises police equipment for sale in all or the "trash" detective magazines; however, he does not advertise handcuffs. If a person ordered handcuffs from his company, this person would have to have been a former customer placing a re-order; or would have to have obtained a catalogue and order blank from a prior customer. GREENBERG explained that the only advertisements for handcuffs for sale by his company are contained in the police equipment catalogue that is also put out by his company. This catalogue is not readily available to the public, but is sent to a customer along with an original purchase. His catalogue is not distributed by mail lists, nor does his company utilize mailing lists in its operation.

Regarding the Japanese handcuffs, GREENBERG stated that he formerly sold a Spanish-made handcuff, and has only handled a Japanese manufactured cuff for the last ninety or one hundred days.

GREENBERG was advised that a package containing a set of Japanese handcuffs and a catalogue advertising police equipment for sale had been mailed by the International Police Equipment Company, 806 South Robertson Avenue, on March 16,

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by SAS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/30/68

1968, to ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard. GREENBERG advised that he did not personally recall filling such an order, but that he would check his records, and make available all information regarding the order. In this regard, GREENBERG stated that he would most probably have an original purchase order signed by the buyer, which he would make available.

During the late afternoon of April 25, 1968, GREENBERG telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] at the Los Angeles FBI Office and advised that he had been in contact with the secretary who handled his company's records. She advised that she had located the above-described purchase order made by GALT, and that this order had been placed by him on February 26, 1968. She further advised that GALT had paid for the money order by check in the amount of \$9.98, but that for some reason the order had been delayed. GALT then called the secretary on the phone and asked her what had happened and requested she fill the order immediately. The secretary had then called GREENBERG and told him to ship the order immediately. GREENBERG advised that he would have the original order on the morning of April 26, 1968.

On April 26, 1968, GREENBERG was contacted at his place of employment by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. At this time, GREENBERG made available the following documents pertaining to the above-described sale:

(1) One Air Mail envelope, postmarked February 26, 1968, addressed to Tiffany Enterprises, 8512 Whitworth Drive, Los Angeles, California, bearing a return address of ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California 90028.

(2) One typewritten letter, dated February 26, 1968, bearing the typewritten signature, ERIC S. GALT, as well as a written signature in the same name.

Inscribed on the letter were various notations in what appeared to be red-colored ball-point ink, and the numerals "998" in black ink. These notations, according to



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GREENBERG, were placed there by himself at the time he filled the order. The above-described documents were inscribed on the back upper left hand corners, "4/26/68, TMS, LA; Calif." by SA [REDACTED]

After furnishing the above-described documents, GREENBERG stated that he would have to revise the information previously furnished by him regarding the order and purchase of the handcuffs by GALT. He stated that Tiffany Enterprises is also a mail order business, and that two of the salesmen employed by Tiffany occasionally sell merchandise for him. In this regard, GREENBERG advised that in addition to the catalogue containing advertisements of police equipment for sale, he also put out a brochure which advertised the Japanese handcuffs.

He has furnished a number of these brochures to the Tiffany Enterprise salesmen, and they place a stamp on the brochure which indicates to a customer that these handcuffs can be purchased through Tiffany Enterprises. However, they do not carry handcuffs and any orders for them are filled by him. This would explain why GALT addressed his letter to Tiffany Enterprises. The secretary for Tiffany Enterprises, who is also utilized by him, advised him that GALT paid for his purchase with a money order in the amount of \$9.98. Her name is JANIE (last name unknown), and she can be located at Tiffany Enterprises. GREENBERG stated that in talking with her, she mentioned that agents of the FBI had already contacted her and other members of Tiffany Enterprises. GREENBERG described the brochures furnished to Tiffany Enterprises as a 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 11" green sheet, a number of which were furnished to Mr. FLOYD CLEMENS of Tiffany Enterprises.

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING TELEPHONE  
CALLS MADE FROM LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE  
LISTED TO ERIC. S. GALT DURING PERIOD  
NOVEMBER, 1967 TO JANUARY, 1968

Inquiry at the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, 1149 North Gower Street, Los Angeles, reflected that telephone number 469-8096 was assigned to ERIC GALT at 1535 North Serrano, Apartment 6, Los Angeles, from November 27, 1967 to January 22, 1968.

Previous investigation on April 13, 1968 at the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company revealed that calls were made from number 469-8096 to the following subscribers on the dates indicated:

Kirby Vacuum Sales,  
11329 South La Mirada Boulevard  
La Mirada, California  
(941-8767) on November 29, 1967

U. S. Coast Guard,  
Number 19 Pine Street  
Long Beach, California  
(437-2941) on December 4, 1967

ALAN ROSS

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Venice, California  
[REDACTED] on January 20, 1968

The above listed information taken from the records of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company can be made public only with the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to CHARLES BITNER, Chief Special Agent, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, California.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/20/68

Mr. GEORGE MAC DONALD, Owner, Kirby Field and Service, 11329 South La Mirada, Whittier, California, advised he did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and did not recognize any of RAY's aliases:

Eric Starvo Galt

Harvey Lowmyer

John Willard

MAC DONALD did not recognize any of RAY's aliases as being a customer, a member of the sales department, or an applicant to Kirby's Sales and Service.

Mr. MAC DONALD stated that on November 27, 1968, he placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Herald Examiner advertising for service and sales personnel. The ad asked for men 18 to 45, no experience necessary, pertaining in field and service and setting forth the salaries that would be given. He advised that they had over 100 calls through the telephone listed in the advertisement, 941-8767. Of these 100 calls they eliminated approximately 50 of the applicants by phone. Of the approximately 50 remaining, applications were mailed to them and out of these approximately 20 people were called back and brought in for interview. Of the 20 interviewed, half were eliminated through the interview, and the remaining ten were trained in either sales or service. MAC DONALD stated that none of those that were interviewed resembled JAMES EARL RAY, and he reviewed all names obtained through the phone calls and applications and none of them were similar to JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

Mr. MAC DONALD pointed out that he opened his shop on November 4, 1967 just three weeks before the ad was placed.

On 4/20/68 at Whittier, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/20/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/20/68

Mr. JAMES T. MOORE, Field Manager, Kirby Field and Service, 11329 South La Mirada Boulevard, Whittier, California, advised he did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and did not recognize any of RAY's aliases:

Eric Starvo Galt

Harvey Lowmyer

John Willard

MOORE did not recognize any of RAY's aliases as being a customer, a member of the sales department, or an applicant to Kirby's Sales and Service.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/19/68

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] U.S. Coast Guard District Office, Number 19  
Pine Street, furnished the following information:

The office does not keep a record of incoming telephone calls which come through telephone number 437-2941. Any person could call the building through the switchboard and call anyone in the building by name or extension.

[REDACTED] advised that there are 132 Coast Guard employees in the District Office.

[REDACTED] advised that many inquiries are made by persons seeking a license as a marine cook or steward, or for information on how to obtain seaman's papers.

Persons checking information concerning marine cooks and stewards positions are referred to the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, Long Beach, California. Persons inquiring about a seaman's license are referred to Commandor HERB JOHNSON, Marine Inspection Office, Wilmington, California.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/19/68

[REDACTED], U. S. Coast Guard District Office, Number 91 Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California, furnished the following information:

Telephone number 437-2941 is the number on which all incoming calls to the U. S. Coast Guard District Office are received. No record is maintained for incoming calls. A person calling this number could call anyone of 132 employees in the building by name or extension.

[REDACTED] advised that personal inquiries made at the office would be handled through himself or his Assistant [REDACTED]. When exhibited an artist conception of ERIC STARVO GALT, [REDACTED] advised that GALT was unfamiliar to him. [REDACTED] advised that GALT had not made an inquiry using the name HARRY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/17/68

ALLAN ROSS was interviewed at his place of business, Squire, Incorporated, 6725 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 15, 1968. He was shown a group of composite photographs of a suspect involved in the MARTIN LUTHER KING slaying, at which time he advised that he did not recall ever having noticed anyone who looked similar to any of the photographs.

He was then specifically asked if the name ERIC STARVO GALT or anyone using the last names of STARVO or FOTOS meant anything to him. ROSS stated that he did not recall anyone by the above names. He then stated that he would review his appointment books, his sales books and contact books in order to ascertain if anyone by these names had contacted him in the past as a prospective purchaser of a toupee from Squire.

After reviewing his records, he stated that the records reflected no one by the above mentioned names. He was then asked if he recalled seeing anyone socially or professionally during the past several months whom he knew to be an unemployed merchant seaman, who wore expensive alligator shoes and who generally fit the description of the MARTIN LUTHER KING murder suspect which was written on the reverse sides of the photographs. After considerable thought, ROSS stated that he could not recall anyone having the above mannerisms or having the above names, either on a social or a professional basis. He advised that he would immediately contact the Los Angeles Division of the FBI should he recall that this individual in the past had associated with him in any manner.

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CANADIAN MONEY ORDERS

Information was received on April 24, 1968 from Headquarters, FBI, Washington, D.C. that RAY had purchased the following money orders in Canada on the following dates:

July 24, 1967, amount of \$9.00 payable to  
Futura Books  
4533 Lennox  
Inglewood, California.

August 9, 1967, amount of \$1.00 payable to  
E. Z. Formula  
Hollywood, California



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 6, 1968

On May 6, 1968, Mr. GORDON W. SCHINDLER, President of Monogram Publications, Inc., and Futura Books, Inc., 21839 South Avalon Boulevard, Torrance, California upon hearing Agent introduce himself to the female clerk at the front desk; stated that he wanted to handle this matter personally.

SCHINDLER said that before he would answer any questions or make any matters available to the FBI with reference to ERIC S. GALT having made purchases from his concern, he wanted to ask some questions; (1) Did the Governor of Tennessee invite the FBI into this matter? (2) He had read in the newspapers that the Chief of Police in Memphis was unhappy with the FBI being there and just what jurisdiction did the FBI have in this matter?

As to the first question, Mr. SCHINDLER was advised that the President of the United States and the Attorney General had ordered the FBI into this matter in Memphis at which time Mr. SCHINDLER stated it appeared that the States have no rights anymore and that the Federal Government is taking over all their rights.

As to the second question, Mr. SCHINDLER was advised that the Chief of Police in Memphis was personally known to the interviewing Agent and did not believe the Chief of Police would have made such a statement. Secondly, Wanted Flyer 442-A dated April 19 1968 was displayed to Mr. SCHINDLER and the violations of Federal law set forth in this Wanted Flyer was explained to Mr. SCHINDLER.

Mr. SCHINDLER stated that so far as he was concerned, this whole matter was a waste of the taxpayer's money, that so far as he was concerned, the Federal Government had no jurisdiction in this matter,

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that his type of books which he sells does not fall within the realm of being subversive or teaching someone how to shoot a gun, so therefore he shouldn't have to furnish any information in this regard. Further, he didn't like the idea of the FBI investigating his concern. Mr. SCHINDLER was informed that his concern was not being investigated by the FBI; that the FBI was seeking his cooperation as a good American citizen to furnish information about this matter voluntarily.

Mr. SCHINDLER then stated that he has had trouble with the United States Government in the past, that he sustained a conviction on a matter which was the publishing of a book that was declared to be obscene and now, under the present day standards, it is being sold on the open market in book stores. Further, that if the United States Government wanted anything from him or his records that they would have to appear there with the proper papers or subpoena.

A Secretary of the corporation, whom the interviewing Agent had dealt with on the previous interview came into the room and Mr. SCHINDLER turned to her stating that she was to give the FBI nothing without his authority.

It was pointed out to Mr. SCHINDLER that during the previous interview, one of the clerks had indicated that the name of ERIC S. GALT had sounded familiar to them and believe perhaps he had a previous order, that now it had been determined that a money order in the amount of \$9.00 dated 7/24/67 had been sent to:

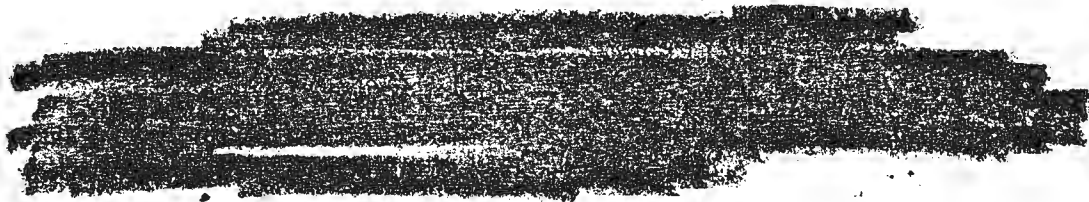
FUTURA BOOKS  
4533 Lennox  
Inglewood, Calif.

Mr. SCHINDLER was advised by his Secretary that during the foregoing period of time she did not believe they kept track of their money orders, however she would make a diligent search for this order. Mr. SCHINDLER stated that he would agree to allow his Secretary to call the FBI and report whether or not they had such an order and to where it had been sent.

Mr. SCHINDLER stated that he would allow the FBI to make notes or a copy of this document, if it could be located, and that he intended to have the original document framed and hung on his office wall.

Mr. SCHINDLER claimed that he had not formed any personal adverse feelings towards the FBI other than it was another Governmental Agency involved in matters over which it has no jurisdiction.

Mr. SCHINDLER stated that he had just returned from New York and was amazed at the number of pornographic books he had observed in the book stores there, that he was sure that these books must have traveled in interstate shipments and thought the FBI and Postal Inspectors could spend more time in these types of cases rather than becoming involved in the matter in Memphis.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 10, 1968

On May 10, 1968, LORRAINE MARTIN of Futura Books, Inc., Torrance, California was telephonically contacted at 830-7903 for the purpose of acknowledging receipt of a Xerox copy of an order received by her concern on 7/26/67 from ERIC GALT, 2584 Notre Dame, Montreal, Canada, which she had mailed to Agent at the FBI Office in Los Angeles.

MARTIN explained that the initials of "SH" in the upper right-hand corner of this order means "SPECIAL HANDLING". Just to the left of this is their ink stamp date of receiving this order of 7/26/67 and on the right center margin is the time of receipt, 9 a.m.

MARTIN explained that the way their concern keeps records on what magazines an ad was taken from is in the address itself. In this particular one, "Dept. 17" is set forth. MARTIN states their records reflect that "Dept. 17" is for their ads placed in MEN'S REAL ADVENTURE magazine.

This order is checked for the following titled books:

SEXUAL ANATOMY  
UNUSUAL FEMALE SEX PRACTICES  
SEX PEELING IN MEN & WOMEN

On the back of this order it is indicated the order was received and mailed on the same date, July 26, 1967.

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What the book of symbols is needed for a long time is a kind of common economic code illustrating the various types and their functions, with a number of photographs and just drawings. Here it is provided by Joseph Low, M.D. Contents include physiology of erection, variations in sizes of penis (with average size as well as the largest sizes ever recorded), inter-erectile, both male and female, genital vasodilation, detumescence, the penis for im-

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lusions by David O. Crowell, M.D. Subjects include: distinction between peeping-toms and voyeurs, why girls peek, case-histories, normal and abnormal peaking, voyeurism in marriage, viewing parents during coitus, watching boys masturbate, psychological reactions, etc.

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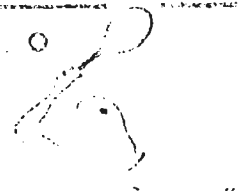
brother / son / father / daughter, uncle / niece  
brother/sister, mother/son, results of suppression  
incomplete design, origin of the incest taboo, lega-  
lized incest, reactions of subjects, etc.

of a type recurring between the author and a mis-swapping couple. All the clues the subject brings up—why do they do this? How do they get started? etc.—are answered. A valuable insight into the mis-swapping personality.

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1Date 5/8/68

MILDRED GREENE, Receptionist, Barnett and Hersh, 7551 Melrose Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, said that E.Z. Formulas, 6311 Yucca Street, Hollywood, California, is a subsidiary of Barnett and Hersh. She stated that E.Z. Formulas pertains only to a magazine mail order business selling a single formula for making glass into a two-way mirror. She stated again that E.Z. Formulas sells only this single formula, not including the ingredients, for making glass into a two-way mirror. She provided a copy of the formula which consisted of a single printed yellow piece of paper of standard size.

She said that her firm has no record of any type of sale to a person using the names of ERIC STARVO GALT and/or JAMES EARL RAY. She said that when any subsidiary firm of Barnett and Hersh obtains a mail order, they immediately dispatch the item sold. They maintain no receipt or record of shipment. She said that they retain the addresses for a short period of time until a sufficient quantity has been accumulated to sell them to other mail order firms. She advised that all of these addresses have been sold, up to and including November 1967. She advised that these addresses were sold to Northwestern Company, 466 North Western, Los Angeles, California.

She advised that Barnett and Hersh utilize the addresses as provided by Postel, a mail box house and answering service, located at 6311 Yucca Street, Hollywood, California.

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by -SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/7/68

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1Date 5/8/68

JONATHAN YOST, Northwestern Company, 466 North Western, Los Angeles, California, advised that his firm purchases the names and addresses of mail order subscribers from Barnett and Hersh. He said this is a common practice in the mail order sales business and a common price is \$20.00 per thousand names. He said that his firm, upon purchasing these names, sends brochures to these individuals. He stated that if they receive no answer they no longer send any further brochures. He advised that after the initial mailing the names and addresses are destroyed. YOST stated that having purchased these names and addresses from Barnett and Hersh in November, his firm would have mailed the brochures to the names and addresses and thereafter would have destroyed them. YOST reviewed his files for the names JAMES EARL RAY and/or ERIC STARVO GALT. He could locate no such names.

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INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE MANUFACTURER  
OF TIRE LOCATED ON 1966 WHITE MUSTANG  
ABANDONED ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The Atlanta Office of the FBI furnished a photograph and inked impression of tire bearing serial number 417P807. Investigation was conducted to determine the manufacturer of this tire, the place from which sold and identity of purchaser.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 3, 1968

On May 1, 1968 a photograph and ink impression reflecting the tread design of the recapped tires found on the Mustang automobile abandoned by JAMES EARL RAY in Atlanta, Georgia, were exhibited to MAURICE CLAPP, Owner, F.C. Inc., Colton at Wabash, Montone, California. Mr. CLAPP advised that the mold that made the tire tread design in question was manufactured by National Casting Company which was in the tire mold manufacturing business in Lynwood, California until approximately three years ago. He stated that when National Casting went out of business he bought many of their mold designs. He stated that Mrs. MARY SKOLICA, 11079 Sue Avenue, Lynwood, California, maintained all of the records for National Casting. Mr. CLAPP described the tread design as a "New Safety 8" design that was about five years old.

n 5/1/68 at Montone, California File # 44-1574

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Date dictated 5/3/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONDate 5/14/681

On May 2, 1968, Mrs. MARY SKOLICH, [REDACTED], Lynwood, California, home phone [REDACTED], business phone 636-1033, was contacted at the Hogebuilt Manufacturing Company, Lynwood, and she advised that she would make a search of her old records in an effort to determine for which company the National Casting Company made the Matrix in question. On May 3, 1968, Mrs. SKOLICH advised that the Matrix was made for the Garvin Tire Service Centers in the late part of 1962 or early part of 1963.

On 5/2-3/68 at Lynwood, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 19681

On April 18, 1968, Mr. RUDOLPH TELUSI, owner, Los Angeles Matrix Company, 5530 Borwick, South Gate, California, was interviewed in an effort to determine if the recap tires found on the auto abandoned by ERIC S. GALT in Atlanta, Georgia, were made from a mold manufactured and sold by his company.

Mr. TELUSI advised that his company manufactures tire molds and distributes them nationally. He added that 90 per cent of the companies distribution and sales of tire molds is in the Southern California area. He advised that there are over a thousand such tire molds sold by his company in California. Mr. TELUSI advised that his company does not place any type of identification marking or initials in its tire molds but he added that many of the people possessing such molds mark them with their own identification. Mr. TELUSI stated the initials "RGT" mean nothing to him. He stated that if he were to be able to examine the actual tires or a detailed duplication of the tread on the tires he would most likely be able to determine if the mold that made the tires was made and sold by his company.

On 4/18/68 at South Gate, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574  
by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/24/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/15/681

On May 3, 1968, Mr. ROBERT PALLOTTO, Manager, Garvin Tire Service Center, 7257 Reseda Boulevard, Reseda, California, advised that his company purchased the Matrix in question in the late part of 1962 or early part of 1963 and his company has been and is still using the Matrix to mold tires. Mr. PALLOTTO advised that his company's tires do bear the identification mark of "GT" but he has no idea how the identification mark of "RGT" would get on one of the tires. A review of all of the sales invoices of the Reseda Center from August, 1967 to the end of March, 1968, failed to reflect any tire purchase identifiable to JAMES EARL RAY. PALLOTTO advised that his company often merely writes the word "cash" on the invoice rather than any name or address and it would therefore be impossible to identify the persons purchasing tires. PALLOTTO advised that his company also has a branch service center in North Hollywood, California, and their records would be available for review.

On 5/3/68 at Reseda, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/15/681

On May 10, 1968, L. D. JOHNSON, Manager, Garvin Tire Service Center, 5140 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood, California, advised that a review of the sales invoices for August, 1967, through March, 1968, for the North Hollywood Branch of the Garvin Tire Service Centers failed to reveal any item identifiable to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt and it was noted that many of the invoices merely had the notation "cash".

On 5/10/68 at North Hollywood, California, Los Angeles 44-1574  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 3, 1968

On May 1, 1968 a photograph, and ink impression reflecting the tread design of the recapped tires found on the Mustang automobile abandoned by JAMES EARL RAY in Atlanta, Georgia, were exhibited to the following tire mold company owners with the object of determining if their respective companies manufactured the tire mold from which the recaps were made. The following owners advised that their company did not make the mold in question.

RUDY PAMUCHI, Owner, L. A. Matrix Co.,  
5530 Borwick Street  
South Gate, California

BERT HUGHES, Owner, Ace Tire Mold Co.  
1817 Chico Street  
South El Monte, California

PAUL TROHEMAN, Owner, General Equipment Exchange  
354 Tennessee Street  
Redlands, California

PETER KEADY, Owner, Balloon Tire Mould Corp.  
4546 East Washington Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California

On 5/1/68 at Los Angeles, California File # 44-1574

by [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/3/68

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING LETTER  
WRITTEN BY ERIC S. GALT TO THE  
AMERICAN-SOUTHERN AFRICA COUNCIL,  
WASHINGTON, D.C., DECEMBER, 1967

The Washington Field Office, FBI, advised that on May 9, 1968 JOHN ACORD, Chairman, American-Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. furnished that office a letter received from ERIC S. GALT. The letter is quoted as follows:

"December 23, '67

"Dear Sir,

"I recently read an article in the L.A. Times on you council, the local John Birch Society provided me with your address. My reason for writing is that I am considering immigrating to Rhodesia, however their are a couple legal questions involved.

"1: The U.S. Government will not issue a passport for travel to Rhodesia.

"2: Would there be any way to enter Rhodesia legally (from the Rhodesian Government point of view).

"I would appreciate any information you could give me on the above subject or any other information on Rhodesia.

"Sincerely

Eric S. Galt  
1535 N. Serrano  
Los Angeles, California, 90027

Mr. ACORD advised he was in Rhodesia when the letter was received at his office and his secretary replied to this letter with a form letter enclosing literature on Rhodesia.

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On May 10, 1968, Mrs. BETH WOODIN, Secretary to Mr. REX H. WESTERFIELD, West Coast Director of Public Relations for the John Birch Society, 2627 Mission Road, San Marino, California, searched her files for the years 1967 and 1968 for a record of correspondence with or from ERIC S. GALT, but was unable to locate any record of correspondence with GALT.

On May 13, 1968, REX H. WESTERFIELD advised he had rechecked the files and records of the John Birch Society and had interviewed the persons who had normally had telephonic contact with the public and there is no record of ERIC S. GALT having contacted the Society at any time through the mail, by phone or in person.



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INVESTIGATION REGARDING ASSOCIATES  
OF RAY AFFILIATED WITH AMERICAN  
INDEPENDENT PARTY

CHARLES J. STEIN advised RAY, as condition to driving him to New Orleans, Louisiana, during December, 1967, requested STEIN, RITA STEIN and MARIE MARTIN to register with the American Independent Party in an effort to have the name of GEORGE WALLACE placed on the ballot as a candidate for the President of the United States.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/10/681

On May 9, 1968, RODERIC TURNER DUFF, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Monrovia, California, furnished the following information:

He is the President of the Los Angeles chapter of the Citizen's Council of America and is employed as a leadman in the plastic department of Mapo Productions, 1400 Grand Central Avenue, Burbank, California.

The Los Angeles Citizen's Council holds monthly meetings, usually at Embassy Hotel Auditorium, Los Angeles, which are open to the public but not advertised in the newspapers due to potential picketing. DUFF viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and could not identify RAY as ever attending any of these open meetings.

In addition, DUFF advised that he is very active in support of the 1968 Presidential Campaign of Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE and is frequently at the WALLACE headquarters in Arcadia, California and Bell Gardens, California, and at the former office on Lankershim Boulevard, Los Angeles. He advised that he never saw anyone resembling RAY at these offices nor heard the name of ERIC STARVO GALT mentioned there.

DUFF concluded by stating that JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, is completely unknown to him by either photograph or name and he had no idea of who else could possibly be involved in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On 5/9/68 at Monrovia, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574  
by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/9/68

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PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

During the investigation regarding ERIC GALT's communication with "The Local Swinger" he submitted a typewritten letter, signed ERIC S. GALT, to be forwarded to an individual listed in a list of Swingers maintained by that club. This letter furnished by the United States Postal Inspector in Charge, San Francisco, California, was furnished the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C. for examination with typewriting samples previously submitted. Also furnished for typewriting examination was a typewritten advertisement to be placed in the "Los Angeles Free Press", avant garde newspaper, which bore the typewritten name and address of ERIC S. GALT, 406 South Second, Alhambra, California 91802.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION

REPORT  
OF THEFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LABORATORYFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN  
CRDate: May 8, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-562380 JK

Specimens received 5/3/68

- Q315 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68, beginning "I AM ANSWERING..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q316 Typewritten advertisement beginning "SINGLE MALE CAUC. 36..." bearing typewritten name and address "ERIC S. GALT, 406 SO 2nd, ALHAMBRA. 91802"

ALSO SUBMITTED: One copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press"

## Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on Q315 and Q316 are the same as the impressions appearing on other typewritten items in the name Eric S. Galt which were previously submitted. Because of the lack of identifying defects, it could not be determined whether the same typewriter was employed to prepare the current and previous submissions, but no significant differences were noted.

The Eric S. Galt signature on Q315 was prepared by the individual who prepared the signature in this name appearing on numerous other items received.

The submitted material is temporarily retained. Photographs were made.

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Section 42



FBI

Date: 4/5/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Aka John Willard;  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
OO: Memphis

Enclosed are original and one Xerox copy each of 11 news articles re shooting of Victim, 4/4/68.

All of the enclosed articles appeared in the final edition of "The Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tenn. newspaper, April 5, 1968.

22 ENCLOSURES  
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1 - Memphis  
JCH:ME  
(4)

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Reg. Mail.....  
Registered.....

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EX 101

44-38861-3558

25 MAY 17 1968

File  
"MURKIN"

57 MAY 23 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 6 1968

TELETYPE

PAGE TWO CG (441-1114)

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING COMMON DENOMINATOR OF COUNTRY CLUB  
EMPLOYMENT THROUGH THE FAMILY, CHICAGO DIVISION INSTITUTED  
PERSONAL CONTACT OF ALL COUNTRY CLUBS WITHIN THIS DIVISION  
TO DETERMINE ANY POSSIBILITY OF PRIOR EMPLOYMENT AND CHECKING  
OUT NEW EMPLOYEES FROM APRIL FIVE TO DATE. ALL COUNTRY  
CLUB PERSONNEL CONTACTED WERE FURNISHED COPY OF IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER OF SUBJECT AND ALERTED TO POSSIBILITY THAT SUBJECT  
MIGHT CONTACT CLUB. THESE CONTACTS DID NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION  
SUBJECT WAS SO EMPLOYED CHICAGO AREA.

IT IS SUGGESTED BUREAU MIGHT DESIRE TO INSTITUTE SIMILAR  
TYPE INVESTIGATION IN LOGICAL DIVISIONS AND BASED UPON RESULTS  
OF THOSE CONTACTS, INSTITUTE SIMILAR INVESTIGATION IN ALL DIVISIONS  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

WPK

FBI WASH, DC

May 10, 1968

Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

To: All SACS  
LEGATS, Mexico City  
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI <sup>REC-69</sup> 44-38861-3559

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles, in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and Dangerous.

REL:cs  
(5)

NOTE: Chicago by communication to Bureau and Memphis advised that subject's brother presently employed at country club. Chicago stated that subject attended bartending school and prior to leaving Los Angeles area made several phone calls to country clubs in effort to obtain employment. Chicago advised that as a result of this, they instituted personal contact of all country clubs within their division to determine possibility of employment by subject. These contacts did not give any indication subject was employed Chicago area.

Each division and Legats, Ottawa and Mexico City, are being instructed that this information should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

72 MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

F B I

Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: Latent Fingerprint Section  
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the May 3, 1968,  
edition of LIFE Magazine.

This magazine was furnished to the Denver Office,  
May 6, 1968, by [redacted], Denver,  
Colorado, who is employed [redacted] at Stapleton International  
Airport. [redacted] advised that on the night of April 30, 1968,  
he observed a man who he now believes to be JAMES EARL RAY,  
sitting in the TV area of the lobby at Stapleton between  
9:40 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.; and during this period, this man  
was reading the enclosed magazine and was observed by [redacted]  
to tear out some of the pages which he folded and put in his  
inside coat pocket. This man left the area about 10:30 p.m.,  
leaving the magazine on his seat; [redacted] picked the magazine  
up and later discovered that the pages containing the article  
about RAY had been torn out and were missing. [redacted] later  
read an issue of "Jet" which had a photograph and an article  
concerning RAY; and at that time, came to the conclusion that  
the man he saw April 30, 1968, was possibly identical with RAY.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process  
enclosed magazine for latent prints and any latents developed  
be compared with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number  
405942G.

(3 - Bureau (Enc 1)  
2 - Memphis  
2 - Denver  
WMG/cal  
(7)

C. C. [Signature]  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

44-38861-3560  
MAY 20 1968  
17:10 5-16-68

5/16/68

Airtel

EX-101

*[Handwritten signature]*

To: SAC's, Denver (157-263)  
Memphis (44-1987)

REC-40

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 3 560

MURKIN

*7*  
*Just*

Re Denver airtel 5/6/68, submitting a copy of the May 3, 1968, issue of Life Magazine.

Four latent fingerprints of value were developed on magazines. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942C.

Magazines being returned to Denver under separate cover.

MAILED 2  
MAY 16 1968  
COMM-FBI

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Mr. Rosen

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

66 MAY 23 1968

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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FBI

Date: 5/10/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

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Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
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Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)  
RE: MURKIN

RE: Suspect [REDACTED]

Re Houston airtel to the Bureau 5/4/68.

On 5/9/68, the photographs of SMITH were displayed to [REDACTED], his wife, and his mother. Each indicated that the photo was not that of the man whom they identified on the bus to Mexico on 4/6/68 as JAMES EARL RAY. They advised that the photo of [REDACTED] was that of a man much younger whose hair was too long and face was too elongated, rather than roundish as is that of RAY.

[REDACTED] and his family reiterated that the Unsub on the bus looked enough like RAY to be either him or a "twin".

One extra copy of this airtel is designated for the Bureau for transmittal to Legat, Mexico.

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4 - Bureau  
(1 - Legat, Mexico)  
1 - Houston (44-1509)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - SA  
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cc - Legat, Mexico  
5-15-68

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: May 14, 1968

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

CR  
 OO: Memphis

Re Legat Mexico City airtel, 4/23/68.

Hotel Rio Guests  
 Morclos 86  
 Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

Referenced airtel reported that the following individuals from the San Francisco area were registered in the hotel during the time ERIC STARVO GALT was in that vicinity:

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. OLDERSHAW  
 FRANCIS BROOK  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. S. FOSTER  
 JOSEPH E. MURRAY  
 Mr. and Mrs. BEN LAPIN  
 RICHARD METZ  
 CONSUELO A. METZ  
 HAROLD DAWKINS  
 JULIA A. FITTERER (FINDERER)  
 Miss MARGARET HAYDEN  
 Mrs. BETTY BRIGGS  
 THOMAS F. PACKARD

The identity of the following guests was developed during the interviews of the above named individuals:

1cc - Legat, Mexico City  
 5-17-68  
 (2) - Bureau (44-38861)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - San Francisco (173-65)  
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SF 173-65  
MTG:rvn

Mr. and Mrs. SAM L. ANDERSON

ANN GINSBURG

The ANDERSON's presence at the hotel was furnished by the MURRAY's and ANN GINSBURG was with JULIA A. FITTERER.

All available photographs and the artist's sketch of RAY were exhibited during the interviews. None of the people listed below who were guests at the Hotel Rio could identify photographs of RAY as being identical with any guest at the hotel during their stay and could not furnish any information regarding him:

Mr. and Mrs. CHAR LES F. OLDERSHAW

[REDACTED]  
Concord, California - 5/10/68

Dr. and Mrs. FRANCIS R. BROOKS

[REDACTED]  
Lafayette, California - 5/10/68

Mr. and Mrs. DEWITT S. FOSTER

[REDACTED]  
Moraga, California 5/2/68

Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH E. MURRAY

[REDACTED]  
Piedmont, California 5/6/68

Mrs. SHIRLEY R. LAPIN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Richmond, California 5/10/68

BEN LAPIN

[REDACTED]  
San Francisco, California 5/10/68

The LAPINS reside at [REDACTED]  
Pinolo, California

Mrs. CONSUELO A. METZ

[REDACTED]  
San Rafael, California 5/2/68

SF 173-65  
MTG:rvn

Mrs. CONSUELO A. METZ resides at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Fairfax, California

RICHARD METZ  
[REDACTED]

San Anselmo, California 5/2/68

HAROLD O. DAWKINS  
[REDACTED]

San Francisco, California 5/1/68

JULIA M. FITTERER (FIHERER)  
[REDACTED]

San Francisco, California 5/2/68

Resides at [REDACTED] San Francisco

ANN GINSBURG  
[REDACTED]

San Francisco, California 5/3/68

Mrs. BETTY BRIGGS  
[REDACTED]

San Francisco, California 5/1/68

Resides at [REDACTED] San Francisco

Miss MARGARET HAYDEN  
[REDACTED]

San Francisco, California 5/1/68

Resides at [REDACTED] San Francisco

THOMAS F. PACKARD  
[REDACTED]

San Francisco, California 5/3/68

Resides at [REDACTED] San Francisco

Mr. and Mrs. SAM L. ANDERSON  
[REDACTED]

Palo Alto, California 5/7/68

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Date: 5/14/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)  
 RE: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Mobile airtel to Bureau 5/9/68.

Alabama License [REDACTED]  
 Seen Alliance, Ohio 5/7/68

On 5/9/68, [REDACTED] Alliance, Ohio, was contacted. [REDACTED] indicated he had telephoned the FBI in Washington, after he had seen a man who resembled RAY, coming out of Turner's Drugstore, Alliance, Ohio. [REDACTED] stated that he was downtown, driving in his own car when he observed this individual, who appeared to be, or at least resembled RAY. He stated he went around the dock, came back and copied a license number after he observed this man enter an old green vehicle which he believed to be a Chrysler product. This license was copied down by himself and he then telephoned the FBI in Washington giving them the details as he recalled same. In regards to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] said that he was on the opposite side of the street when this man left the drugstore and he again observed him after driving around the block from a distance of 30 or so feet, but did not get a good view, since the man was in the car. [REDACTED] was not absolutely sure that this individual was RAY, however, indicated he wished to aid the FBI in any conceivable way possible, [REDACTED] had immediately or soon thereafter telephoned Washington. [REDACTED] had no additional information to add to the above facts or [REDACTED] on the information furnished Washington.

- 3 - Bureau  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 1 - Mobile (157-2527)  
 2 - Savannah  
 2 - Cleveland

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(10) Approved: [REDACTED]

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Attn: [REDACTED]

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In above referenced communication, Mobile advised that an investigation at Cleveland and Savannah does not result in the location of [REDACTED] it is suggested that attempts to trace him through the James H. Brown Show by contact with the Billboard Magazine, Cincinnati, Ohio be set out.

Inasmuch as Cleveland was unable to obtain any additional information in this matter, in its interview with [REDACTED] Savannah if unable to locate [REDACTED] will set out the lead to contact Billboard Magazine, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) (MAIL) AND SAC, TAMPA

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

██████████ OWNER, ██████████  
 ██████████, TELEPHONE ██████████ OR ██████████  
 ██████████ SANFORD, FLA., TELEPHONICALLY  
 ADVISED THE MIAMI OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

WHILE IN GARFIELD'S BARBERSHOP, SANFORD, FLA., UNKNOWN MALE,  
 POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY, WAS ALSO THERE. THIS  
 INDIVIDUAL CLAIMED TO BE TAXI DRIVER FOR YELLOW CAB COMPANY,  
 SANFORD, FLA. ██████████ OF THE OPINION INDIVIDUAL CLOSELY RESEMBLES  
 PHOTO AND DESCRIPTION OF RAY AS CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS.

TAMPA AT SANFORD, FLA., IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE AS BEING  
 IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. EX 101

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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1 - Bureau (44-38861) (AM)  
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
 1 - Miami (44-1854)  
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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

FBI

Date: 5/14/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Phoenix airtel to Director, dated  
5/6/68.

On 5/13/68, [REDACTED] Saline, Michigan, advised she was unable to definitely ascertain if the caller on the tape of the anonymous telephone call to Coconino County Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] on 4/20/68, was her brother [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] indicated there were pronounced similarities between the voice on the tape and the voice of her brother, however, several of the expressions and words used by the person making the anonymous telephone call were foreign to her and extremely unlike those used by her brother.

[REDACTED] indicated she was not in possession of a tape of the voice of her brother as she had indicated to Special Agent of the Phoenix Office during prior telephone call. [REDACTED] said she had been in possession of such a tape, however, she discovered that this tape had been erased by her husband.

Inasmuch as there is no suitable tape recording of [REDACTED] in the Detroit Division to be used as a comparison with the tape of the anonymous caller, that tape is being returned to the Phoenix Office.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
  - 2 - Phoenix (44-371) (Enc. 1) (RM)
  - 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM) (Info)
  - 1 - Detroit
- WJH/cmt  
(7)

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Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] indicated that her brother has telephoned her on several occasions within the past several weeks and she anticipates he may call again within the next several weeks. [REDACTED] indicated she would attempt to obtain an exact address for her brother and would make this address available to the Detroit Office of the FBI.

Phoenix is requested to specifically advise Detroit if [REDACTED] is wanted for interview at this time.

Copies of the FD-302 regarding the interview of [REDACTED] on 5/13/68 will be furnished Memphis for inclusion in a report.

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Date: 5/14/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

RE: ~~REDACTED~~ LOOK ALIKE

Re Bureau airtel to Seattle, dated 5/13/68.

~~REDACTED~~  
Seattle, Washington, advised today that he had been a guest at the Carriage Inn Motel in Van Nuys, California. ~~REDACTED~~ independently advised from his own records that he had been a guest at the motel from 4/21 through 4/27/68 and he said that he was in Van Nuys, California on a business trip at that time with three other associates who work with him in Seattle.

No further investigation concerning this particular aspect of this case being conducted by Seattle.

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3-Bureau (RM)  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
2-Seattle  
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Approved: AN  
Special Agent in Charge

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMMtel 5/9/68. (Re James Owens)

AT PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS:

On 5/10/68, the Texaco ship "TRANSCHAMPLAIN" docked in Port Arthur, Texas, and the following personnel of that ship were interviewed:

██████████ advised he did go into the Golden Earring Lounge in Jacksonville, Florida, on two nights around the first of May, 1968. The first night he was accompanied by his wife and the second night he was accompanied by ██████████ of this ship, ██████████ advised he was not in the Golden Earring at any other time and did not drink in that lounge with anyone other than the above two people. ██████████ viewed a photograph of JAMES RAY and advised he had never known anyone who looked similar to the photograph or the accompanying description of RAY.

- 3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis  
1 - Miami (Info)  
2 - Houston

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C. C. [REDACTED]

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED], was interviewed and was observed to have a physical description quite dissimilar to that of JAMES RAY. [REDACTED] viewed the photograph and description of RAY and stated he knew of no one similar to RAY.

Captain PETE McGUIRE viewed a wanted flyer for JAMES RAY and advised he was certain there were no personnel on his ship who were in any way similar to RAY.

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Date: 5/14/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)  
MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau radiogram, 5/14/68, to all offices suggesting, among other things, that police departments in major cities consider subject RAY as a likely suspect in armed robberies committed during the period 4/23/67 to 4/4/68.

For use of Agent personnel of this office, it is requested that Birmingham be supplied with 50 copies of subject's photograph taken 1/4/66, at Missouri Department of Corrections, #00416. A former inmate of that prison has recently advised that this photograph more closely resembles RAY than others while he knew him.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 2 - Birmingham

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 5/14/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 5/10/68;  
and Jackson airtel to Bureau dated 5/11/68.

Re information furnished by [REDACTED]  
to the Chicago Office.

A further review of Jackson file [REDACTED] disclosed  
no information located identifying [REDACTED]  
as a bootlegger in the northern district of Miss.

Inquiry in the Shannon, Miss., area disclosed  
[REDACTED] never known [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] (former SA) who is well known  
in the northern district of Miss. and who is currently  
employed as a private detective and consultant for local  
authorities in the Tupelo, Miss., area has worked closely  
with the criminal element in that area for the past twenty  
years and has never heard of [REDACTED].

3-Bureau  
2-Chicago (44-1114)  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
3-Jackson (1 - 92-11)  
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C. C. - Bishop

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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JN 157-9586

Further inquiry in the area indicates that [REDACTED] may be an employee of [REDACTED], and may have been a runner for [REDACTED]

The information furnished to Chicago by [REDACTED] concerning illegal "booze" operations in and around the Tupelo, Miss., area is common knowledge to both law enforcement and private citizens in the area. This includes information that [REDACTED] hired [REDACTED] to kill [REDACTED]

It is the opinion of local authorities that [REDACTED] would run anyone out of that section of the county who attempted in any way to infringe on his bootleg business.

[REDACTED] Tupelo, Miss., was a well known operator in the northern district of Miss. He has been convicted in both state and federal court for whiskey violations.

Attempts to locate [REDACTED] for interview purposes in connection with alleged offer of \$2,500 to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. has been negative.

[REDACTED] has never been known to associate with racial groups or to be involved in segregation in any way. He has always been known as a bootleg whiskey operator in the northern district.

Investigation at Jackson, Miss., continuing.

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Date: 5/15/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee airtel to the Director dated 5/13/68.

Referenced airtel requested investigation of Chicago and Memphis based upon the theft of credit cards from MARSHALL I. GOLDMAN, Aurora, Illinois, who was assaulted by three white males at Madison, Wisconsin, on 2/27/68, in view of a possible tie in this case because of phone calls made to and originating from Memphis, Tennessee, around 4/4/68.

Review of the airtel places the assailants in Madison, Wisconsin, on 2/27/68, in Chicago, Illinois, on 3/8 and 3/11/68 and 4/3/68. In addition, phone calls were made from Booneville, Mississippi, and Baldwin, Mississippi, on 3/29 and 3/31/68. In view of the fact that the subject was known to be in Los Angeles at the St. Francis Hotel from 1/22 to 3/17/68 and that he purchased the murder weapon in Birmingham, Alabama, on 3/29-30/68 plus the fact that a call was made from Chicago, Illinois, on 4/3/68 when it was known that the subject was registered in the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, it appears to this office that the assailants of GOLDMAN and/or the individual utilizing his credit cards could not logically be identical with the subject and the requested investigation will not be conducted UACB.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Milwaukee (44-388) (Info)
- 1 - Chicago

RJD:jap

(7) W. C. Bishop

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 Special Agent in Charge

1 - Mr. McGowan, 2/12  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Mortimer

5/15/68

PLAIN TEXT

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URGENT

TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

REMETEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST REQUESTING  
EXAMINATION OF THREE TWENTY DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES,  
RE LABORATORY REPORT APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST DESIGNATING  
THESE THREE NOTES AS Q SIXTYFIVE, Q SIXTYSIX AND Q SIXTYSEVEN  
AND REBUAIRTEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST INDICATING THE RETURN  
OF THESE THREE ITEMS TO THE MEMPHIS DIVISION. INASMUCH AS  
THE THREE TWENTY DOLLAR NOTES ARE IN POSSESSION OF MEMPHIS,  
MEMPHIS IS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT LOCAL OFFICE OF THE  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE AUTHENTICITY OF THESE  
ITEMS.

NOTE: Instructions to Memphis coordinated with  
Supervisor [REDACTED] General Investigative Division.

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 15 1968

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☒

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/15/68

SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Atlanta and Pittsburgh dated 4/25/68.

Investigation at Everett, Pa., disclosed that [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Everett, is a gasoline attendant at the Esso Service Station on the westbound lane of the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Bedford, Pa.

[REDACTED] was contacted at his place of employment by SA [REDACTED] on 5/7/68, when his letter to the Bureau was orally acknowledged.

[REDACTED] stated that at approximately 2:00 AM on 4/21/68, a man came into his service station and asked if he could sleep in his vehicle for approximately one-half hour. The man explained that he had to be in Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, 4/22/68, and that he did not desire to sleep too long. [REDACTED] stated that the man went into the rest room in the gasoline station and then returned and made the comment to [REDACTED] that he felt that he was much too tired to sleep for only one-half hour and decided that it would be better if [REDACTED] would awake him at approximately 5:00 AM.

[REDACTED] stated that he permitted the man to sleep in the car until 5:00 AM and then attempted to arouse him. At this point, two young Pennsylvania State Police officers came into the service station and [REDACTED] explained the problem to them. He stated that they laughingly blew the siren on the State Police vehicle frightening the man badly. He stated they did not question him even though he, [REDACTED], noted to these officers that the man in his opinion looked very much like the man who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[REDACTED] advised that he was suspicious of the man because of his haggard looking condition and because of his dirty dress and, therefore, took the license number of the vehicle, a blue Mustang, which he described as having Georgia license

- 2-Bureau
- 1-Memphis (Info)
- 1-Atlanta (Info)
- 2-Pittsburgh
- WJH/alb

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██████████ and some sort of an Army sticker on the bumper which had the number ██████████

██████████ advised that shortly after the State Police blew the siren, the man departed in a westerly direction in the above-described vehicle.

██████████ described the man as follows:

Age	30 - 35
Build	Muscular
Height	5'8"
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Accent	Either a southern or southwestern accent
Appearance	Generally giving appearance of Mexican extraction

██████████ was shown all available photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, when he stated that, in reviewing all the photographs, he doubts that the man who was in his service station was identical with the subject.

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Carl Ray, Possible Look-Alike of James Earl Ray

Re Albuquerque, Denver, Los Angeles and Phoenix teletypes 5/4/68; El Paso airtel 5/3/68; and FBI Laboratory Reports 5/10 and 5/13/68.

Enclosed for the Director and Memphis is one copy of referenced Albuquerque teletype for each inasmuch as teletype did not include Director and Memphis.

One copy of this letter is being furnished the other offices due to their investigative interest in CARL RAY.

On 5/7/68, First Class Cabin Stewardess CATHERINE HINES, aboard Frontier Airlines Flight 785 F, 4/27/68, on flight from Albuquerque to Phoenix, and Tourist Cabin Stewardess Miss J. JACKSON, aboard the same flight, advised SA [REDACTED] that they recall no one by the name of CARL RAY being aboard that flight and neither recognized any picture of JAMES EARL RAY as being that of any person aboard the flight.

On 5/4 and 5/5/68, all hotels in Denver and all motels in vicinity Stapleton International Airport were checked for reservation by CARL RAY with negative results.

In view of the differences between the descriptions given of CARL RAY by the various airlines employees and the description of JAMES EARL RAY, and in view of the information set forth in referenced FBI Laboratory reports, Denver does not contemplate setting forth leads to have other persons aboard Frontier Airlines Flight 785, Albuquerque to Phoenix, 4/27/68, interviewed concerning CARL RAY unless advised to the contrary by the office of origin.

## ENCLOSURE

- ②-Bureau (Encl-1) 1-Las Vegas (Info)
- 2-Memphis (Encl-1) 1-Los Angeles (Info)
- 1-Albuquerque (Info) 1-Phoenix (Info)
- 1-El Paso (Info)
- 1-Denver

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TO DENVER(157-203), LOS ANGELES, EL PASO AND PHOENIX  
FROM ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)

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RE SUSPECT CARL RA

RE DENVER TEL CALL FIVE THREE LAST.

ON HFIVE THREE LAST ALLAN HORN, STATION AGENT, FRONTIER AIRLINES, ALBUQ, ADVISED HE RECALLS CARL RAY AS PERSON HE ISSUED A FRONTIER TEMPORARY CREDIT CARD ON FOUR TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT. HE ALSO ISSUED RAY A TICKET BUT DESTINATION UNRECALLED. THE ONLY ADDRESS RAY GAVE ON CREDIT APPLICATION WAS THE PECOS, TEXAS ADDRESS AND THIS INFO AND ALL OTHER INFO ON APPLICATION IS CONTAINED ON TEMPORARY CREDIT CARD AS FRONTIER IS ONLY INTERESTED IN BILLING ADDRESS. APPLICATION FOR CREDIT FORM, WHICH HAS CARL RAY'S SIGNATURE ON IT, HAS BEEN SENT TO FRONTIER IN DENVER. HORN DESCRIBES CARL RAY AS W/MA, TWO SEVEN TO THREE ZERO YRS., SIX FT. FOUR IN., TWO TEN TO TWO FIFTEEN LBS., HUSKY, NOT FAT, LIGHT BROWN HAIR COMBED BACK, EYES LIGHT, FAIR COMPLEXION, NORMAL LOOKING NOSE AND EARS, NO HAT AND WAS WEARING LIGHT COLORED WESTERN BUSINESS SUIT. HORN SAID HE LOOKED LIKE A COWBOY BUT LOOKED TO YOUNG TO BE IN THE CATTLE BUSINESS. HE DID NOT WEAR GLASSES, WAS NOT SMOKING AND DOES NOT RECALL A TIE. HORN SAID AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUB RAY, THAT NINETEEN SIXTY PHOTO ONLY RESEMBLED CARL RAY IN THE MOUTH AND THAT SIXTYSIX AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTOS WERE TOO OLD TO RESEMBLE CARL RAY. HORN SAID HE IS DEFINITELY SURE THAT

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CARL RAY IS NOT IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT RAY AS THERE IS TOO MUCH DIFFERENCE IN AGE.

ON THE SAME DATE, MRS. MICHAL STONE, PASSENGER AGENT, FRONTIER AIRLINES, ALBUQ., ADVISED SHE RECALLS CARL RAY AS PERSON WHO APPLIED FOR A FRONTIER TEMPORARY CREDIT CARD AND WAS ALSO ISSUED A TICKET ON FLIGHT NO. FIVE EIGHT ONE, ON FOUR TWENTYSIX LAST FROM ALBUQ. TO PHOENIX. THE FOLLOWING DAY, CARL RAY ADVISED MRS. STONE HE WANTED FIRST CLASS JET FLIGHT NO. SEVEN EIGHT FIVE TO PHOENIX AND SHE HAD TO UP GRADE HIS TICKET AND CHARGE HIM TWO DOLLARS EXTRA. SHE IS SURE RAY WENT TO PHOENIX ON THAT DATE FOUR TWENTYSEVEN LAST, AS SHE RECALLS CHECKING IN HIS BEAT UP CLOTH SUITCASE AND SENDING IT TO THE BAGGAGE AREA. IF RAY BOARDED FLIGHT FOR PHOENIX, BOARDING COUPONS FOR FLIGHT NO. SEVEN EIGHT FIVE OF RAY'S ARE LOCATED AT FRONTIER IN DENVER. MRS. STONE DESCRIBED CARL RAY AS W/MA, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTYYRS., SIX FT., ONE SIXTYFIVE LBS., SLENDER BUILD, DARK BROWN HR COMBED BACK ON SIDES WEARING TAN COLORED COWBOY HAT, DARK EYES AND EYE BROWS, DARK COMPLEXION (AS IF HE HAD TAN), WORE COWBOY BOOTS, REGULAR LOOKING NOSE AND EARS, WORE WESTERN STYLE LIGHT GREEN SWEDE COAT AND DARK PANTS. MRS. STONE SAID HE LOOKED LIKE A COWBOY AND DRESSED THE PART; HE SMOKED, HAD NO TIE AND HAD ON LIGHT COLORED SPORTS SHIRT.

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MRS. STONE SAID AFTER VIEWING PHOTOS OF SUB RAY THAT CARL RAY DID NOT RESEMBLE SIXTY PHOTO AT ALL AND THAT SIXTYSIX PHOTO WAS TOO OLD TO RESEMBLE CARL RAY AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO WAS TOO OLD AND FAT TO RESEMBLE CARL RAY. SHE WOULD DEFINITELY SAY THAT PHOTOS OF SUB RAY DID NOT LOOK ANYTHING LIKE CARL RAY.

BOTH HORN AND STONE SAID THAT FRONTIER IN DENVER HAVE ALL RECORDS PERTAINING TO IDENTITY OF CREW AND PASSENGER LIST OF FLIGHT NO. SEVEN, EIGHT FIVE.

DENVER WILL AT FRONTIER ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CREDIT APPLICATION FORM SIGNED BY CARL RAY AND REVIEW; WILL OBTAIN BOARDING COUPON FOR FLIGHT NO. SEVEN EIGHT FIVE TO DETERMINE IF RAY BOARDED AT ALBUQ. AND WILL CONSIDER IF FEASIBLE, OBTAINING CREW AND PASSENGER LIST AND SET OUT LEADS TO INTERVIEW SAME.

INFORMATION COPIES TO LOS ANGELES, EL PASO AND PHOENIX.

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TELETYPE

Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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FBI ST LOUIS

953PM URGENT 5-15-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LITTLE ROCK

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN.

RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS UNRELIABLE  
AND BEING CONSIDERED POSSIBLE HARBORER. RESIDES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SLMO.

[REDACTED] CLAIMED SAW RAY THREE TIMES IN THAT AREA  
BETWEEN MAY TEN AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AND BELIEVES [REDACTED]  
MAY HAVE HARBORED.

[REDACTED] RESIDED [REDACTED]

SLMO, MAY ONE UNTIL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SIXTYSEVEN, AND AGAIN FROM SEPT. SIXTYSEVEN TO  
FEB. SIXTYEIGHT. [REDACTED]

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SINCE, FEB. SIXTYEIGHT [REDACTED] REPORTED LIVING WITH PARENTS,  
[REDACTED] ARK.

LITTLE ROCK REQUESTED TO LOCATE [REDACTED] EXHIBIT RAY PHOTO,  
DETERMINE IF KNOWS, AND PARTICULARLY IF SAW HIM IN THAT OR  
ANY OTHER AREA FOLLOWING RAY'S MSP ESCAPE, APRIL TWENTYTHIRD,  
SIXTYSEVEN. DETERMINE ANY [REDACTED] CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RAY OR  
FAMILY.

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Miss Holmes	_____
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FBI ST LOUIS

1047PM URGENT 5-15-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LITTLE ROCK

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN.

THINKS

TOLD HIM RAY CONTACTED [REDACTED] AFTER RAY ESCAPED FROM MSP,  
 [REDACTED] SAID HE HAD KNOWN RAY FOR LONG TIME. [REDACTED] DID NOT  
 KNOW WHETHER [REDACTED] HELPED RAY. [REDACTED] DENIES KNOWING RAY.  
 [REDACTED] KNOWN TO USE PAY PHONE AT LA FONTS SINCLAIR STATION,  
 HIGHWAY SIXTYONE, PORTAGEVILLE, MO., PHONE DR NINE THREE FIVE  
 ZERO TWO..

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO. (PROTECT) ADVISED CALLS  
 MADE FROM THAT PHONE TO BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., PHONE [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], MARCH EIGHT, LAST; BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., PHONE  
 [REDACTED] DEC. TWELVE, LAST; HELENA, ARK.,  
 PHONE [REDACTED] NOV. THIRTY, LAST.

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ON SEPT. THIRTY, LAST, A CALL MADE FROM THIS PHONE TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WEST MEMPHIS, ARK., AND CHARGED TO  
PHONE [REDACTED] BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.  
JONESBORO, ARK., PHONE [REDACTED], ON JAN.  
TWENTYTHREE AND TWENTYSIX, LAST; FEB. TEN AND NINETEEN, LAST;  
MARCH FOUR, LAST.

LITTLE ROCK IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBERS. UNLESS  
THEY APPEAR TO BE NORMAL BUSINESS CALLS, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY  
PROTECTING PHONE COMPANY, AND DETERMINE IF CALLS BEAR ON  
WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

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Mr. Casper	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SAN FRANCISCO  
 FROM: ST. LOUIS (44:775)1P

MURKIN.

██████████ THINKS ██████████ TOLD HIM RAY  
 CONTACTED ██████████ AFTER RAY ESCAPED FROM MSP. ██████████ SAID HAD KNOWN  
 RAY LONG TIME. ██████████ DID NOT KNOW WHETHER ██████████ HELPED RAY.  
 ██████████ DENIED KNOWING RAY. ██████████ KNOWN TO USE PAY PHONE AT  
 LA FONTS SINCLAIR STATION, HIGHWAY SIX ONE, PORTAGEVILLE, MO.,  
 PHONE DR NINE DASH THREE FIVE ZERO TWO.

SW BELL TELE. CO. (PROTECT), ADVISED CALLS MADE FROM THAT  
 PHONE NOV. TWO AND THREE, LAST, TO SAN JOSE, CALIF., PHONE  
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SAN FRANCISCO IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER. UNLESS IT  
 APPEARS TO BE NORMAL BUSINESS CALL, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING  
 PHONE CO., AND DETERMINE IF CALL BEARS ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES  
 OF SUBJECT. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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To: SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReKCTel 5-14-68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported this case not identical with fingerprints JAMES LACMA OWENS, FBI # [REDACTED], Missouri State Penitentiary [REDACTED].

No palm prints Identification Division for Owens.

2 - Memphis (44-1987)

1 - Mr. Rosen

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: Memphis)

Reference is made to Bureau teletype to all offices, 4/29/68, instructing that law enforcement agencies maintaining latent fingerprints be contacted and requested to compare the fingerprints of subject RAY as set forth on the IO with latents obtained since 4/23/67.

Contacts with appropriate police departments in the Mobile area have been made and it has been determined that the Mobile police department, Opelika police department, Montgomery police department and Dept. of Public Safety, maintains latent fingerprints. They have been requested to compare these against RAY's fingerprints and have advised that this comparison has been made with negative results.

Details of these contacts have been recorded in Mobile file, and in view of the negative nature no insert is being submitted.

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3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Mobile  
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, ATLANTA 44-2386, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND  
CHICAGO 44-1114 (PLAINTEXT)

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM MIAMI 44-1854 /P/ 2P

MURKIN

VIA TELETYPE  
MAY 15 1968  
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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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REMYTEL TO BUREAU MAY NINE LAST; CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU  
MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, APRIL  
FIVE THROUGH TWELVE LAST.

EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) IBM PRINT-OUT OF OFF AIRLINES  
TICKETS USED ON EAL FLIGHT TWO FOUR EIGHT, APRIL NINE LAST,  
SHOWS UNITED AIRLINES TICKET NUMBER ZERO ONE SIX - FOUR SEVEN  
FIVE - FOUR ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO NINE USED. NUMBER IS CORRECT  
AS STATED IN MIAMI RETEL.

IT IS NOT KNOWN THAT ~~REDACTED~~ USED A UNITED AIRLINES  
TICKET OR IF NUMBER ON EAL IBM LISTING IS CORRECT. EAL PRINT-  
OUT SHOWS FIVE TICKETS OF UNITED AIRLINES USED ON EAL FLIGHT  
TWO FOUR EIGHT, APRIL NINE LAST. IF THIS NUMBER NOT USED,  
CHICAGO SHOULD DETERMINE FROM UNITED AIRLINES WHAT TICKETS  
WERE USED ON EAL FLIGHT TWO FOUR EIGHT APRIL NINE LAST, AND  
DETERMINE IF ANY OF THOSE TICKETS USED BY ~~REDACTED~~

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██████████ COULD HAVE USED DELTA, NORTHEAST, TRANSWORLD AIRWAYS,  
NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES TICKET. HE MAY NOT HAVE USED ANY TICKET,  
AS INFO ON WHICH LEAD SET OUT OBTAINED FROM EAL RESERVATION  
CARD.

ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/15/68, ROBERT WELCH, Director, John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts, advised he could locate no record of membership for JAMES EARL RAY or any of his aliases.

WELCH advised that the Society has 450 bookstores in the United States and the suspect could have purchased material at any of said stores without his name being recorded. He stated that they receive thousands of inquiries for material by correspondents and by telephone, and that they do not index the inquirer's name.

WELCH offered his full cooperation in this matter if additional specific leads are referred to him.

3-Bureau (44-38861)  
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2-Boston (157-644)

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 ST. LOUIS 44-775  
FROM OMAHA 44-310 1P

MURKIN

Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] LISTED  
TO [REDACTED] WHO RESIDES [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BURLINGTON, IOWA, EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WEST BURLINGTON, IOWA. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED STATES [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, OLD GIRL FRIEND OF  
HIS WHO PERIODICALLY CALLS HIM LONG DISTANCE AND DISCUSSES PERSONAL  
MATTERS. [REDACTED] STATES TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED BY HIM MARCH TWENTYFIVE,  
LAST, WAS CALL FROM [REDACTED] STATES HE DOES NOT KNOW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS NEGATIVE, OMAHA INDICES  
NEGATIVE, AND [REDACTED] CREDIT BUREAU CONTAINS BACKGROUND RE [REDACTED]  
WHICH INDICATES [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] IN BURLINGTON, IOWA, AREA SINCE THIRTIES.  
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BURLINGTON, INDICATED [REDACTED] SEVENTY YEARS OLD RESIDES ALONE  
AND ONLY VISITOR A FEMALE FRIEND.

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THIS DATE THAT HE OBSERVED [REDACTED] ON TWO OCCASIONS. THE ABOVE MENTIONED PHOTOS OF SUBJECT WERE DISPLAYED TO [REDACTED] AND HE STATED THAT THEY DID NOT RESEMBLE [REDACTED] HE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] LISTED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MEMPHIS AS REFERENCE ON APPLICATION FOR APT. [REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE THAT [REDACTED] IS A WELL KNOWN [REDACTED] AND THAT [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] MEMPHIS FROM JANUARY TWENTYSIX LAST THROUGH MIDDLE OF APRIL. SHE STATED THAT [REDACTED] PERMANENT HOME IS IN MOBIL, ALABAMA, HOWEVER HE SPENDS THE MAJORITY OF HIS TIME TRAVELING AS [REDACTED] THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHEASTERN SECTION OF THE U.S. THE ABOVE MENTIONED PHOTOS OF SUBJECT WERE DISPLAYED TO [REDACTED] AND SHE STATED THAT THEY DID NOT RESEMBLE [REDACTED]

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO; DIRECTOR FBI (44--38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. CR.

Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED] MEMPHIS,  
ADVISED THIS DATE INDIVIDUAL USING NAME [REDACTED] RESIDED  
IN [REDACTED] JANUARY TWENTYSIX LAST THROUGH APRIL  
FOUR LAST AND THAT [REDACTED] RESEMBLED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY  
WHICH RECENTLY APPEARED IN COMMERCIAL APPEAL NEWSPAPER,  
MEMPHIS, WANTED FLYER NO. FOUR FOUR TWO-A, MISSOURI  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION PHOTO OF SUBJECT TAKEN JANUARY FOUR  
NINETEEN SIXTHSIX AND THE PATRICIA ANDERSON PHOTO OF SUBJECT  
WERE DISPLAYED TO LONG. SHE STATED THAT THE PATRICIA ANDERSON  
PHOTO OF SUBJECT WAS THE ONE SHE OBSERVED IN THE COMMERCIAL  
APPEAL NEWSPAPER AND THAT IT RESEMBLED [REDACTED] HOWEVER SHE  
STATED THAT [REDACTED] HAIR WAS MUCH LIGHTER THAN SUBJECT'S.  
[REDACTED] FACE WAS NOT AS FULL AND THAT [REDACTED] NOSE WAS  
LONGER AND MORE PROTRUDING THAN THAT IN PHOTO OF SUBJECT.

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TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS AND DALLAS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
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Mr. Sullivan  
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[REDACTED], THINKS [REDACTED] TOLD HIM RAY  
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KNOWN RAY LONG TIME. [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW WHETHER [REDACTED] HELPED  
RAY. [REDACTED] DENIES KNOWING RAY. [REDACTED] KNOWN TO USE PAY PHONE  
AT LA FONTS SINCLAIR STATION, HW SIX ONE, PORTAGEVILLE, MO.,  
PHONE DR NINE DASH THREE FIVE ZERO TWO.

SW BEL TELE. CO (PROTECT) ADVISED CALL MADE FROM THAT PHONE  
DEC. SIX, LAST TO FT. WORTH, TEXAS, PHONE [REDACTED]

DALLAS IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER. UNLESS IT APPEARS TO BE  
NORMAL BUSINESS CALL, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO.,  
AND DETERMINE IF CALL BEARS ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (MAIL), AND SAC, ST. LOUIS  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, HONOLULU, MEMPHIS,  
ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD MAY FOURTEEN, LAST.

[REDACTED] DIVISION OF SUPERVISION OF PAROLE,  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, TODAY ADVISED JAMES LAOMA OWENS, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SP MENARD,

ILLINOIS REGISTRY NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS  
DISCHARGED JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, EXPIRATION  
OF SENTENCE SP MENARD, ILLINOIS. OWENS WAS ISSUED A CERTIFICATE  
OF RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP AUGUST FIFTEEN,  
NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. OWENS LAST ADDRESS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, NO EMPLOYMENT SHOWN.

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1 - Kansas City (AM)  
1 - Memphis (AM)  
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813PM URGENT 5-15-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND HOUSTON

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

*W. J. [unclear]*  
*Log*

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT.

EXPANDED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX CHECKS METROPOLITAN . .  
ATLANTA AREA CONTINUING.E. D. ELLIOTT, WHO WAS GUEST AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS,  
DECEMBER NINETEEN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, TRANSFERRED BY[REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] BEAUMONT,  
TEX.JAMES R. WILLOUGHBY, FORMER RESIDENT OF ONE ONE  
THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, REINTERVIEWED NIGHT OF MAY FOURTEEN  
LAST. STATED ABOUT APR. TWO NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT HE OBSERVED THREE  
MEN TALKING ON THE ENCLOSED PORCH AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH  
ST., NE, ATLANTA. BELIEVES ONE WELL DRESSED MAN WHO WAS STANDING  
AND WHOM HE SAW FROM SEVERAL ANGLES IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.OBSERVED PHOTOS OF SUBJECT WEARING FORE-IN-HAND TIE AND COAT AND  
COLOR PHOTO OF SUBJECT WEARING BOWTIE TAKEN AT GRADUATION  
FROM BARTENDING SCHOOL. STATES THESE TWO PHOTOS ARE GOOD  
LIKENESSES OF THE INDIVIDUAL HE SAW ABOUT APR. TWO LAST.

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WILLOUGHBY DESCRIBED ONE OF THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS SIMILAR  
TO KNOWN DESCRIPTION OF FRED C. JONES WHO LIVED AT ROOM NO. ONE,  
ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE, AT THAT TIME. JONES NOT KNOWN  
BY WILLOUGHBY. WILLOUGHBY UNABLE TO DESCRIBE THIRD MAN IN  
DETAIL AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT RECOGNIZE HIM AGAIN. HE STATED  
HE WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY TWO OF THESE THREE MEN.

ON APR. ELEVEN LAST, WILLOUGHBY GOT A GLIMPSE OF INDIVIDUAL  
BELIEVED SAME AS INDIVIDUAL THOUGHT BY WILLOUGHBY TO BE THE  
SUBJECT TALKING TO SOMEONE IN APT. NO. ONE, BUT HE DID NOT SEE  
PERSON IN APT. NO. ONE. IT IS NOTED JONES, WHO WAS  
RESIDING IN APT. NO. ONE AT THAT TIME HAS DENIED ANY  
CONTACT WITH SUBJECT.

WILLOUGHBY ON MAY FIFTEEN ACCOMPANIED BY AGENT OBSERVED  
T JONES IN THE COMPANY OF THREE OTHER MEN AND ELIMINATED ALL  
L AS IDENTICAL WITH ANY OF THE THREE MEN SEEN ABOUT APR. TWO LAST.  
I HOUSTON, AT BEAUMONT, TEX. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW  
S E. D. ELLIOTT EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED] IN THE CITY  
A ALONG LINES SET FORTH IN NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS  
O MAY SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

C ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI KAN CITY

4:56 PM URGENT 5/15/68 JRC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

REPORT SUBMITTED THIS DATE. PHOTOS OF JAMES L. OWENS  
OBTAINED FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. INMATES CONTINUE  
TO BE INTERVIEWED, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED RE  
COOLEY ORGANIZATION.

INVESTIGATION ELIMINATED LOOK ALIKE [REDACTED]  
REGISTERED OWNER OF LOUISIANA LICENSE [REDACTED]  
HE IS CURRENTLY [REDACTED] HAYS,  
KANSAS.

LOCAL LEADS BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY. 10T  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ST LOUIS

806PM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL THIS DATE SEVEN FORTY ONE P.M.

RE FELLOW PRISONER [REDACTED]

NOTE [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED, PAGE ONE SIX ONE  
OF SL REPORT. ADVISE IF RE-INTERVIEW DESIRED.

RE LEO HOLDEN PARKER

NOTE PHOTOS OF BOTH PARKER AND RAY EXHIBITED TO  
MR. AND MRS. GEORGE MC QUADE (FORMER RITA BROCKELMAN) WHO SAID  
THEIR KIDNAPPER WAS PARKER, NOT RAY, SEE PAGES ONE FIVE SEVEN AND  
ONE FIVE EIGHT OF SL REPORT.

ADVISE IF REVIEW OF ST. CHARLES DAILY BANNER NECESSARY IN VIEW OF  
ABOVE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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cc - [Signature]

Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Date: 5/16/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Director, 5/3/68.

On 5/7/68, records of the New England Telephone Company, Boston, Massachusetts, reflected telephone number [REDACTED] is listed to JAMES BARNES, [REDACTED] Reading, Massachusetts.

On 5/7/68, Mrs. JAMES BARNES advised that on or about 12/16/67 she received a telephone call from her son from the vicinity of Houston, Texas. She stated that her son is in military service and called her to tell her that he would be home for the Christmas season. Mrs. BARNES advised she has never at any time received a telephone call from JAMES EARL RAY and that she is well aware of his fugitive status.

On 5/9/68, a review of Providence, Rhode Island telephone directories reflected the telephone listing 723-1085 is subscribed to by the Friendly Tap and Grill, 216 Columbus Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

On 5/9/68, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] WILLIAM BIANCHINI is the owner and operator of the Friendly Tap and Grill and is a man of excellent reputation who is held in high esteem in the community.

3-Bureau  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Houston (44-15091) (Info.)  
1-Boston  
RMK/em  
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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

On 5/9/68, WILLIAM BIANCHINI, owner of Friendly Tap and Grill, [REDACTED] Pawtucket, advised he can recall a long distance telephone call in December, 1967, exact date unrecalled, from what he believed to be the city of Houston, Texas, from a cousin, AL DEPASQUALE, who is engaged in the restaurant business in that city. He stated that he is aware of the fugitive status of JAMES EARL RAY and that this individual has never frequented his establishment nor called anyone connected with it, to his knowledge.

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FBI ST LOUIS

830PM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN.

RE KC TEL MAY FOURTEENTH LAST.

MSP INMATE [REDACTED] ALLEGATION THAT [REDACTED]  
MIGHT KNOW SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS.

[REDACTED] MOTHER, LOCATED TODAY, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SLMO, SAYS SON [REDACTED] CURRENTLY AT  
LEAVENWORTH. CLAIMED UNAWARE LOCATION OF OTHER TWO SONS, BUT  
EXPECTS VISIT FROM THEM SATURDAY AND WILL TELL THEM THEN TO CONTACT  
FBI.

KC INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AT LEAVENWORTH.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
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Mr. Rosen	
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*Long*

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FBI ATLANTA

738PM URGENT 5-16-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT.

EXAMINATION OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES METROPOLITAN ATLANTA ARE CONTINUING AND INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED THROUGH THIS INQUIRY AS OBTAINING BOXES ON PERTINENT DATES OR ENTERING BOXES ON PERTINENT DATES BEING THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT. TO DATE, THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATION HAS PRODUCED NO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS.

RECHECK OF MORGUES COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

INQUIRY OF MAJOR POLICE DEPARTMENTS ATLANTA METROPOLITAN AREA DOES NOT INDICATE THAT ANY PENAL INSTITUTION CONFINES AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT FINGERPRINTED

CHECK OF ALL HOSPITALS IN METROPOLITAN ATLANTA AREA

UNDER WAY.

SEVERAL LOOK-ALIKES CHECKED OUT AND ELIMINATED.

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ATLANTA DIVISION HAS ONLY THREE UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES  
COMMITTED BY CAUCASIAN SUBJECTS SINCE MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY-  
SEVEN. PHOTOS WILL BE SHOWN TO PERTINENT WITNESSES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI KAN CITY

2-45 PM URGENT 5-16-68 MRH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS ST. LOUIS BIRMINGHAM  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY FOURTEEN LAST AND BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE  
MAY NINE LAST.

MAJ. POIRY, SECURITY OFFICER, MO. STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP),  
ADVISED HE KNEW BOTH [REDACTED] AND SUBJECT. HE KNOWS OF NO  
ASSOCIATION WITH EACH OTHER AND KNOWS OF NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
THE TWO IN MSP. 140

INMATE MSP, [REDACTED] ONE OF THE OLDER INMATES AT THE  
PENITENTIARY, ADVISED THAT HE KNEW [REDACTED] AT THE PRISON BUT  
DID NOT KNOW SUBJECT AND KNOWS OF NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO  
INDIVIDUALS.

[REDACTED] FORMER INMATE, MSP, RELEASED [REDACTED]  
REPORTEDLY RESIDING [REDACTED] KANSAS CITY,  
KANSAS, WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

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TELEPHONE CALL MADE FROM RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED] TO  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO. ON OCT THREE LAST WAS TO THE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RENZ FARM, A PRISON FARM ATTACHED TO MSP.  
THE RENZ FARM IS WHERE THE BREAD WAS BEING DELIVERED AT THE TIME  
SUBJECT ESCAPED. [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED BY MSP OFFICIALS ON MAY  
FIFTEEN LAST CONCERNING ANY CONTACT HE MAY HAVE WITH FORMER INMATES.  
[REDACTED] ADMITTED TO FRIENDSHIP WITH [REDACTED] WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY  
HELPED HIM AROUND THE FARM AND STATED HE HAD RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE  
FROM [REDACTED] AND ALSO A PHONE CALL FROM HIM SOMETIME LAST FALL. HE  
ADVISED NOTHING PERTINENT TRANSPIRED IN THESE COMMUNICATIONS AND THEY  
WERE JUST MADE ON A FRIENDSHIP BASIS.

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Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

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FBI ST LOUIS

1155 AM URGENT 5-16-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

[REDACTED] IS ALLEGED TO HAVE HARBORED SUBJECT  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM MSP. [REDACTED] DENIES KNOWING  
SUBJECT. MOVED FROM ST. LOUIS ABOUT MARCH ONE, LAST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

KANSAS CITY [REDACTED] DETERMINE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN.

██████████ ALLEGED TO HAVE HARBORED SUBJECT IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM MSP. ██████████ DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT. MOVED  
FROM ST. LOUIS, ABOUT MARCH ONE, LAST. ██████████  
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SPRINGFIELD ██████████ DETERMINE ██████████  
WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT ██████████  
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI SAN FRAN

1057AM DEFERRED 5/16/68 VLT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 2P

*Lefy*  
*mjg*  
*john*

*MURKIN*

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO, FIVE FIFTEEN LAST.

RE: ~~REDACTED~~ - PHONE CALLS

REFERENCED TELETYPE REPORTED TEL CALLS FROM SINCLAIR STATION  
PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI, NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN TO TELEPHONE NUMBER ~~REDACTED~~  
~~REDACTED~~ INVESTIGATION REQUESTED AS ~~REDACTED~~ KNOWN  
TO HAVE UTILIZED PHONE AT ABOVE MISSOURI LOCATION.

<sup>I</sup>INVESTIGATION PACIFIC TELEPHONE C., SAN JOSE, CALIF., ON FIVE  
SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, DISCLOSES TELEPHONE NUMBER ~~REDACTED~~  
~~REDACTED~~ LISTED SINCE JANUARY SIXTYSEVEN TO S&S VENDING MACHINE CO.,  
SEVEN SIX FIVE LANDES AVE., MILPITAS, CALIF. ON FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTY-  
EIGHT, MARGARET BUCK, OFFICE MANAGER, S&S VENDING MACHINE CO.,  
MILPITAS, CALIF., ADVISED THIS COMPANY SERVICES ICE VENDING MACHINES  
THROUGHOUT U.S. STATES MOST OF MACHINES ARE SITUATED ON SERVICE  
STATION LOTS AND HER COMPANY RECEIVES A GREAT NUMBER TELEPHONE CALLS  
DAILY IN CONNECTION WITH SERVICING AND REPAIRING THESE MACHINES.

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ADVISES IMPOSSIBLE TO CHECK RECEIPT OF TEL CALLS ON ELEVEN TWO AND THREE SIXTYSEVEN RECEIVED FROM SINCLAIR STATION, PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO ADDITIONAL INQUIRY BE MADE RE NATURE OF THESE CALLS.

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Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
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Miss Gandy

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FBI INDAPOLS

1203PM URGENT 5/16/68 OJS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED] ISSUED

FRANK WADE, CYNTHIANA, IND. WADE ADVISED HAS SISTER, CARMEN  
PATTON, ST. LOUIS, MO. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED  
RE ABOVE, UACB.

END

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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI SANDIEGO

4:57PM URGENT 5-16-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS (44-1987), SEATTLE, PORTLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, SACRAMENTO, LOS ANGELES, BUTTE, SALT LAKE CITY, LAS VEGAS, PHOENIX, ALBUQUERQUE AND EL PASO.

FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387) 3P

MURKIN.

RE [REDACTED]

ON MAY FOURTEEN LAST AN INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED HEREAFTER SIGNED AN ESCROW CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A HOME AT BONITA, CALIFORNIA, FOR FIFTYONE THOUSAND DOLLARS GIVING A PROMISSORY TYPE CHECK\* FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND INDICATED HE HAD A SIXTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR CERTIFIED CHECK IN HIS HOTEL ROOM.

[REDACTED] CLAIMED TO BE EMPLOYED FOR INTERNATIONAL HARVESTOR COMPANY, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, AND RECENTLY TRANSFERED TO SAN DIEGO AREA. DESIRED HOUSE SO FAMILY COULD MOVE TO SAN DIEGO FROM ILLINOIS.

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\* Earnest money, check on local bank  
5/22/68 12:39 PM Check coming in to Lab.

\* \* Hotel [REDACTED]

ASAC C. Brown SD - 5/16/68 JLN

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Xerox - NCIC

McIntire  
Keddy  
Lodge  
Escrow Contract  
any thing also  
5/16/68 on [REDACTED]  
5/16/68

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ON SAME AFTERNOON [REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE AN AUTO AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, DISPLAYING ESCROW CONTRACT AND ADVISED HE DESIRED HIS WIFE TO SEE AUTO AND IN VIEW OF ESCROW CONTRACT SHOWING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR DEPOSIT SALESMAN GAVE [REDACTED] KEYS TO HIS CAR DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER. IN APB AND [REDACTED] HAS NOT RETURNED CAR.

VARIOUS WITNESSES WHO WERE IN COMPANY OF [REDACTED] FOR UP TO THREE HOURS STATE [REDACTED] POSSIBLY IDENTICAL JAMES EARL RAY. ONE PERSON ALMOST POSITIVE OF IDENT. TWO OTHERS SAY RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN PHOTOS AND [REDACTED]

FOLLOWING APB COVERING STATE OF CALIFORNIA TRANSMITTED:

"WANTED. UNKNOWN SUBJECT ALSO KNOWN AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE FEET NINE, ONE SIX FIVE TO ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION, DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH FURY III CONVERTIBLE, COLOR GOLD, BLACK TOP, CALIFORNIA LICENSE TW ONE ZERO TWO, VIN P M TWO SEVEN F SEVEN FOUR TWO THREE EIGHT TWO ZERO EIGHT. AUTO OBTAINED BY UNSUB, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, MAY FOURTEEN LAST, FOR DEMONSTRATION AND HAS NOT RETURNED. SUBJECT WANTED FOR QUESTIONING, REPEAT QUESTIONING

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ONLY, NO WARRANT, BY FBI SAN DIEGO. CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ALL WESTERN OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT SIMILAR APB THEIR TERRITORIES.

FOR INFO NO STOLEN REPORT FILED RE AUTO AS CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO ACCEPT DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH MARSHALL OBTAINED AUTOMOBILE.

SPRINGFIELD AT BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]

BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO ENTER AUTO IN NCIC.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED SEPRATELY.

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*\*Police will not accept stolen report  
for 10 days. wheel car obtained  
with purchase from 10 8 TO 11  
ASAC Brown - 5-16-68 - H&J*

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Description of Plymouth together with California tag entered NCIC ( ) 5-16-68, by SA ( ) Notation made that any inquiries should be immediately brought to attention of Mr. McGowan's Office or if after hours the Extra-Duty Supervisor, Division 6, before replying to inquiring agency. NCIC aware this is in connection with MURKIN.

ASAC Clark Brown, San Diego, was instructed to advise immediately in event car recovered so that stop can be removed from NCIC.

Copy this teletype and this note made for Extra-Duty Supervisor, Division 6, instruction board.

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4/16/68



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI WASH DC

359PM URGENT 5-16-68 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

THE GRAPE VINE TAVERN, SLMO, IS OWNED BY CAROL PEPPER, SUBJECT'S  
SISTER, AND OPERATED BY JOHN LARRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER.

ON MARCH FOUR, LAST, CALL MADE FROM COIN PHONE AT TAVERN TO:

~~REDACTED~~ NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

LOS ANGELES IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER AND DETERMINE IF CALL BEARS  
ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT, COMPLETELY PROTECTING  
PHONE CO.

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CORRECTION LINE SIX OF TEXT FOURTH WORD SHOULD READ ACTIVITIES.

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FOR FIVE CAB

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## COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE *jm*

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FBI KAN CITY

1027 AM URGENT 5/16/68 KSW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

KANSAS CITY, MO., PHONE DE THREE FIVE FIVE THREE EIGHT ASSIGNED TO US CHEMICAL CORP. KANSAS CITY PHONE DE THREE FIVE NINE ZERO ZERO ASSIGNED TO THREE CONCERNS: MID-CONTINENT MEDIA CORP., US ALUMINUM CORP., AND PACE PRODUCTS CORP., ALL OF KANSAS CITY. THESE CONCERNS NOT BEING CONTACTED AS THEY APPEAR NORMAL BUSINESS CONCERNS.

TELEPHONE EN FIVE THREE ONE ZERO ONE, IOLA, KS., ASSIGNED TO THE IOLA STATE BANK. HOWARD GILPEN, PRESIDENT, IOLA STATE BANK, ~~REDACTED~~ ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE NO RECORDS AT THE BANK IN THE NAME OF SUBJECT, ~~REDACTED~~ OR ~~REDACTED~~ AND KNOWS OF NO ONE IN PORTAGEVILLE, MO. THAT THE BANK DOES BUSINESS WITH.

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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

5/16/68

BA  
Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

To: SACs, Chicago  
Detroit  
Indianapolis  
Jackson  
Kansas City  
Knoxville  
Memphis  
Milwaukee  
Minneapolis  
New Orleans  
Omaha  
Little Rock  
St. Louis  
Springfield

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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[REDACTED] was interviewed by St. Louis Office and advised he taught Ray to be a burglar. He stated that on or about 6/23-24/67, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank burglary in a southern state and recalled that he and Ray cased the same bank in 1958 or 1959, but did not rob the bank at that time because he injured his leg. A few days after reading this article [REDACTED] claims he was visited by a man whom he refuses to identify and whom he believes he introduced to Ray in 1959. This man told [REDACTED] he and others had robbed the bank, displayed a valise full of money and gave [REDACTED] \$250. [REDACTED] 44-38861-3601  
About six weeks ago this man again visited [REDACTED] and allegedly indicated to him that Ray and one or more other persons had been involved with him in the bank robbery. MAY 17 1968

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

REL:CS  
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Airtel SACs, Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Jackson,  
Kansas City, Knoxville, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis,  
New Orleans, Omaha, Little Rock, St. Louis, Springfield

RE: MURKIN

During this interview, [REDACTED] refused to identify the bank or the man who visited him. He did say that the bank was in the deep South in a State like Mississippi, but not in Mississippi, in a city that is not small and is near a river. The robbers were out of state in five minutes and the loot amounted to \$50,000, plus or minus two thousand.

Based upon available information, the Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as [REDACTED] described.

[REDACTED] has now been reinterviewed and he denies having any contact with Ray since Ray's escape. Regarding the southern bank robbery, [REDACTED] previously alleged Ray was involved in, [REDACTED] now states that this could have occurred in July, 1967, instead of June, and was in a city on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

Each office receiving this communication should make a review of their records to determine if such bank robbery or any other robbery coming within the jurisdiction of the Bureau occurred. You should make inquiry at appropriate police departments to determine if a robbery of this magnitude exists in their files.

Armed and dangerous.

NOTE: Information received from [REDACTED] St. Louis, to effect that Ray could have possibly be involved in bank robbery in June or July, 1967, and account of a robbery occurred in Chicago "Tribune." Bureau records as well as the Chicago "Tribune" have been checked regarding this and negative findings resulted. [REDACTED] on subsequent interview has stated that this robbery could have occurred in July, 1967, and was in a city to the east bank of the Mississippi River. He still refuses to completely clarify this matter. Receiving offices are requested to search their records, as well as records of appropriate police departments, to determine if such a robbery occurred.

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COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 16 1968

TELETYPE

FBI ST LOUIS

1122PM URGENT 5-15-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND OMAHA

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN.

██████████ THINKS ██████████ TOLD HIM RAY  
CONTACTED ██████████ AFTER RAY ESCAPED FROM MSP. ██████████ SAID HE HAD KNOWN  
RAY FOR LONG TIME. ██████████ DID NOT KNOW WHETHER ██████████ HELPED RAY.  
██████████ DENIES KNOWING RAY. ██████████ KNOWN TO USE PAY PHONE AT LA  
FONTS SINCLAIR STATION. HIGHWAY SIX ONE, PORTAGEVILLE, MO., PHONE  
DR NINE DASH THREE FIVE ZERO TWO.

SW BELL TELE. CO. (PROTECT) ADVISED CALLS MADE FROM THAT PHONE  
NOV. ONE, LAST, TO OMAHA, NEB., PHONE ██████████

OMAHA IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER. UNLESS IT APPEARS TO BE  
NORMAL BUSINESS CALL, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO.,  
AND DETERMINE IF CALL BEARS ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 16 1968

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TELETYPE

FBI PITTSBGH

949AM URGENT 5/16/68 RLC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

NEW YORK

FROM PITTSBURGH (44-578)3P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED MAY NINE SIXTYEIGHT  
AND SAVANNAH TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED MAY TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT.

ALIAS JOHN WILLARD.

FOR INFORMATION NEW YORK ATLANTA ADVISED RECORDS OF  
DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN, ATLANTA, REFLECT JOHN O. WILLARD

[REDACTED] SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS REGISTERED IN THE MOTEL IN ROOM FOUR ONE ONE  
ON APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN LAST. WILLARD, WHO IS ONLY PERSON BY  
THAT NAME REGISTERED IN MOTEL FROM MARCH SIXTYEIGHT, UNTIL  
APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT, WAS DRIVING CHEVROLET BEARING NEW YORK

LICENSE [REDACTED]

ON MAY TWELVE LAST, SAVANNAH ADVISED EXPANDED AIRLINE

CHECK REVEALED DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS INDICATE A JOHN WILLARD  
MADE RESERVATION ON EAL APRIL ELEVEN LAST, CHANGED FLIGHT, AND  
FLEW APRIL TEN LAST ON EAL AND RETURNED ATLANTA APRIL FIFTEEN  
END OF PAGE ONE

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

[Handwritten signature]

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[Handwritten signature]

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LAST ON DAL FLIGHT NUMBER TWENTY. LEFT CONTACT NUMBERS MIAMI  
[REDACTED] AND SAVANNAH TWO THREE  
THREE DASH FIVE THREE ONE, ROOM FIVE TWO ONE. LATTER NUMBER IS  
SAVANNAH DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. AT WHICH INQUIRY DEVELOPED JOHN O.  
WILLARD, [REDACTED] SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DRIVING CHEVROLET CAR NEW YORK LICENSE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CHECKED INTO ROOM FOUR TWO ONE ON MARCH  
TWENTYSIX LAST AND OUT MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST. CHECKED IN  
AGAIN INTO ROOM FIVE TWO ONE SAME BACKGROUND INFORMATION, WITH  
A BARRY L. BEAL, [REDACTED]  
GAINSVILLE, FLORIDA, ON MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST AND OUT ON MARCH  
THIRTYONE LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT SEWICKLEY, PA., ON MAY TEN TO MAY  
TWELVE LAST, DEVELOPS ONE LOUIS WILLARD, JR., RESIDING ON  
[REDACTED] ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT NEGATIVE. CREDIT CHECK  
REFLECTS JOHN O. WILLARD, [REDACTED] EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NEW YORK, AS

A [REDACTED]  
END OF PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

PG 44-578

NEW YORK, AT [REDACTED], DETERMINE  
WHETHER OR NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY. IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE  
DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND SET OUT LEADS TO INTERVIEW.

PITTSBURGH, AT SEWICKLEY, PA., WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO  
LOCATE LOUIS WILLARD, JR.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT MEMPHIS, SAVANNAH AND ATLANTA. P

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PM  
11:25 AM  
5-18-68  
FBI

Date: 5/16/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

MURKIN, CR.

RE SL TEL TO ST THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] RUBY CARPENTER, FORMER WIFE OF  
SUBJECT'S FATHER. CARPENTER HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AND APPEARS  
TO BE COOPERATIVE. CARPENTER HAS CLOSE FAMILY TIES AND IT  
WOULD APPEAR THAT [REDACTED] WOULD  
NOT INDICATE SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS AT PRESENT. CARPENTER WILL  
NOT BE INTERVIEWED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AM COPIES SENT MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO.

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1 - Springfield (44-561)

① - Bureau (AM)

1 - Chicago (AM)

1 - Memphis (AM)

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Approved: C/DY3  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 5/16/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Birmingham airtel to the Bureau dated 5/8/68 concerning reported telephone calls from San Bernardino and Santa Barbara, California, to the Auckland, New Zealand, Police Department during March and April 1968.

The General Telephone Company of California, Santa Monica, California, provides telephone service at San Bernardino and Santa Barbara.

Established telephone company sources have caused a search to be made of records accumulated to date of all overseas telephone calls placed from the above two cities during March and April 1968. No record of a call to Auckland, New Zealand, was located.

Overseas call records for March and April 1968 are continuing to arrive at the General Telephone Company accounting center at Santa Monica. They are being reviewed as they arrive to locate a record of the pertinent calls. The Los Angeles Office will be immediately advised of positive information.

3 - Bureau (AM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Los Angeles  
RFJ:CM  
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25 MAY 18 1968

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 5/16/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtels to Bureau 5/7/68 and 5/8/68 as well as San Francisco airtel to Bureau 5/8/68 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/10/68.

For the information of St. Louis, referenced Kansas City airtel of 5/8/68 named seven former inmates of Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) who should be contacted to ascertain if they can furnish any information concerning the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/10/68, a review of the Los Angeles Police Department file \_\_\_\_\_ reflected that \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ with arrests for \_\_\_\_\_ as recent as \_\_\_\_\_. Records fail to reflect any employment or residences in California, and \_\_\_\_\_ has been arrested for \_\_\_\_\_ as recent as \_\_\_\_\_.

The following background and descriptive information was obtained from the Los Angeles Police Department file \_\_\_\_\_

Name	_____
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
DOB	_____

3 - Bureau  
2 - Kansas City (AM)  
2 - St. Louis (AM)  
1 - Memphis (Info.) (AM)  
2 - Los Angeles  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Address (1966)

Relatives

FBI Number  
Occupation  
Characteristics

New Orleans

Referenced airtel from San Francisco to Bureau 5/8/68 reflects that (FNU) [REDACTED] has been located and interviewed by San Francisco and no further efforts are being made in an attempt to identify [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] who was in the Missouri State Prison with JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/14/68, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, advised that [REDACTED] sister of [REDACTED] used to live in common-law with her son at their residence but she has not been in Los Angeles since November, 1967, when she left for places unknown in Missouri. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] has not been in Los Angeles to the best of her knowledge. [REDACTED] advised she has no idea as to the whereabouts of her son who was living with [REDACTED] and she has no idea as to the present whereabouts of [REDACTED] or her brother [REDACTED]

On 5/14/68, [REDACTED] Garden Grove, California, advised that [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] had spent some time as a house guest of hers in 1966. [REDACTED] advised that she has no idea where [REDACTED] might be but she stated that the last she heard was that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was residing with her parents at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, telephone [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is her Grand Neice by marriage, but she knows nothing about [REDACTED] husband.

On 5/14/68, [REDACTED] Hawthorne, California, telephone [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] has not been living in California for many months. She advised that she has never met [REDACTED] and she has no information regarding his whereabouts. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was last known to reside at [REDACTED] Springfield, Missouri.

On 5/15/68, a review of the records of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office failed to reflect any record for [REDACTED] as being arrested in Los Angeles City or County for armed robbery in 1960 or [REDACTED]. The records were further checked under the spelling [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with negative results.

#### LEADS

##### KANSAS CITY

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. Will locate and interview [REDACTED] in an effort to locate [REDACTED] her husband, who was in the Missouri State Penitentiary during the same period as JAMES EARL RAY, in order that he may be interviewed regarding any information he may have pertaining to RAY.

##### ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Will locate and interview [REDACTED] in an effort to locate [REDACTED] her husband, who was in the Missouri State Penitentiary during the same period as JAMES EARL RAY, in order that he may be interviewed regarding any information he may have pertaining to RAY.

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Date: May 16, 1968

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

RE: MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau, 5/8/68, a copy of which was furnished to Kansas City.

Records of U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, reflect [redacted] was transferred [redacted] to U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

LEAD

KANSAS CITY DIVISION  
At U. S. Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Will interview [redacted] who was arrested with [redacted] in a series of Los Angeles robberies and who was reported to have been in the Missouri State Penitentiary with JAMES EARL RAY.

Will interview [redacted] to determine if he has any knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts.

- ③ - Bureau
  - 2 - Kansas City
  - 2 - Memphis
  - 2 - Seattle
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI

Date: 5/16/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis.

Re Cincinnati teletype, 5/15/68.

For the information of Indianapolis and Springfield,  
the contents of referenced teletype is set out:

\_\_\_\_\_ Columbus, Ohio,  
received a letter from her sister, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ San Francisco. \_\_\_\_\_ contacted Columbus  
Resident Agency because the letter contained the following:

"Before I forget \_\_\_\_\_ did you know  
that guy they claim shot MARTIN LUTHER KING  
is a grandson of those RAINES (RAYNES) that  
lived across from us on Vermont Street?  
(JIMMIE); \_\_\_\_\_ was married to a RAY  
(last name) from Missouri that is also one of  
his aliases. (EARL RAY) I bet \_\_\_\_\_ knew  
him. Also \_\_\_\_\_ remembers him  
so \_\_\_\_\_ said.

\_\_\_\_\_ San Fran-  
cisco, on 5/15/68, advised that the RAYNES or RAY family  
lived across the street from her grandmother in Quincy, Illinois.  
She advised that she knows nothing about the RAY family and

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Cincinnati (Info.) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1937) (RM)
- 2 - Indianapolis (RM)
- 2 - Springfield (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco

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25 MAY 18 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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JAMES EARL RAY except the fact that they could be the RAY family that lived across the street from her grandmother. She advised it was only after reading about the KING murder in the newspapers and reading the name RAY that she associated the name and Quincy, Illinois.

She advised that the following people from Quincy live in San Francisco:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] San Francisco, California  
telephone number [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
San Francisco, California  
telephone number [REDACTED]

She advised a [REDACTED] was from Quincy, Illinois and was now residing at [REDACTED] Indianapolis, Ind. She advised [REDACTED] was about RAY's age and grew up in the same neighborhood.

She advised that [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] resided at [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, and was the former husband of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

She advised that her father [REDACTED] exact address unknown, Quincy, Illinois, might know the RAY family [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] South San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that she has been away from Quincy, Illinois for several years. She stated she never knew the RAY or RAYNES family in Quincy. She advised that she did not know JAMES EARL RAY and does not know his present whereabouts. She advised that she vaguely recalled having heard of an EARL RAY. She advised that she could not furnish



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any information regarding JAMES EARL RAY and/or his present whereabouts.

[REDACTED] San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that she and her husband were both from Quincy, Illinois but have been away from Quincy for over 25 years. She advised that they have read newspaper accounts of JAMES EARL RAY's involvement in the KING case, but advised that neither of them know JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she has no idea of his present whereabouts.

LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS

AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Will contact [REDACTED] for any information he might have regarding the background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD

AT QUINCY, ILL. Will contact [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED] for any information regarding the background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

(2) Will contact [REDACTED], exact address unknown, possibly [REDACTED], for any information regarding background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. ([REDACTED] suggested that the Chief of Police would know her father's whereabouts.)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 16 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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II ST LOUIS

15AM URGENT 5-16-68 RJK

D DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
ROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST IN WHICH MSP INMATE

[REDACTED] BELIEVED [REDACTED] MIGHT  
HAVE INFO RE RAY WHEREABOUTS.

ADDRESS FOR [REDACTED] MOTHER, [REDACTED],  
ALMO, NON EXISTENT AT LEAST PAST FIVE YEARS, NEIGHBORS UNAWARE OF  
WHEREABOUTS.

IDENT DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH SL IDENT RECORDS FOR

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND  
[REDACTED]

TO ASSIST IN LOCATING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

By *Chubb* Time *250A*

MR. TROTTER 221983

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13 MAY 17 1968  
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FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 16 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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FBI ST LOUIS

10000011110PM URGENT 5-15-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN.

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THINKS

TOLD HIM RAY CONTACTED [REDACTED] AFTER RAY ESCAPED FROM MSP.

[REDACTED] SAID HE HAD KNOWN RAY FOR LONG TIME. [REDACTED] DID NOT  
KNOW WHETHER [REDACTED] HELPED RAY. [REDACTED] DENIES KNOWING RAY.

[REDACTED] KNOWN TO USE PAY. PHONE AT LA FONTS SINCLAIR STATION,  
HIGHWAY SIXTYONE, PORTAGEVILLE, MO., PHONE DR NINE THREE FIVE  
ZERO TWO.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO. (PROTECT) ADVISED CALL  
MADE FROM THAT PHONE MARCH THIRTY, LAST, TO KCMO PHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOV. NINE, LAST, TO KCMO PHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND TO IOLA, KANSAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LAST, TWO CALLS.

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KANSAS CITY IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBERS. UNLESS  
THEY APPEAR TO BE NORMAL BUSINESS CALLS, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY  
PROTECTING PHONE COMPANY, AND DETERMINE IF CALLS BEAR ON  
WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

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1135PM URGENT 5-15-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS AND LOUISVILLE  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN.

██████████ THINKS ██████████ TOLD HIM RAY  
CONTACTED ██████████ AFTER RAY ESCAPED FROM MSP. ██████████ SAID HAD KNOWN  
RAY FOR LONG TIME. ██████████ DID NOT KNOW WHETHER ██████████ HELPED RAY.  
██████████ DENIES KNOWING RAY. ██████████ KNOWN TO USE PAY PHONE AT LA  
FONTS SINCLAIR STATION, HIGHWAY SIX ONE, PORTAGEVILLE, MO., PHONE  
DR NINE DASH THREE FIVE ZERO TWO.

SW BELL TELE. CO. (PROTECT) ADVISED CALLS MADE FROM THAT PHONE  
NOV. SIX TO BARDWELL, KY., PHONE ██████████  
██████████, AND MARCH TWENTYNINE TO BANDANA, KY., PHONE ██████████  
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LOUISVILLE IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER. UNLESS THEY APPEAR  
TO BE NORMAL BUSINESS CALLS, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE  
CO., AND DETERMINE IF CALLS BEAR ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF  
SUBJECT.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER:

REINTERVIEWED. STATED IF RAY HAD BEEN IN SL FOLLOWING ESCAPE HE WOULD UNQUESTIONABLY HAVE CONTACTED HIM, PARTICULARLY IF NEEDED HELP. WOULD STILL HELP IF ASKED, BUT MIGHT TELL FBI AFTERWARDS. STATES [REDACTED] CRAZY. ALL [REDACTED] DOES OR TALKS ABOUT IS CASE JOBS, BUT NEVER PULLS ANY. LIVES IN PAST. POSITIVE IF RAY EVER IN SL WOULD NEVER CONTACT [REDACTED] AS DOES NOT TRUST HIM. BELIVES RAY HAD PLENTY OF MONEY ON ESCAPE FROM ALLEGED PRISON DEALING IN AMPHETAMINE. BELIEVES RAY IMMEDIATELY LEFT COUNTRY AFTER ESCAPE AS HE STATED DURING JOHNS VISITS HE WOULD DO SO IF EVER GOT OUT, AS HE WAS SICK OF LAW ENFORCEMENT HARASSMENT. WOULD NOT BE WITH FALL PARTNER JAMES L. OWENS AS RAY WOULD KILL OWENS IF HE SAW HIM, AS BELIEVES OWENS RESPONSIBLE FOR KROGER ARREST AND CONVICTION. NEVER SAW RAY WITH LONG HAIR, WAS ALWAYS CREW CUT.

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[REDACTED] STATES

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HELY LAUGH IS NERVOUS REACTION TO QUESTIONING WHICH HAS CAUSED HIM TROUBLE WITH POLICE IN PAST. CLAIMS UNCOOPERATIVE WHEN CONTACTED THREE TIMES FIVE FOURTEEN LAST, ONCE FIVE FIFTEEN LAST, BY LA SUN TIMES REPORTER. JOHN CLAIMS NOT TO KNOW ANYONE NAMED [REDACTED] BUT RECALLS MAN KNOWN TO HIM ONLY AS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DOES NOT BELIEVE [REDACTED] KNOWS HIM. [REDACTED]

CLAIMED NO WAY OF KNOWING IF SUBJECT KNOWS [REDACTED] SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS <sup>I</sup>DESCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY BY OTHER RELATIVES FIVE FIFTEEN LAST.

RE JAMES LAOMA OWENS, FELLOW PRISONER:

OWENS LOCATED CRYSTAL CITY, MO., EVENING FIVE FIFTEEN LAST. APPOINTMENT TO INTERVIEW BEFORE HE GOES TO WORK TODAY.

RE JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK CHECK.

CHECK OF ALL RECORDS, INCLUDING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, - *How about money officers?*  
JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SLMO, UNDER SUBJECT NAME AND ALL ALIASES, AND JAMES LAOMA OWENS, UNPRODUCTIVE.

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RE SLPD CHECKS:

COMPUTERIZED FIELD INTERROGATION REPORTS PAREN FIRS END PAREN,  
SLPD, AVAILABLE BACK TO NOVEMBER SIXTY SEVEN CHECK FOR ANY POLICE  
QUESTIONING OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OF SUBJECTS BIRTH DATE, DESCRIPTION,  
OR NAME-ALIASES. NEGATIVE. FIRS FOR THIRD DISTRICT, SLPD, AVAILABLE  
FOR PAST TWELVE MONTHS, BEING MANUALLY CHECKED.

RE [REDACTED]

LR REQUESTED BY SEPARATE TELETYPE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
AND WHO LIVED WITH [REDACTED] DURING MAY SIXTYSEVEN PERIOD WHEN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY SAW RAY IN [REDACTED] NEIGHBORHOOD.

[REDACTED] DAILY ASSOCIATE AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED NO ONE OF RAYS  
APPEARANCE OBSERVED NEAR [REDACTED] RESIDENCE OR ANYWHERE ELSE SINCE  
ESCAPE. RECOGNIZED FIFTY NINE RAY PHOTO AS PERSON HE SAW IN TAVERNS  
WITH [REDACTED] THAT YEAR. [REDACTED] NEVER MENTIONED RAY UNTIL PRESENT  
PUBLICITY [REDACTED]

RESOLUTIONS OF LOOK-ALIKES, FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS, AND  
RESOLUTION OF TOLL TICKET CHECKS CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ST LOUIS

1228AM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS AND HONOLULU VIA WASHINGTON TELEX  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN.

RE KC TEL MAY FOURTEENTH AND SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY FIFTEENTH  
REGARDING JAMES LAOMA OWENS.

OWENS LOCATED CRYSTAL CITY, MO., FIVE FIFTEEN LAST.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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PM URGENT 5-16-68 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

THE GRAPE VINE TAVERN, SLMO, IS OWNED BY CAROL PEPPER, SUBJECT'S  
SISTER, AND OPERATED BY JOHN LARRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER.

FOLLOWING CALLS MADE FROM COIN PHONE AT TAVERN:.

[REDACTED] GRANITE CITY,  
FEB. EIGHT.

[REDACTED] GRANITE CITY, FEB.  
EIGHT.

[REDACTED] E. ST. LOUIS,  
FEB. TWENTYNINE.

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[REDACTED] E. ST. LOUIS,  
MARCH FIFTEEN.

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WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO.

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556PM URGENT 5-16-68 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760) AND  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE FELLOW PRISONER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED MAY FIFTEEN, LAST, AND ADVISED HE HAS  
NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT; HOWEVER, POINTED OUT THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] WHO MAY STILL BE A PRISONER AT JEFFERSON.  
CITY, WAS PROBABLY ACQUAINTED WITH RAY DUE TO HIS WIDE CONTACTS  
AMONG INMATES.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] IS STILL INCARCERATED  
AND IF SO INTERVIEW RE KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT AND IF HE HAS  
BEEN RELEASED SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987) PLAINTEXT  
MEMPHIS VIA WASHINGTON

FROM HONOLULU

(157-131)

MURKIN. 74 RE KANSAS CITY AND HONOLULU RADIOGRAMS MAY FOURTEEN  
LAST CONCERNING JAMES LAOMA OWENS.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION THIS DATE BY SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT HONOLULU.

[REDACTED], NAVAL HOUSING, PEARL HARBOR NAVY YARD,  
UNABLE TO LOCATE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING ERNEST OWENS.  
RENTAL CARD FOR OWENS BORE NO MIDDLE INITIAL.

NO RECORD IDA OR ERNEST OWENS [REDACTED] OF

HAWAII AND THEY ARE NOT LISTED IN CURRENT DIRECTORIES.

[REDACTED] FILES INDICATE ERNEST OWENS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED CAR STOLEN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE. NO RECORD  
IDA OWENS.

DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS HONOLULU REFLECT FOLLOWING.

ERNEST NEWTON OWENS, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], VIRGINIA, STATIONED BARBERS' POINT, NSN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ISSUED HAWAII DRIVERS LICENSE  
NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE.

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ERNEST (NMI) OWENS BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], STATIONED USS NATCHAUG,  
PEARL HARBOR, NSN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ISSUED HAWAII DRIVERS LICENSE FEBRUARY, NINETEEN FIFTY  
FOUR.

NO INSERT BEING FORWARDED THIS MATTER. IT IS BEING LEFT  
TO DISCRETION OF MEMPHIS TO PURSUE ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE  
WIRNEST OWENS THROUGH EXEMINATION NAVY RECORDS.

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FBI LOUISVLE

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 1P

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RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY FIFTEEN, LAST.

~~REDACTED~~ SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH  
COMPANY, PADUCAH, KENTUCKY, (PROTECT IDENTITY), ADVISED  
BARDWELL TELEPHONE SIX TWO EIGHT - FIVE FOUR NINE FOUR  
LISTED FOR BEARDSLEY CHEVROLET CO., BARDWELL AND BANDANA  
NO. ~~REDACTED~~ IS LISTED TO STOWELL  
HOBBS, ~~REDACTED~~ KEVIL, KENTUCKY. BEARDSLEY CHEVROLET  
CO., REPORTEDLY HAS CUSTOMERS FROM THE MISSOURI AREA AND  
HOBBS IS REPORTED TO BE A PROMINENT FARMER WITH LARGE  
LAND HOLDINGS IN BOTH KENTUCKY AND MISSOURI.

UACB BEARDSLEY CHEVROLET CO. OR HOBBS ARE NOT BEING  
INTERVIEWED. *101 44-38861-3617*  
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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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THE GRAPE VINE TAVERN, SLMO, IS OWNED BY CAROL PEPPER,  
SUBJECT'S SISTER, AND OPERATED BY JOHN LARRY RAY, SUBJECT'S  
BROTHER.

ON FEB. EIGHT, LAST, CALL MADE FROM COIN PHONE AT TAVERN TO:

~~REDACTED~~ KCMO. REC-19 44-38861-3619

KANSAS CITY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER AND DETERMINE IF CALL BEARS  
ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECTS, COMPLETELY PROTECTING  
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FBI LOS ANG.

740PM DEFERRED 5/16/68 BCD

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT.

PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY ADVISED THIS DATE THAT

\_\_\_\_\_ IS THE NUMBER OF A DISCONNECTED  
TELEPHONE.

RECORDS CONCERNING SUBSCRIBER TO THIS NUMBER HAVE BEEN  
DESTROYED BY PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE INDICES CONTAIN NO RECORD OF THIS NUMBER.

LOS ANGELES WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER BY OTHER

MEANS.

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FBI KAN CITY

45LXXX 4-51 PM URGENT 5/16/68 RDD

TO DIRECTOR 44-3886L MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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DAILY SUMMARY.

KANSAS CITY, MO. PD RECORDS AND PHOTO OF [REDACTED] FURNISHED ST. LOUIS AND BIRMINGHAM. NO ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SUBJECT AND [REDACTED] DETERMINED.

PHOTO OF JAMES OWENS FURNISHED PERTINENT OFFICES. ADDRESS IN ST. LOUIS LOCATED FOR [REDACTED] FORMER MSP INMATE.

INVESTIGATION DETERMINED PHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] DURING FALL SIXTYSEVEN MADE TO [REDACTED] RENZ FARM, MSP. OTHER INFO. RE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE THIS AREA FURNISHED PERTINENT OFFICES.

LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED ON EXPEDITE BASIS.

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FBI ST LOUIS

846PM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR-

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

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RE

ADVISED

TODAY ONE BLACKIE DE CORE (PHONETIC)

WAS ASSOCIATE

OF RAY, THO APPARENTLY NOT AS CLOSE AS BLACKIE AUSTIN  
AND JOHN GAWRON.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD ; AND CHICAGO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY  
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW DE CORE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE [REDACTED]

FOR INFO KC ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MAY HAVE HARBORED RAY IN SL FOLLOWING ESCAPE AND CURRENTLY RESIDES IN [REDACTED] AREA WELL SUITED FOR HARBORING.

INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS FAILED TO ESTABLISH ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN RAY AND [REDACTED], THAT THEY KNOW EACH OTHER, OR THAT [REDACTED] OWNS CONTROLS OR HAS ACCESS TO ANY RURAL LAND.

CHICAGO REPORT CARRIES INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] SISTER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PAGE ONE ONE SEVEN, WHO LISTS ONE [REDACTED] WARDELL, MO AS [REDACTED] RELATIVE, RELATIONSHIP NOT SHOWN.

[REDACTED] WARDELL, MO., (PROTECT)

TODAY ADVISED [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED] COUSIN CURRENTLY RESIDING WITH SON [REDACTED] AT LEBANON, MO.

KC AT LEBANON, MO., INTERVIEW [REDACTED] TO SEE IF SUBJECT ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUBJECT AND [REDACTED], OR ANY [REDACTED] HARBORING ACTIVITIES KNOWN TO HER

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS  
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FBI ST LOUIS

1120PM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR ; MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER;

RAYNES REINTERVIEWED TODAY. BOUGHT SMALL ACREAGE AND  
HOUSE WHERE RESIDES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CAROL VISITS NEARLY EVERY WEEKEND. - BRINGS  
GROCERIES AS HE RARELY LEAVES PLACE. SHE TOLD HIM SHE HAD BEEN  
CONTACTED BY FBI WHO INDICATED POSSIBILITY RAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN  
IN SL FOLLOWING ESCAPE.

NOW RECALLS THAT DURING RECENT OVERNIGHT VISIT MAY 17, 1968  
JOHN RAY, BOTH WERE DRINKING AND JERRY MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT  
SUBJECT HAVING BEEN IN CHICAGO SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN FOLLOWING ESCAPE.  
UNABLE TO REMEMBER ANYTHING MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT STATEMENT, AND  
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INDICATED HE MIGHT HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD.

STATES LAST SAW RAY FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE; THAT RAY LIVED WITH MOTHER WHEN IN SL, NOT WITH HIM; AND THAT HE KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT SUBJECT. EXPRESSED BELIEF SUBJECT WAS SET UP ON KING KILLING BY SOMEONE ELSE, AS RAY WAS ROBBER, NOT KILLER. DOES NOT BELIEVE RAY WOULD KILL ANYONE UNLESS UNDER INFLUENCE OF NARCOTICS. DOES NOT BELIEVE RAY SMART ENOUGH TO PLAN KING JOB ALONE. BELIEVES SUBJECT NOW DEAD, PROBABLY KILLED BY PRINCIPAL.

RAYNES FEARFUL OF PUBLICITY. AFRAID NEGROES MIGHT ATTACK HIM IF HIS RELATIONSHIP TO RAY KNOWN.

NOTE RAYNES HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED] MIND WANDERS AND HAS DIFFICULTY RECALLING SPECIFIC INFORMATION, TIMES, ADDRESSES, EVEN OF RECENT EVENTS. HAS VICIOUS FEMALE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG OWNED BY JERRY RAY.

SL WILL REINTERVIEW JOHN LARRY RAY TOMORROW RE ALLEGED JERRY RAY STATEMENT SUBJECT WAS IN CHICAGO LAST SUMMER.

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WILL EXHIBIT PHOTO OF [REDACTED] FOR IDENTIFICATION OF  
[REDACTED] MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW.

CHICAGO REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW JERRY RAY REGARDING ABOVE  
ALLEGED STATEMENT

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Rosen *RS*

DATE: May 18, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4:55 a. m., 5-18-68, a [REDACTED] Phoenix, Arizona, telephone number [REDACTED], telephonically contacted Extra-Duty Supervisor [REDACTED] and advised that she has been attending church sessions in Tucson the last several evenings and she feels that James Earl Ray has been there also. The church is located at 5th Street and 10th Avenue in Tucson and the pastor is Reverend Young. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] requested her name be kept confidential. She said she would be willing to relate all information she had to an Agent in Tucson at this time.

At 5:00 a. m., 5-18-68, above data telephonically furnished to Phoenix Office. Night Clerk [REDACTED] was instructed to have a Tucson Agent immediately contact [REDACTED] and check this out. Results to be teletyped or telephoned to the Bureau.

ACTION: For information.

JHT:erg *erg*  
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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

STATE 005

URGENT 5-17-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 244

MURKIN.

REMYCAB MAY ONE FOUR LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO:

~~REDACTED~~ REVIEW RECORDS OF  
TELEPHONE COMPANY KEPT AT MAZATLAN, SINALOA FOR CALLS MADE  
FROM PUERTO VALLARTA DURING PERIOD OF SUBJECT'S ESTABLISHED  
STAY THERE. THESE ARE CALLS MADE FROM CASETA (CENTRAL  
TELEPHONE EXCHANGE) SINCE POSSIBILITY OF CALLS BY SUBJECT  
FROM TWO HOTELS WHERE HE STAYED HAD BEEN ELIMINATED EARLIER.

EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW OF OVER TWELVE HUNDRED TOLL TICKETS  
COVERING THIS PERIOD COMPLETED AND NO RECORD FOUND OF CALLS IN  
NAME OF GALT. CALLS FROM "MR. RAY" WERE MADE AS FOLLOWS: 15 MAY 20 1968

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NOVEMBER THREE LAST: TO SAN FRANCISCO TELEPHONE NUMBER  
[REDACTED]

THIS TICKET ALSO BEARS ANOTHER NUMBER WHICH APPEARS TO BE A  
NUMBER FOR SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUT EXACT SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS EXTRA  
NUMBER ON TICKET UNKNOWN.

NOVEMBER FIVE LAST: TWO CALLS TO LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE  
NUMBER [REDACTED]

ONE WAS TO A "SEÑORITA SANCHEZ" AND THE OTHER TO A "SEÑORITA  
SANAY" WHO COULD BE SAME PERSON.

NOVEMBER EIGHT LAST: COLLECT CALL TO DON LIVELY AT DALLAS,  
TEXAS, TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THERE WERE ACTUALLY EIGHT SEPARATE  
CALLS TO THIS NUMBER BUT ABOVE IS ONLY DATE NOW AVAILABLE.

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██████████ CHECKED ON HOTELS AND MOTELS IN MAZATLAN WHICH HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY CANVASSED EARLIER BY AGENTS OF MEXICAN FEDERAL SECURITY POLICE. NO RECORD LOCATED FOR SUBJECT UNDER TRUE NAME, GALT ALIAS, OR ANY OTHER KNOWN ALIAS.

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO TELEPHONE CALLS FURNISHED DIRECTLY TO INTERESTED DOMESTIC OFFICES SO IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION COULD BE INSTITUTED TO IDENTIFY CALLER AND DETERMINE ANY CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT OR THIS CASE.

BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RECEIVED: 11:19PM MSE

2RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 9 1968

TELETYPE

FBI DETROIT

600 AM EDST URGENT 5-9-68 VMC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM DETROIT (44-989) 7P

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL CAPTIONED "MURKIN" TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND  
DETROIT FOUR FIFTY AM, FIVE EIGHT LAST; IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
TELEPHONE CALL TO DETROIT, FIVE EIGHT LAST; DETROIT TEL TO  
DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS, TWO TWENTYFOUR PM, FIVE EIGHT  
LAST CAPTIONED "ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY, AR." [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]; REPORT OF SA [REDACTED]  
AT DETROIT DATED THREE TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT AND CAPTIONED "ROBERT  
JOSEPH DUNAWAY, [REDACTED]  
DETROIT TEL TO DIRECTOR DATED FOUR TWO SIXTYEIGHT AND CAPTIONED  
[REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU - FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
OF ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY (BUFILE NINETYTWO DASH ONE ZERO FIVE FIVE  
THREE) BEING SUBMITTED:

DUNAWAY, W/M, BORN FIVE TWENTY THIRTY, CLAWSON, MICHIGAN, HAS  
FBI NUMBER EIGHT FOUR ONE THREE ONE ZERO C. DUNAWAY FIRST KNOWN  
INVOLVEMENT WITH POLICE WAS SIX TWENTYSIX FORTYNINE FOR INVESTIGATION  
DASH ARREST FOR RESISTING DETROIT POLICE OFFICER. THERE FOLLOWED ON  
SEVEN ONE FIFTY ARREST BY DETROIT PD FOR LOITERING HOUSE PROSTITUTION  
WITH SUSPENDED SENTENCE ON SEVEN THREE FIFTY. ARRESTED AGAIN TEN  
TWENTYNINE FIFTYFIVE MT. CLEMENS, MICH., PD FOR A&B WHICH ON  
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NOT RECORDED

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ORIGINAL RECORDED

ELEVEN ONE FIFTYFIVE DISMISSED AFTER PAYMENT OF COSTS WHEN WITNESS  
FAILED TO PROSECUTE. ON THREE SEVENTEEN FIFTYEIGHT, ATTACHMENT OF  
TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FRIEND OF COURT, MT. CLEMENS, MICH., PLACED  
AGAINST DUNAWAY. LAST KNOWN ARREST BY DETROIT PD SIX THIRTY SIXTYSEVEN  
FOR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT EXTORTION, WHICH INVOLVED DUNAWAY AND  
THREE OTHERS WHEREIN LOCAL FISH SALESMAN, [REDACTED],  
WAS GIVEN A "SHYLOCK BEATING." MATTER PRESENTED DETROIT RECORDERS  
COURT, BOWLES GRAND JURY, AND LEFT "HANGING" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JOANNE, NEE  
SALVADORI, MASTERS FOR PAST TEN YEARS [REDACTED]  
RESIDED WITH MOTHER, MARY JANE SALVADORI, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DETROIT, MICH., UNTIL APPROXIMATELY TEN ONE SIXTYSEVEN  
WHEN MASTERS (HUSBAND DECEASED) MOVED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], DETROIT, MICH.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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THREE

[REDACTED] DUNAWAY HAD NO IMPRESSIVE  
EMPLOYMENT UNTIL PURCHASED LOCAL SMALL CLUB, STARDUST LOUNGE, ONE  
SIX ONE ONE SEVEN MACK AVE., DETROIT, MICH., APPROXIMATELY FIVE  
YEARS AGO. PURCHASE WAS BAD JUDGEMENT AND DUNAWAY INHERITED MANY  
OLD BILLS AND BACK TAXES. [REDACTED] INDICATED PURCHASE WAS "STUPID  
BUY" BUT DUNAWAY NOT WANT ANYONE TO KNOW OF HIS STUPIDITY.  
DUNAWAY TRIED TO MAKE PROFIT OF BUSINESS BUT WAS CONTINUELY BORROWING  
MONEY [REDACTED]

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ON THREE TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, WHILE THE [REDACTED] WERE OUT OF TOWN AND ALLEGEDLY ENROUTE TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.

[REDACTED] W/M, BORN SEVEN FIFTEEN TEN, ALBION, MICH., WAS TAKEN FROM HIS HOME AT [REDACTED] STERLING TOWNSHIP, MICH., IN PRESENCE OF WIFE OF ONE WEEK BY THREE OR FOUR INDIVIDUALS AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN PM. WIFE OBSERVED DI MAGGIO BEING BEATEN AS BEING DRIVEN AWAY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DI MAGGIO DIED FOLLOWING DAY THREE TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT AS RESULT OF BEATING AND NEVER REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.

OTHERS IDENTIFIED TO DATE BY [REDACTED] AS INVOLVED IN DI MAGGIO MURDER ARE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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MASTERS STATED DUNAWAY HAD KEY TO HER  
APARTMENT ON [REDACTED] AND HER MOTHER'S HOME AT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DETROIT, MICH. ALSO, DUNAWAY KNEW MASTERS' MOTHER,  
MARY JANE SALVADORI, WAS IN HOSPITAL [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN, [REDACTED]  
RENTED TO TWO YOUNG WHITE MALES WHO VACATED APPROXIMATELY A MONTH AND  
HALF AGO. SINCE THEN HOUSE BEEN VACANT WITH MASTERS' MOTHER'S  
NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR DARK BLUE MALIBU CHEVROLET BEING IN GARAGE WITH KEYS  
ALWAYS KEPT IN BOWL ON TV IN LIVING ROOM. MASTERS INDICATED SHE KNEW  
NOTHING OF MOTHER'S CAR BEING TAKEN OR DUNAWAY'S WHEREABOUTS UNTIL  
INFORMED FIVE EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT BY DETROIT POLICE. MASTERS STATED SHE  
DID NOT KNOW WHO KILLED DUNAWAY AND NOT KNOW ANY BASIS FOR DUNAWAY'S  
BODY BEING IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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DETROIT INVESTIGATION INDICATES NO CONNECTION BETWEEN DUNAWAY AND MURKIN MATTER.

DETROIT INVESTIGATION REGARDING DUNAWAY VIGOROUSLY CONTINUING AND POSSIBILITY BEING CONSIDERED REGARDING ITAR - MURDER.

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CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 43



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>ATLANTA</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/17/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/18/68-5/15/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO #4182 WF #442-A DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>bjc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

REFERENCE: Atlanta report of SA [REDACTED] 4/18/68.

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LEADS

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AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will continue efforts to locate subject and report results thereof.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED <b>None</b>					ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
IC	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS		RECOVERIES	PENDING OVER ONE YEAR
						PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE					DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		
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wd.	[Handwritten: 9 JUL 17 1968]						

*1cc - [unclear], [unclear]*

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Rerep sets forth check of various agencies previously conducted with negative results. Upon determination by Bureau on 4/19/68, that subject of this case is JAMES EARL RAY, these agencies were appropriately rechecked, that is, airlines, banks, birth, city and telephone directories, credit, arrest, car rentals, drivers license, dancing schools, hotels, INS, laundries, motels, public utilities, VB, Selective Service, public transportation other than airlines, labor unions, and criminal and racial informants.

In addition, the authors of want ads appearing in the metropolitan Atlanta newspaper re used cars for sale during the period 3/24-4/5/68, were contacted, all look-alike complaints resolved through interview, appropriate agency checks and neighborhood investigation where warranted.

The foregoing efforts proved negative and results are not being set forth in this report. Results of each inquiry appear in Atlanta file in appropriate form.

Copies of this report for the United States Attorneys at Birmingham and Memphis are included with copies for those offices, but not marked as such. Dissemination to be held in abeyance pending Bureau instructions.

With reference to interviews of RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS, this individual stated he would not testify to the information he furnished because he feared for his life. It is noted that CURTIS furnished the same information to the national news media.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Atlanta, Georgia  
Date: May 17, 1968

Field Office File #: AT 44-2386 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY,  
IO Number 4182  
WF Number 442-A  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -  
VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID  
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Results of FBI Laboratory examination of items obtained from 1966 Mustang and during search of subject's room set forth. Fibers on several items in Mustang could have come from bedspread in which rifle previously located in Memphis, Tenn., was wrapped. One latent fingerprint on map of Mexico located in room determined identical with a latent fingerprint on above rifle and binoculars also located in Memphis. Reinterviews of "GALT's" landlord did not produce information of significance. Landlord identified photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as being photograph of individual known to him as "GALT." Operator of neighborhood laundry used by "GALT" identified photograph of RAY as being good likeness of "GALT." Interviews with [REDACTED] and RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS previously incarcerated with RAY set forth. Unable to suggest subject's whereabouts. IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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AT 44-2386

I. RESULTS OF EXAMINATION BY FBI LABORATORY  
AND IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

AT 44-2386

A. Re 1966 Ford Mustang



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis

Re: MURKIN

Date: April 10, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. PC-A5627 IZ KS  
D-560623 JK  
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Specimens received 4/12/68 when personally delivered by  
SA [redacted] from FBI, Atlanta (PC-A5627 IZ KS; D-560623 JK)

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG:

- Q89 Floor mat from right front floor
- Q90 Floor mat from rear floor
- Q91 Floor mat from left front floor
- Q92 Floor mat from trunk
- Q93 Air filter cartridge
- Q94 Wheel jack from trunk
- Q95 Dark blue short-sleeved sweat shirt
- Q96 One rubber sandal, size 7-8
- Q97 One white fitted sheet
- Q98 One black and white shirt jacket
- Q99 One pillowcase
- Q100 One fitted sheet with yellow thread
- Q101 One black sport shirt
- Q102 One pair of size 34 walking shorts
- Q103 Rug from trunk
- Q104 Pillow from trunk
- Q105 Styrofoam container from trunk
- Q106 One pair of men's brown socks from trunk
- Q107 One hunting knife and sheath
- Q108 Spare tire mounting from trunk
- Q109 Lug wrench from trunk
- Q110 Blue-handled screwdriver from trunk
- Q111 Used windshield wiper blade from trunk
- Q112 One Persona razor blade
- Q113 Soil sample from spare wheel and tire
- Q114 Vacuum sweepings from front passenger side floor
- Q115 Vacuum sweepings from left front floor
- Q116 Vacuum sweepings from rear floor
- Q117 Vacuum sweepings from trunk

Specimens received 4/12/68 when personally delivered by  
SA [REDACTED] FBI, Atlanta (PC-A5655 K3 13 K2)

- Q143 Soil from right fender well
- Q144 Soil from right front wheel
- Q145 Soil from right rear wheel
- Q146 Soil from right rear fender well
- Q147 Debris from lower part of left fender
- Q148 Soil from left front wheel
- Q149 Soil from left rear wheel
- Q150 Scrapings from front left tire tread
- Q151 Soil from underneath body in front of differential
- Q152 Soil from differential
- Q153 Soil from front of exhaust pipe
- Q154 Soil from underneath body in front section
- Q155 Soil from left fender well
- Q156 Soil from left rear fender well
- Q157 Scrapings from left rear tire tread
- Q158 Scrapings from tread of right rear tire
- Q159 Scrapings from under glove compartment
- Q160 Scrapings from tire tread, right front tire
- Q161 Scrapings from front part of engine
- Q162 Water from windshield washer bag
- Q163 Spare tire and wheel from trunk

Specimen received 4/13/68 from FBI, Memphis (PC-A5655 K3)

K20 Soil from approximately twenty feet from site where gun  
and bedspread abandoned

Specimens received 4/13/68 from FBI, Memphis (PC-A5655 K3)

K44 - K49 Soil from parking lot and area between curb and  
sidewalk near Unit 34 of Nobel Hotel

Specimens received 4/16/68 from FBI, Memphis (PC-A5655 K3)

K50 - K59 Soil samples from area in rear of 410 and 412 1/2 South  
Main Street

### Results of examination:

The previously submitted bedspread, specimen Q13, is composed of brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers and green rayon fibers. Brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers and green rayon fibers that could have come from the Q13 bedspread were found on Q95, Q97 through Q104 and Q106 and in the Q117 sweepings. No such fibers were found on Q99 through Q92 or in the Q114 through Q116 sweepings.

Caucasian head hairs like the hairs previously found on the Q13 bedspread, in the Q15 pillow bag, on the Q96 towel, on the Q99 and Q99 socks and on the Q98 hairbrush were found on Q95, Q97, Q99, Q100 and Q102. These hairs could have come from the same person. It is pointed out that hairs do not possess enough individual microscopic characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person. Caucasian head hairs were also found in the Q114 through Q117 vacuum sweepings. Some of these hairs are like the Q13, Q15, Q23, Q99, Q30 and Q98 hairs and could have come from the same person. Some of the hairs from Q114 through Q117 are different from the Q13, Q15, Q23, Q99, Q30 and Q98 hairs and did not come from the same person. No hairs were found on Q99 through Q92, Q98, Q101, Q102, Q104 or Q106.

The Q99 through Q91 floor mats are composed of translucent red plastic. No brand names are indicated on the mats. The letters "HIS" are hand printed on the back of each mat, apparently with a felt tip marker. The significance of the letters is not known.

Specimen Q92 is a black and gray plaid rubber mat. No marks were found on Q92.

Specimens Q94, Q106 and Q103 are standard items furnished with Mustangs.

Specimen Q95 is a dark blue short-sleeved sweat shirt of medium size. No labels or laundry marks were found on Q95.

Specimen Q96 is a black and white rubber sandal for the left foot. A label on the bottom bears the following: "TANITA - H SHOE SIZE 7-8 JAPAN"

Specimen Q07 is a twin-bed size, fitted, white bed sheet. Specimen Q09 is a white pillowcase. A white laundry tape is present on Q07 and Q09. The following is printed in black on each tape: "2-01-3" It was concluded that the marks on these tapes did not originate from the machine which prepared the laundry tapes on the Q00 shorts and the Q70 T shirt.

Specimen Q08 is a black and white shirt jacket. The following is present on the label of Q08:

" H EN19703 68% DACRON 32% COTTON  
15-15 1/2 MONTICELLO SHIRT JACKET TAPERED"

Specimen Q100 is a twin-bed size, fitted, white bed sheet. The sheet is in two pieces. The two pieces are stitched together with yellow thread and white thread. Inquiry at a department store in Washington, D. C., developed the following information concerning Q100: It is a #9 grade irregular seamed sheet. Most such sheets even if manufactured in the United States are sold in other countries. If sold in this country, they are sold in low class "illegitimate stores." Such sheets do not bear the manufacturer's name.

Specimen Q101 is a black short-sleeved shirt. The following is present on the label of Q101:

"ARTURO ROBERTI CUSTOM TAILORED -L- 100% COTTON  
MADE IN U.S.A. EN15722"

Specimen Q102 is a pair of olive green walking shorts. The following is present on the label of Q102:

"HONG KONG DIPLOMAT CUSTOM TAILORED 65% POLYESTER FIBRE  
35% SUPER FINE COTTON WAIST 34"

Specimen Q103 is a light pink, looped pile cotton rug that measures 24" by 50 1/2". No labels were found on Q103.

Specimen Q104 is a feather pillow that measures about 19" by 24". The pillow has a specification label. The back of the label is stamped "J 1967."

Specimen Q105 is a container for a Polaroid camera, possibly a model 239. No label was found on Q105.

Specimen Q106 is a pair of men's stretch socks with no label.

Other than the laundry tapes on Q37 and Q39, no visible laundry marks were found on any of the cloth items listed above. No invisible laundry marks were found on any of these items.

No buttons are missing from any of the garments listed above.

The Q107 hunting knife has a blade that measures 3 9/16" in length. The blade is rusty. The words "G. CO. JAPAN" are imprinted on one side of the blade and the number "15" is imprinted on the other side. The word "GARDNER" is stamped on the sheath.

Specimen Q110 is a flat-tipped Stanley brand screwdriver.

Specimen Q111 is an "AMCO" brand windshield wiper blade. Part of the rubber has been torn off.

Specimen Q112 is a "Personna" double-edge razor blade. No hairs were found on Q112.

The K30 and K44 through K50 soils from Memphis are different from the soil found on the previously submitted Q13 bedspread in physical characteristics and composition. Therefore, the soil from the bedspread did not come from the sources of K30 and K44 through K50.

No soil similar to the soil from the bedspread was found in Q113, Q143 through Q153, Q159 and Q161 or on the Q158 tire and wheel. None of these soils from the car originated from the source of the soil on the bedspread.

Although nothing was noted which would aid in the determination of the original sources of specimens Q113, Q143 through Q153, Q159, Q161, Q163, Q164 and the soil from Q113, they are suitable for comparison purposes. Specimens Q147, Q150, Q155, Q156

through Q153, Q160 and Q161 are either too limited in amount or too mixed with miscellaneous debris to be of value for significant comparisons other than for elimination purposes.

The soils from the car were different from K30 and K44 through K59 in physical characteristics and composition and, therefore, did not come from the sources of K30 and K44 through K59.

No soil of value for significant comparison was found on Q89 through Q109 or in the vacuum sweepings, specimens Q114 through Q117. The mineral debris in Q114 through Q117 consists of typical car floor debris, a mixture of miscellaneous materials from numerous sources. No mineral debris of apparent significance was found in Q114 through Q117.

The scrapings from under the glove compartment, Q159, do not contain blood.

The Q162 liquid was identified as water. No traces of any alcohols such as used in windshield wash were identified in this specimen.



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B. Re Search of Subject's Room



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 23, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560880 JK  
PC-A5688 IZ

Specimens received 4/16/68

- Q174 Booklet entitled "What is the John Birch Society"
- Q175 Gulf Oil Company map of Atlanta
- Q176 "Arrow" map of Greater Atlanta
- Q177 Box of Nabisco Saltine Crackers
- Q178 Jar of French's Mustard
- Q179 Coffee cup
- Q180 Water glass
- Q181 Small can of Carnation Evaporated Milk
- Q182 Jar of Maxwell House Instant Coffee
- Q183 Box of "C & H" Sugar
- Q184 One knife (Forgecraft)
- Q185 One National's Citation pencil
- Q186 Wire electric cup heater
- Q187 One portable Zenith television model #N 2205-6
- Q188 Jar of Kraft's Catalina French Dressing
- Q189 Package of Golden Grain California Lima Beans
- Q190 Can of "Iris" ground black pepper
- Q191 Box of five National's Citation pencils
- Q192 Gulf map of Southeastern USA
- Q193 Shell map of Texas and Oklahoma
- Q194 Map of Mexico
- Q195 Map of Los Angeles published by Mitock & Sons
- Q196 Map of Los Angeles (Atlantic Richfield Co.)
- Q197 Shell map of Louisiana
- Q198 Map of California
- Q199 Enco map of Arizona and New Mexico
- Q200 Standard Oil map of Birmingham and vicinity
- Q201 Tie (Brown with brown, blue and silver diagonal stripes)
- Q202 Pair of grey trousers
- Q203 Booklet entitled "Your Opportunities in Locksmithing"

Result of examination:

Examination of Q176 ("Arrow" map of Atlanta) revealed the following markings: In area number 17, ink lines were noted on Daniel Street between Arbor Avenue and Boulevard Drive; in area number 03 an ink circle approximately  $3/8$  inch in diameter the center of which would be approximately on Auburn Avenue at Courtland; in area number 14, two ink circles which are approximately concentric with diameters of about  $1/4$  inch and  $1/2$  inch. The centers of these two circles lie approximately at the intersection of Simpson Road and Paines; in area number 09 an ink circle approximately  $1/2$  inch in diameter and the numeral 10 were noted. The center of this circle lies approximately on 14th Street between Crescent Avenue and Peachtree Road; in area number 06 an ink circle approximately  $3/8$  inch in diameter appears. The center of this circle is approximately at the meeting place of Highland View and Ponce de Leon Terrace.

The notations set out below were observed on Q196 ("Atlantic Richfield Co." street map of Los Angeles.") On the top of that side of this map which contains the alphabetical street listings a small pencil circle was noted in the "Van Nuys District" at the intersection of Buffalo Avenue and Oxnard Street.

On the large map on the other side of this map the following markings were noted in the Beverly Hills area. Two vertical lines in ink at the east end of the park which is located at Olympic Boulevard and Heath Avenue; vertical lines in ink at San Vicente Boulevard and Masselin Avenue; an ink line running between the two vertical lines previously mentioned generally following Pico Boulevard and Packard Street; an ink line extending from the vertical lines at the park along Olympic Boulevard to Alfred Street.

An ink line at the intersection of Beverly Glen Boulevard and Woodruff; an ink line at the intersection of Beverly Glen Boulevard and Warnall Avenue.

Also noted was an ink marking at Sunset Boulevard and Palm Drive.

Ink parentheses were noted around the words "Sonoma Way" and "Rocca Pl" which are located in Stone Canyon.

The pair of trousers, specimen Q202, is old and soiled. The lining and pockets are yellowed, the two front pockets have holes in them and the edge of the left front pocket is threadbare. The trousers have a "NEEDLECRAFT" label. The waist is 34 1/2 inches and the inseam is 26 inches. A name handwritten in black on the right rear pocket is probably a cleaners mark. This name appears to be "Z SOLOFF;" however, the last two letters are not clear. No invisible cleaners marks were found on Q202.

Several brown to dark brown head hairs of Caucasian origin were found on the trousers and in the pocket debris. These hairs are different from the hairs from the Mustang and Memphis scene. It was concluded that they did not originate from the same source. No hairs were found on the Q201 necktie.

No fibers were found on the Q202 trousers or on the Q201 necktie that could be associated with cloth items previously submitted in this case.

No marks or labels were found on the Q201 necktie.

Examination of the other items described above disclosed no other pertinent information.

The submitted evidence has been retained.



**REPORT**  
of the  
**IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**  
**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. 44-2386  
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861  
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

April 19, 1968

TO: SAC, Atlanta

RE: MURKIN

REFERENCE: Letter 4-15-68

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Atlanta

SPECIMENS: Portable TV and numerous items from storage  
room in Rooming House at 113 Fourteenth Street,  
Atlanta, Georgia, Q174 through Q200, and Q203

Six latent fingerprints and one latent impression, which may be a fingerprint, impression of lower joint of a finger, or partial palm print, were developed on map of Mexico, Q194. No other latent impressions of value found or developed.

One of the latent fingerprints on the map is identical with the latent fingerprint previously reported on the rifle, Q2, and with the latent fingerprint previously reported on binoculars, Q14. Other latent prints on the map compared with latent prints previously reported in this case, but no identification effected.

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

SAC, Atlanta

April 19, 1968

Results of laboratory examination and disposition  
of specimens subject of separate report.

This report confirms and supplements Butel of  
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II. PRESENCE OF SUBJECT IN ATLANTA

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A. Reinterviews Of Landlord



Date April 30, 1968

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, 107 - 14th Street, N.E.,  
Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at his place of employment,  
[REDACTED], Atlanta,  
Georgia.

At the outset of the interview, GARNER acknowledged that he had been on a prolonged "drunk" since about Friday, April 19, 1968, and was at the time of the interview in the throes of a "terrific hangover." GARNER explained that [REDACTED] he has from time to time "gone on drinking sprees" for periods lasting several days in duration.

GARNER at this time acknowledged that he was previously on one of his "drunks" from a period beginning about March 22, 1968 through about March 30, 1968 which included the first week that the man known to him as ERIC S. GALT resided at the rooming house operated by GARNER at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

GARNER said that despite his being in the throes of a "hangover" resulting from his most recent drinking binge, he now felt able to again recount his recollections of his contacts with "GALT". GARNER provided the following information:

GARNER began drinking in his room at 107 - 14th Street about Friday, March 22, 1968. On Sunday afternoon, before darkness (exact time unknown but possibly between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.) the man whom he later knew as ERIC S. GALT appeared at GARNER's door. GARNER said he now believes the door to his room was open, and that he (GARNER) was sitting in a chair in his room in a drunken condition. GARNER recalls that "GALT" inquired regarding obtaining a single room. At the time the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. had been closed for sometime possibly three or four weeks. This rooming house had been closed because it had become "infested with 'hippies'" and the

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only way he could get them to move from the rooming house was to close it up. When "GALT" asked for a single room, there was no single room available in the rooming house at 107 - 14th Street, N.E. so he decided to put "GALT" in the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. Accordingly, "GALT" was the first roomer in this rooming house for several weeks.

GARNER now recalls that "GALT" produced a partly consumed quart or fifth size bottle of vodka. This bottle was square in shape but the brand name could not be recalled. He believes he may have had a drink with "GALT" in his (GARNER's) room at 107 - 14th Street, N.E. after which he accompanied "GALT" to the rooming house next door where he showed "GALT" room number 2. When "GALT" stated that the room was quite small, GARNER opened the door connecting with room number 4 which is utilized normally as a storage room and which has no windows. GARNER told "GALT" he could use the connecting room and at this time there was some mention made that "GALT" would put his television set on the desk in room number 4 as well as other articles belonging to "GALT". GARNER recalls that the connecting door is equipped with a hasp and padlock and that he (GARNER) upon unlocking and opening this door, replaced the padlock, (unlocked) on the hasp. GARNER said he did not see the television or other items belonging to "GALT" at this time and has no clear recollection of ever seeing any of "GALT's" possession prior to "GALT's" departure from this address.

GARNER also recalls that "GALT" left the partly consumed bottle of vodka with GARNER and that after showing "GALT" to his room, GARNER returned to 107 - 14th Street, N.E. where he continued to drink.

He said the vodka bottle was undoubtedly thrown away in the trash.

GARNER states that he is unable to recall any of the conversations he may have had with "GALT." When specifically asked whether "GALT" had stated how he happened to pick this particular rooming house; where he had come from; whether he had made inquiries about places to eat, laundry and drycleaning facilities or service to his automobile, GARNER said he cannot recall any conversation concerning these or similar matters.

He reiterated that his contact with "GALT" on this occasion is very hazy because of his intoxicated condition.

At this point, GARNER stated that information previously provided to Agents concerning having obtained "GALT's" name at the time of initial contact was probably erroneous because he now recalls that he did not have "GALT" write his name at this time but that this was done a week later on March 31, 1968, when "GALT" paid GARNER for a second week's rent in advance.

GARNER said that he continued his drinking activities on through the week of March 24, 1968 and did not begin to sober up until the following weekend. He cannot clearly recall any of his actions during this week but has a hazy recollection of going to "GALT's" room at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. about Tuesday night and of again having some drinks with "GALT" in this room. He states that he cannot recall any of the conversations with "GALT" at this time and he does not recall observing any of the items that might have been in room number 2. He does not recall why he happened to go to the room but suspected that he may have been "checking the building" and just dropped in to visit with "GALT" when he discovered he was in the room. He believes this was Tuesday night, March 26, 1968, but is not sure of this.

GARNER also stated that sometime during the first week possibly on Wednesday, he recalls walking across the street from his residence to Postal Sub Station C for the purpose of buying some envelopes. He said that he was still in a drunken condition but hazily recalls encountering a young man approximately 20 years of age in front of the Post Office who addressed GARNER by name. This unknown individual asked GARNER a question to the effect "Who was the man I saw you with last night in the white Mustang?" GARNER said this suggested to him that he had possibly gone with "GALT" somewhere in "GALT's" automobile while he (GARNER) was dead drunk but although he has tried to recall such an incident, he cannot recall ever being in "GALT's" car. GARNER was specifically questioned at this point as to whether he has any friends or acquaintances residing in the vicinity of Highland View Street, Ponce de Leon Terrace and Barnett Street, N.E. GARNER said that he did not know anyone in that neighborhood and cannot recall having visited that neighborhood on any occasion in the recent past.

Several efforts were made to encourage GARNER to recall additional information concerning the unknown man who questioned him concerning being in the white Mustang, but he repeatedly stated that he just does not know this person but that it is possibly someone who has been a patron at one of the restaurants which GARNER has operated in the past.

GARNER recalls no further contact with "GALT" until Sunday, March 31, 1968. At this time GARNER had "begun to sober up" and went to the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. to check the rooms. He said he does this frequently to be sure that the "hippies" have not again invaded these premises. On this occasion, he encountered "GALT" in the hall. At this time, "GALT" said "he might as well pay him for another week." GARNER said that he did not enter "GALT's" room at this time but picked up an envelope which was lying on the table in the hall and it was at this time he had "GALT" print his name thereon with the view of transferring the name to his permanent records when GARNER returned to his own room. GARNER said he knows he was paid in cash but does not recall the denomination of the bills or any further conversation with "GALT" at this time.

GARNER said that he remained in a sober condition from March 31 until the beginning of his most recent drinking spree on April 19, 1968. He is, accordingly, sure that he did not see "GALT" again after he was paid on Sunday, March 31, 1968. He said he may have seen "GALT's" automobile parked in the rear of 113 - 14th Street, N.E. at various times during the week, but could not be positive and does not recall any specific dates. He noted that he does not recall ever seeing "GALT's" car parked in the parking lot behind the rooming house when GARNER returned from his restaurant to 14th Street about 4:00 p.m. He said that when and if he saw the car, it is his best recollection that it would have been during the early morning hours when he left to go to the restaurant or possibly late in the evening. He stated he retains the impression that "GALT" left the rooming house sometime in the morning and would not return until quite late in the evening. He conceded that it is possible that the car may have been absent from the rooming house for periods of two or three days while "GALT" was a tenant there.

GARNER related that on Friday, April 5, 1968, he went to his restaurant at [REDACTED] about 5:30 in the morning. He remained at that restaurant until about 10:00 a.m. at which time he returned to the rooming houses on 14th Street for the purpose of getting the linen ready to be picked up by an employee of the Atlanta Linen Company which performs the laundry services for GARNER. GARNER stated that when help is available, he usually takes one of the female employees from the restaurant when he goes to the rooming houses on Friday to change the linen. He recalled, however, that on Friday, April 5, 1968, he was "short of help" at the restaurant and, accordingly, went alone to get the linen. He believes he could have arrived at the rooming house between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. at which time the driver for the Atlanta Linen Company was waiting for him. GARNER said he went to all of the occupied rooms and took the linen from the beds. Upon entering room number 2 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., he observed that the bed was made up but from the appearance of the bed it looked as though someone had been lying on top of the spread. He found on top of the bed a note possibly written on a piece of cardboard of the type placed in shirts by the laundry. This note was apparently from "GALT" and although he cannot recall the exact wording, stated something to the effect that "GALT" had to go to Birmingham and would return in about a week to pick up his television and/or property. GARNER said he tossed the note in the waste can in the room and obtained the linen from the bed which he turned over to the employee of the Atlanta Linen Company.

While in the room, he observed that the door connecting room number 2 and the adjacent storage room had been locked but he did not enter the room at this time to determine what property had been left there by "GALT". Sometime later, he did enter the room and noted that a television set was in the room along with miscellaneous items which he cannot specifically recall that were lying on the desk in the room.

GARNER said that he has not received any word or communication from "GALT" concerning the property left there. He cannot recall seeing "GALT" talk to any of the other roomers at either of the rooming houses and knows nothing concerning any of "GALT's" activities while he resided at this address. He is certain that "GALT" did not mention having been referred to this rooming house by anyone and feels that he would have recalled this even though he was in an intoxicated condition during a great portion of the time "GALT" resided there.

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JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, 107 - 14th Street, N.E.,  
Atlanta, was interviewed at his place of business, [REDACTED]

GARNER specifically was asked regarding any discussions he may recall with the man whom he knew as ERIC S. GALT concerning drugs and/or narcotics. GARNER replied that he could recall no conversation with "GALT" concerning these matters and can recall nothing to indicate GALT was using drugs or narcotics.

GARNER also was asked specifically whether he recalled any conversation with "GALT" concerning racial matters. GARNER said he cannot recall any such conversation.

GARNER reiterated information previously furnished that the only conversation with GALT was the one on March 31, 1968, at which time he was paid for an additional week's rent. He again stated he is positive he did not encounter "GALT" at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., on Friday, April 5, 1968, when he GARNER, went to that address to remove the dirty linens to be given to the laundry man.

GARNER said FERRY JEE ZACKERY, the cook at Garner's Cafeteria, and another employee at the cafeteria, went to the rooming houses on 14th Street on the afternoon of April 5, 1968, to make up the beds. He cannot recall the identity of the woman who accompanied ZACKERY, but knows only it was a Negro female whom he had picked up to work in the restaurant as a dishwasher. He noted that during the past several weeks, he has had numerous different women working at the restaurant, and cannot specifically recall which one was working on April 5, 1968. He suggested that EDNA JACKSON, who resides at [REDACTED] might have been the woman who accompanied FERRY ZACKERY to clean the rooming houses on April 5, 1968.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 9, 1968

JIMMY GARNER, 107 14th Street, Northeast, was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in which he was wearing a suit, white shirt, and fore-in-hand tie. He stated this is the best likeness he has seen to date of RAY and stated, "If not him, it's his twin brother."

GARNER stated he has continued to try to recall additional information concerning RAY and his brief stay at 113 14th Street, Northeast; however, he has been unable to recall any additional information.

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B. Use Of Laundry



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 9, 1968

Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS, Piedmont Laundry, 1168 Peachtree Street, Northeast, was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in which he is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and fore-in-hand tie. She stated she believes the photograph of RAY in which he was wearing a bowtie is a better likeness, however, stated the more recent photograph in which he is wearing a fore-in-hand tie looks older and the eyes and nose appear very similar.

She stated she has been unable to recall any additional information concerning the individual whom she knew as ERIC S. GALT.

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III. INTERVIEWS OF FORMER JAIL MATES OF THE SUBJECT

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On April 24, 1968, SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised he was formerly incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. He stated while at the Missouri State Prison, he was acquainted for approximately three years with JAMES EARL RAY, a fellow inmate. [REDACTED] advised he was released from the Missouri State Prison on [REDACTED] and JAMES EARL RAY was still incarcerated. He stated he had been [REDACTED] at the Missouri State Prison and RAY worked as a bread slicer.

[REDACTED] advised RAY was the type person the other inmates did not "mess with." He described RAY as a "loner" who usually initiated the conversation if he wanted to talk to anyone. He stated that RAY spoke in a mild, low tone and when angry would speak even softer. He stated he had never known RAY to become excited and shout. To his knowledge, he has never known RAY to smoke. He stated RAY had a fair complexion, which was blotchy, having pimples around the lower portion of his face. He stated RAY had a rash on the right side of his head during the entire time he had known RAY and RAY would scratch this rash. He stated this rash was very noticeable due to the type of haircut in the Penitentiary and RAY put some type of salve on this rash. He stated RAY's hair was lightly streaked with gray. He advised the only scar he can recall which RAY had was a large burn scar on his forearm, side unrecalled. He stated this scar was located near the wrist. He stated RAY had dingy teeth.

[REDACTED] advised RAY always talked about "running around" in St. Louis, Missouri. He normally talked about two girl friends, one of these he had met at the Gaslight

(a bar) located in either St. Louis or Kansas City. [REDACTED] stated the other girl was a girl RAY had met around the college at Columbia, Missouri, and it was his impression this girl had worked in a tavern there..

[REDACTED] advised RAY, while in prison, wore a ring on his left hand which was made at the Penitentiary, having been made from white metal with raised initials. He stated RAY never smiled, but when he smiled, it looked like a smirk. He advised RAY was clean and not sloppy in his dress. He described RAY as an avid reader and considered RAY to be intelligent. He advised RAY participated in softball games as a pitcher and would watch all of the baseball games at the Penitentiary, however, he had never heard RAY speak of professional baseball.

[REDACTED] stated that some time in 1966, a group of Black Muslims had petitioned for the right to have their own religious services. He stated the Muslims would congregate in groups and that a subsequent search of the Negro prisoners had uncovered a large cache of weapons. [REDACTED] stated the white prisoners then armed themselves and there was a riot at the prison. [REDACTED] stated three Negro prisoners were killed. [REDACTED] stated he would not say RAY had knifed these Negro prisoners, but did say that if RAY had not knifed them, he definitely knew who had killed them.

[REDACTED] stated RAY definitely was a racist and hated Negroes. He stated RAY had made the statement and firmly believed that all the Negro prisoners inside the Penitentiary should be killed. He stated RAY had on several occasions made the statement that if the price were right, he would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. [REDACTED] stated he does not recall ever hearing anything which would indicate a "contract" was out for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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[REDACTED] advised he would not be surprised if JAMES EARL RAY was the murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, however, he does not believe RAY would have killed KING without being paid for it.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] RAY had attempted to escape from the Missouri State Prison by going out of the prison behind the ovens in the prison bakery. He stated RAY was apprehended and RAY had broken his arm in this escape attempt. He stated RAY had talked about escaping from the Penitentiary prior to this. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated while in prison, RAY was particularly interested in Western music. He stated he does not recall RAY ever mentioning anything about dancing. He stated that during this period a number of orchestras from the Lake of the Ozarks had played at the State Prison and RAY would never miss these performances. He stated RAY often talked about planning to go to the Lake of the Ozarks when he got out of prison. [REDACTED] stated he would have no idea who RAY would contact at the Lake of the Ozarks, but stated if he were to look for RAY there, he would first find out who was selling dope and through this person, locate RAY. He stated RAY had talked about being on dope prior to being in the Missouri State Prison. He advised RAY had to have an outside source of income while in prison inasmuch as RAY's dope habit was costing RAY \$35 to \$40 a week for shots and RAY appeared to be well fixed, never wanting for anything.

[REDACTED] estimated RAY spent \$15 to \$20 a week for personal conveniences. He stated RAY, while in prison,

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used amphetamine, taking the shot in the "main line." He stated RAY would take two to three shots a day. He stated RAY never lacked for money, but had no idea of RAY's source of income. [REDACTED] stated he is certain RAY was not selling amphetamine to other prisoners, stating he has known RAY to give free amphetamine to prisoners who needed a shot. [REDACTED] denied that he himself had ever taken any shots, but admitted he has taken pills. [REDACTED] claimed [REDACTED] RAY [REDACTED] not engaged in the sale of amphetamine at the Missouri State Prison.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] Guard [REDACTED] of the Missouri State Prison, was very close to JAMES EARL RAY and it was [REDACTED] understanding that [REDACTED] was RAY's source of amphetamine. He stated [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and he is certain [REDACTED] was not connected in any way with the bringing of amphetamine into the prison. He stated while [REDACTED] was friendly with RAY, he understands it was [REDACTED] who had disclosed RAY's hiding place when RAY had attempted to escape in 1966.

[REDACTED] advised one [REDACTED] was RAY's closest friend in the Missouri State Prison. [REDACTED] He stated [REDACTED] at this time was [REDACTED] at the prison. He believes [REDACTED] was serving time for [REDACTED] and he does know that dope was connected with [REDACTED] offense.

[REDACTED] does not know whether or not [REDACTED] is presently in custody but does not believe he is presently in the Missouri State Prison.

He stated RAY had another friend, one [REDACTED]. He stated [REDACTED] was from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] claims he has not been contacted by RAY and has heard nothing to indicate RAY has attempted to contact him. He stated RAY had talked about traveling over all the United States, but had never mentioned anything which would indicate RAY was associated with anyone in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. [REDACTED] stated the only other prisoner he knew who was from the State of Georgia, who was an inmate at the Missouri State Prison was one [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] Georgia. [REDACTED] is still incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison.

[REDACTED] advised he had made a trip to California in November of 1967, and that he and his wife had spent Thanksgiving Day visiting her uncle, [REDACTED], who resides at Palos Verdes, California. He stated [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] in that area. He stated that he and his wife had stopped at Jefferson City and while there, contacted a Missouri State Prison guard, [REDACTED]. He stated he had not made any inquiry concerning RAY and was not aware that RAY had escaped. He stated he had not made any inquiry concerning inmates inasmuch as his wife did not know he was a former inmate of the Missouri State Prison. He stated he had stopped in the Kansas City, Missouri, area and attempted to locate [REDACTED], who had been in the Missouri State Prison as [REDACTED]. He stated [REDACTED] had been released approximately a year before he had and that they had agreed to attempt to get together

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after their release from prison. He stated [REDACTED] worked in [REDACTED] at the Missouri State Prison and although he was acquainted with RAY, he did not believe [REDACTED] was a particularly good friend of RAY. He stated after his return from California, he was contacted by [REDACTED]

He stated [REDACTED] owns a home at [REDACTED] Florida, Telephone Number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated [REDACTED] in February of 1968 was out of a job and had come to [REDACTED] Georgia, looking for employment. He stated [REDACTED] had come to [REDACTED] Georgia, with his wife and a small baby and had resided with [REDACTED] for approximately one and one-half weeks, leaving approximately two or three days after [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised he could recall nothing else concerning RAY which might assist in his location, but in the event he remembered anything additional, he would contact the FBI.



The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 25, 1968 at [REDACTED]  
Georgia:

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the  
[REDACTED] Georgia, where he [REDACTED]  
provided the following information regarding JAMES  
EARL RAY:

[REDACTED] advised after the interview with agents  
on April 24, 1968, he recalled that he had also been  
employed by [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]  
Atlanta, Georgia. [REDACTED] advised  
he was employed there as [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that he had learned previously  
that the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, had been seen in Atlanta  
and thought possibly he might have come looking for [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] stated he had no idea whether or not RAY might have  
been aware of his employment, but stated there was a possibility  
that he may have been. [REDACTED] continued he had been employed  
at [REDACTED] around [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] stated during that time he worked under  
[REDACTED] who was the [REDACTED]  
of [REDACTED] and worked with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who became [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] after [REDACTED] left their employment. [REDACTED] advised  
if RAY had ever come into [REDACTED]  
looking for him these two persons would have been the persons  
most likely to have been contacted in this regard.

[REDACTED] stated he had never received any information  
that anyone similar to RAY had been seeking him but stated  
that there was a distinct possibility that this may have been  
true.

[REDACTED] further advised sometime after [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Georgia. at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] he had been advised by persons, who he could  
not recall that a long distance phone call had been made to  
the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] around [REDACTED] or

[REDACTED] and was received at that time by either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that he was not certain which of these persons received this phone call but was advised that the person who called left no phone number and apparently did not identify himself to the person who received the telephone call. [REDACTED] advised he had no idea who the phone call may have been from and stated that he never did receive any further information about this call, nor was the call ever completed to him.

[REDACTED] stated as best he could recall the phone call might have originated in Oklahoma, but stated that neither he nor, as best he could recall, RAY had any mutual friends in that area.

[REDACTED] Georgia, advised that [REDACTED] had been employed by him as a [REDACTED] and all around assistant from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that during this time [REDACTED] had worked satisfactorily for him every day that they could have worked, weather permitting. [REDACTED] advised the total duration of this time was approximately five weeks and stated that as best he could recall at no time did [REDACTED] ever leave this area. [REDACTED] continued that on two or three occasions, [REDACTED] had worked on Saturdays, but had never worked on any Sundays during this time. [REDACTED] advised there was no way to specifically determine the exact dates on which [REDACTED] worked, but provided the following dates on which [REDACTED] was paid and the amounts.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
March 8, 1968	[REDACTED]
March 15, 1968	[REDACTED]
March 22, 1968	[REDACTED]
March 29, 1968	[REDACTED]

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Date

April 5, 1968  
April 21, 1968

Amount of Check

[REDACTED] stated during this five or six week period, he had made two loans to [REDACTED] in two checks, one for [REDACTED] and one for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that if [REDACTED] were to have been employed five days per week, his checks would run approximately [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that all of the checks indicate that [REDACTED] may not have possibly worked all five days of the week, but again stated that this was due to the weather, stating that in rainy-type weather it was impossible for them to work.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had been a satisfactory employee while working for him.

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On April 29, 1968, [REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED] Georgia, by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised JAMES EARL RAY had been very close to [REDACTED] who had worked in [REDACTED] at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP).

[REDACTED] stated he had no knowledge that [REDACTED] was engaged in the distribution of amphetamines at the prison. He stated [REDACTED] was released from prison and went to a town located close to the MSP, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He advised RAY was not particularly close to [REDACTED]. He stated [REDACTED] mother lives in [REDACTED] Missouri and has a brother, [REDACTED] who is in the MSP.

[REDACTED] advised that in [REDACTED] he had taken a trip to Missouri and had gone to [REDACTED] in an effort to locate [REDACTED]. He stated [REDACTED] mother told him [REDACTED] was serving time in the penitentiary in Florida. He stated he then returned to Georgia without seeing any of the guards or anyone else in Missouri. He advised on his return trip he had met [REDACTED] in a bar in Alabama. He stated [REDACTED] was having trouble with his wife, who had burned all [REDACTED] clothes and he was enroute to Georgia in an effort to get away from her. He stated [REDACTED] decided to come to [REDACTED] Georgia, with him, which he did. [REDACTED] stated the trip to Missouri only took him three days and again denied having contacted anyone else.

██████████ stated ██████████ stayed in the Atlanta area for several months and then left to go to South Carolina to see a girl friend. He advised ██████████ returned from South Carolina and told ██████████ that he had a job and was working somewhere in Atlanta, Georgia. ██████████ stated he has no idea concerning the present whereabouts of ██████████.

██████████ advised that RAY, while in prison, worked as a bread slicer and only earned between \$5 and \$6 per month, but never seemed to want for money. He stated RAY, while in prison, always wore his hair short. He stated RAY only mentioned two girls while in prison and from conversation, ██████████ felt RAY thought more of the girl he had met at Columbia, Missouri, than the girl he had met at the Gaslight.

██████████ advised ██████████ was G-7 supplier of amphetamines in the MSP. He stated he believed ██████████ source was ██████████ a guard at the ██████████ the prison. He stated ██████████ ran the ██████████ and after his transfer to ██████████ ran it also. ██████████

██████████ advised the main supplier of amphetamines in MSP was a prisoner whose name he does not now recall. This person was known by two initials and he was serving a long sentence ██████████. He advised this person attempted to escape several times and was almost in complete charge of ██████████. He stated he had the run of the prison and had a pass to eat in the officers dining room, which he did most of the time. He was very close to Warden NASH and after NASH's suicide, tried unsuccessfully to get close to Warden SWINSON. He stated after Warden SWINSON took over, one-half pound of amphetamines were found in the trash can of this prisoner's cell. This prisoner had six to eight prisoners pushing the amphetamines for him. He stated he believed this prisoner obtained his drugs through a guard. He described this prisoner as a ██████████. He stated this prisoner was close to JAMES EARL RAY, as well as prisoners ██████████ and ██████████.

██████████ advised the only prisoners at the MSP whose addresses he had were for ██████████ and ██████████. He

stated he had not obtained RAY's address.

stated he had taken a trip to California during the Summer of 1965 and on this trip he had spent two or three days with a distant cousin, who resides at San Jose, California. He stated he had also visited a friend of his sister, one , who is in a Los Angeles .

denied having returned to California the Spring of 1967. He stated that on his trip to California in the Fall of 1967, he had planned to call .

but had not made the call. He advised is the wife of an inmate at the MSP. He stated in the at the MSP resides at Missouri and on the trip to California, in the Fall of 1967, he had visited .

advised that within the MSP there are two gangs, one being from St. Louis and the other from Kansas City, Missouri. He stated there was a good deal of friction between these gangs and that RAY associated with the leaders of the St. Louis gang.

advised he had talked to his wife concerning the reported visitor to his home at 2:00 A.M. on a morning in the Fall of 1967. He stated his wife claims she has no knowledge of anyone visiting their apartment at this time of the morning. stated he has no idea who this person could be. stated the resident manager of these apartments must have been mistaken. He stated the manager had not approached his wife concerning any person visiting their apartment at 2:00 A.M. in the morning.

advised that during the period he worked at , located he met many persons he felt were ex-cons, but denied ever being approached concerning source of drugs in this area. stated he has no knowledge as to the persons who might be supplying drugs in that area.

He stated he is certain [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was not supplying these individuals. He recalled having talked to a man in his late 40s, approximately 5' 10", 150 - 155 pounds, having dark curly hair, with gray streaks, who had visited [REDACTED] and had mentioned owning several rooming houses in the area. He advised he does not recall this person's name and had only the one contact with this individual. [REDACTED] advised the name JAMES GARNER sounded familiar to him and feels he has heard this name mentioned sometime in the past, possibly when he was employed at [REDACTED]. He advised he does not personally know JAMES GARNER and could furnish no information concerning him.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

On April 24, 1968, [REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED], Georgia, advised that the photo of JAMES EARL RAY did not resemble person known to him as [REDACTED] who had stayed with [REDACTED] a couple of weeks in approximately March, 1968. He stated person known to him as [REDACTED] was a white male, approximately 6', 35 years of age, 85 pounds, and had bright red hair. He advised this person had come to [REDACTED], Georgia, with his wife and small baby and had resided with the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised he had been employed with [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED], Georgia. He advised he had never seen anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY in the company of [REDACTED]. He stated during the Fall of 1967, [REDACTED] and his wife had traveled to California to visit her relatives and at no time did [REDACTED] ever mention contacting anyone he was acquainted with who could logically have been JAMES EARL RAY.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 25, 1968, [REDACTED], Atlanta, Georgia, advised [REDACTED] had been employed as [REDACTED] December 23, 1967, to January 23, 1968, at which time [REDACTED] left, claiming he was going to move to Florida. She stated it is her understanding [REDACTED] is now employed at [REDACTED], Georgia. [REDACTED] viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she had never seen this individual. She advised no one has contacted her concerning the whereabouts of [REDACTED].

On April 25, 1968, [REDACTED], Atlanta, Georgia, advised photograph of JAMES EARL RAY is unfamiliar to him. He stated no one has ever contacted him for instructions how to contact [REDACTED].

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 2, 1968

RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS, who is confined in the Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia, advised he did not personally serve time with JAMES EARL RAY in the Menard Prison, Illinois, and the only information he has regarding this is what RAY told him. This information was related to him by RAY while he and RAY were serving time together in the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, for a six or seven month period.

He stated he never heard RAY say that he had served time in Joliet or Pontiac Prisons, but he felt that if RAY had served time in either one of those places, he would probably have been shipped to Menard Prison for discharge.

CURTIS advised there was a close associate of RAY's serving time in Jackson County with them. He cannot recall the name of this individual, but stated he was convicted as a co-defendant with RAY on the same check charge and from conversation with RAY, this individual was presumably the same person with whom RAY served time in Menard Prison.

CURTIS advised he recalls a third unidentified individual visiting RAY and his co-defendant in Jackson County Jail who seemed very close to both of them, but stated he strongly doubted that the visitor's log maintained at the Jail would reflect the name of this visitor due to irregularities in keeping such logs.

He advised he could not furnish a description of the third man.

CURTIS advised he was confined in the Jefferson County Jail with RAY and his co-defendant from approximately March of 1955 until July of 1955, and that they all subsequently ended up together in Leavenworth Prison.

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He stated while at Leavenworth Prison, RAY's associate and co-defendant did nothing but lift weights and attempt to improve his physique.

He described this co-defendant as being a white male, age 36, at that time, 5'10" to 6', 180 pounds, and well built.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 3, 1968

RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS, currently incarcerated Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia, advised that he has spent time in prison on two or three occasions with JAMES EARL RAY. CURTIS advised he first became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY in March 1955 at the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri. He stated RAY was incarcerated at the Jackson County Jail on Post Office burglary charges and had just recently been released from prison in Menard, Illinois, prior to his incarceration at Jackson County. CURTIS at the same time was under arrest for armed robbery and bank robbery in the Missouri area. During this period, CURTIS stated he and RAY were cellmates for approximately six to seven months. While cellmates, CURTIS recalled that RAY had a close friend, name unrecalled, who visited him while RAY was at the Jackson County Prison. This friend had been a former cellmate of RAY when RAY was incarcerated at Menard, Illinois. CURTIS never actually saw this man but knew that RAY had several visits from one particular individual. This man kept RAY in spending money while RAY was in Jackson County Jail and in CURTIS' opinion this individual would harbor RAY if RAY were on escape.

CURTIS went on to say that RAY had another close friend, name unrecalled, of Italian descent, apparently a "big man" in the syndicate. This Italian had apparently operated with RAY in the past and both he and RAY had engaged in handling stolen Postal money orders and travelers checks.

After six or seven months as cellmates at Jackson County Jail, RAY was sentenced to three years on the Post Office burglary charges and transferred to Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary. Two weeks later CURTIS received a 16-year sentence for bank robbery and also was sent to Leavenworth. While confined at Leavenworth together, RAY spoke of no girlfriends and corresponded with none to the best of CURTIS' knowledge. While in Leavenworth, RAY mentioned that he "operated" frequently out of Quincy, Illinois. By "operated", RAY meant "engaged in burglary and payroll jobs."

CURTIS said that while he and RAY were incarcerated they

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/25/68

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engaged in crooked poker games and took fellow prisoners for money. In the opinion of CURTIS, RAY was a good poker player and an excellent card handler. During this incarceration RAY mentioned underworld and hoodlum connections, names unrecalled, in Chicago; Detroit, Tampa, and the Tijuana, Mexico area. CURTIS went on to say that after serving seven to eight months with RAY at Leavenworth he was transferred to the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. CURTIS served six to seven years in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, and in June 1962 was released but sent back to the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, to serve time on armed robbery charges. While in the state penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, CURTIS again was incarcerated with JAMES EARL RAY. On occasions they were in the same cell together in "B" Hall and "C" Hall. They served together from 1962 to 1966. While in "B" and "C" Halls they were together in a three-man cell with a third individual whom CURTIS said could verify the following facts but whom CURTIS refused to identify but whom CURTIS refused to identify:

CURTIS stated that during this incarceration President JOHN F. KENNEDY was assassinated and word from the outside filtered into the prison that this was probably a conspiracy. Word came in that KENNEDY had a "bounty" on his head. CURTIS was unable to give further details on the "bounty". He said in 1963-1964 Dr. King's movements became one of the topics of conversation at the state penitentiary. Word got around to the inmates that the "KK of the South" who apparently went to businessmen and had raised approximately a million dollars, had a "bounty" with this money on KING's head. CURTIS was unable to give further details or information regarding "KK of the South".

CURTIS said that from 1962 to 1966 before CURTIS' release RAY mentioned at least a dozen times that had he known about a "bounty" on President KENNEDY's head and had he been out he would have made every effort to collect it. RAY also said approximately a dozen times in the presence of CURTIS "if he got out in time and if KING was still alive he would like to get the 'bounty' on KING". RAY never mentioned whom he would contact to get this "bounty" but CURTIS advised the criminal element know how to contact such people.

CURTIS went on to say that the above statements concerning KING made by RAY were heard by the third cellmate mentioned above.

In addition CURTIS stated that RAY had a friend in New Orleans, Louisiana, [REDACTED] who was apparently a "fence". This man was well connected with the hoodlum element, however, was quite old and in the opinion of RAY was in 1955 at least 55 to 60 years of age. In the opinion of CURTIS this individual would definitely harbor RAY. CURTIS knew no close friends or associates of RAY. RAY, allegedly through prison grapevine, had a wife but this was never mentioned by RAY. CURTIS said, however, a few prisoners mentioned family connections. While in prison RAY also mentioned gambling in Los Angeles, California. No specific place in Los Angeles as to the gambling was mentioned. RAY in CURTIS' opinion was a "high liver" when outside and would associate with prostitutes taking one from town to town.

RAY with regard to KING's killing indicated he would make all rules and would in all probability demand the "bounty" money be put in a bank. RAY mentioned three foreign countries, which he had learned about and which CURTIS assumed RAY would go to if out of the United States. These foreign countries were New Zealand, Brazil, and Switzerland. CURTIS was of the opinion that not over three people would be involved in the actual assassination. It would have been well planned with diversionary measures and in the opinion of CURTIS a second individual, not RAY, would have driven the getaway car to Atlanta as a diversionary measure.

CURTIS said he would not testify to the above facts because if he did testify to this information he would fear for his life.

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Section 44

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Museum

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*Mr. Martin Luther King Jr.*  
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Date: 5/14/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 5/10/68.

Re MYRTAL TOMASO aka  
Marie Martin deGrasse,  
Marie Martin

*THINK  
NAME*

Re Los Angeles airtel requested New Orleans to forward to the Bureau photograph of MARIE MARTIN in order that same may be furnished to Legat, Ottawa, Canada, to determine whether MARTIN is identical to one of the two women who visited RAY in Montreal.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four photographs of MARIE MARTIN and enclosed for Los Angeles is one such photograph for the completion of Los Angeles file inasmuch as MARTIN currently resides in Los Angeles.

- (3) - Bureau (Enc. 4)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1) (44-1574) (Info)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 2 - New Orleans

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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MAY 20 1968*

NO 157-10673

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New Orleans

MYRIAL HAYDEN

Port Arthur, Texas

MYRIAL HAYDEN, New Orleans

MIMI TOMMASO

New Orleans

MIMI HAYDEN

New Orleans

MIMI TOMASO

New Orleans

MYRIAL C. HAYDEN

Gretna, Louisiana

MARIE MARTIN DeGRASSE

Los Angeles, California

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To: Legat, Ottawa

From: Director, FBI *AK 12*

MURKIN

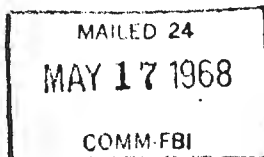
Enclosed are two photographs of Marie Martin, aka furnished by New Orleans Office.

You should arrange to have same shown to appropriate persons to determine if she is identical to one of the two women who reportedly visited Ray in Montreal.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Memphis

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

DATE May 8, 1968

DM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mechanical Section

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached is a proposed circular letter to be distributed to all laundry and dry cleaning establishments throughout the United States. Investigation has established that since subject's escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, he has utilized the laundry and dry cleaning businesses in the cities of Los Angeles, Birmingham and Atlanta. It is felt a circular letter should be prepared in this regard.

Ray, who is one of the Ten Most Wanted Fugitives having been added to the list on April 20, 1968, is being sought on the basis of a Federal warrant issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging him as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery. Ray, of course, is being sought for the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Philadelphia Office can arrange this circularization through the W. S. Ponton Company of Upper Merion, Pennsylvania, who maintains a list of laundry and dry cleaning establishments in the United States. There are 14,000 establishments; the W. S. Ponton Company would charge \$287, the cost of postage would be \$840, the cost of printing would be \$40, bringing the total cost to \$1,167 postage, printing costs obtained from Administrative Division.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

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(1) That the proposed circular letter be approved.

(2) That the Mechanical Section prepare 15,000 copies of the attached circular letter which should be folded, franked and sealed. When completed, 14,000 copies should be forwarded directly to the Philadelphia Office, and 100 copies should be

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

forwarded to Memphis, the office of origin. It is requested that the attached photograph be utilized on the circular letter.

(3) Attached for approval is appropriate airtel to Memphis and Philadelphia advising that a circular letter is being approved.

*sent 5-9-68*

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*W. M.*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 8, 1968

photo  
as attached

Mechanical  
Section  
Will Reduce

Re: JAMES EARL RAY, also known as  
Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron,  
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,  
James O'Connor, James Walton,  
James Walyon, John Willard,  
"Jim"

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is attempting to locate JAMES EARL RAY, who is being sought for violation of a Civil Rights Statute and Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery. He is described as follows:

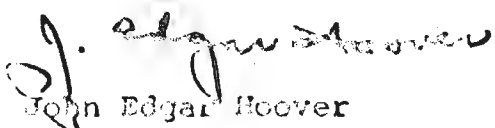
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	3/10/28 at Alton, Illinois
Height	5'10"
Weight	163 to 174 pounds
Hair	Brown, possibly cut short
Eyes	Blue

If you have any information which may relate to RAY, or if you observe him in the future, please contact the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the number of which may be found on the first page of your telephone directory.

Your attention is directed to the fact that RAY may be armed and should be considered dangerous. No action should be taken which will endanger anyone's safety.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

ENCLOSURE



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 20, 1968



RE: JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:  
Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron,  
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,  
James O'Conner, James Walton,  
James Walton, John Willard,  
"Jim"

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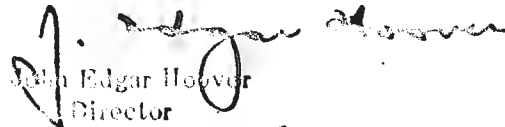
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Director





# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/17/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/14-15/68
TITLE OF CASE MURKIN		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	FILED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE CP	

## REFERENCES:

New Orleans airtel to Memphis dated 5/7/68.

## LEADS:

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Will report results of continuing investigation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
INVIC	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:

- 2 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Chicago (44-1114) (INFO)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-10673)
- 2 - Springfield (44-561)

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## Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	Request Recd.	Date Fwd.	How Fwd.

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CHICAGO DIVISION

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:

SAC [REDACTED]  
MAY 17, 1968

Office: Springfield

Field Office File #: 44-561

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA;  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Synopsis:

Magistrate ROBERT A. CONEY, Peoria, Illinois, vacationed with wife and twelve-year-old daughter in New Orleans, Louisiana, December, 1967. They could furnish no information relating to JAMES EARL RAY, FBI NO. 405 942 G. Mrs. CONEY recalls observing a white late model sports car parked in archway of Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, during visit, but she could not accurately describe or identify occupants.

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DETAILS:

This inquiry was predicated on information received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI reflecting ROBERT A. CONEY, Judge, [REDACTED] Peoria, Illinois, was a registered guest of the Provincial Hotel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 17, 1967.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 16, 1968

Magistrate ROBERT A. CONEY, Room 402, County Building, Peoria, Illinois, a former United States Commissioner of the Southern District of Illinois, advised he, his wife, and daughter, ROBIN, age twelve, vacationed in New Orleans, Louisiana, during December, 1967, and were registered guests of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, for an eight-day period between December 17 and December 24, 1967. He stated they ate breakfast at the motel dining room but otherwise spent the remainder of the days sight-seeing in New Orleans, Louisiana. He selected the motel, which he described as a very sedate and quiet place, at the suggestion of the Chicago Motor Club, Peoria, Illinois.

Magistrate CONEY observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G, then stated he could recall nothing relating to this individual.

On 5/14/68 at Peoria, Illinois File # SI 44-561

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/15/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 16, 1968

Miss ROBIN CONEY, age twelve, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Peoria, Illinois, viewed photographs of  
JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G. She advised that  
she could not identify the photographs of RAY as any  
person she had observed while vacationing in New Orleans,  
Louisiana, during December, 1967.

Miss CONEY advised she vacationed at New Orleans,  
Louisiana, between December 17-24, 1967, with her parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT A. CONEY, Peoria, Illinois. The  
family was registered guests at the Provincial Motel,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, during that period of time. At  
times during the above visit, she recalled seeing a white  
sports model automobile that was parked in the archway  
area of the above motel in the loading and unloading area.  
She recalled the automobile was parked in the archway area  
of the motel on three or maybe four occasions and that she  
had walked around the automobile to cross the archway area  
to the restaurant portion of the motel. She could not  
accurately describe the make or model of the automobile  
and could not accurately describe the adults associated  
with the automobile. She stated she did recall there were  
two small children accompanying the adults. She was of the  
opinion that the children were girls under ten years of age.  
She advised she did not observe these individuals in any  
other portion of the motel area.

On 5/15/68 at Peoria, Illinois File # SI 44-561

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/15/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 16, 1968

Mrs. ROBERT A. CONEY, [REDACTED], Peoria, Illinois, viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 9423, and she was questioned regarding her observation while a guest at the Provincial Hotel, 1024 Chartres, New Orleans, Louisiana.

She could not identify the above photographs of RAY as any person she had observed while in the New Orleans, Louisiana, area during December, 1967.

She related her observations while a guest at the above motel between December 17-24, 1967. She recalled seeing a white sports automobile parked at the archway area of the motel which she stated was used for loading and unloading purposes only. She first observed this automobile about the time of her arrival at the motel between 3:00 and 5:00 P.M., Sunday, December 17, 1967.

Mrs. CONEY related this white automobile could have been a Mustang model car. She stated the automobile was definitely an American-made car. She recalled the auto because it was parked in the motel archway area on three or maybe four occasions, and she had to walk around the automobile to cross the archway area to the restaurant. She noted this car was a late model car that appeared to be waxed and extremely clean in appearance.

Mrs. CONEY stated her impressions of the activity in the area are vague; however, she associated three males and two females and two small children with the above automobile. She observed the occupants were neatly dressed in sports clothing and the adults appeared to be between thirty and forty years of age.

The two children appeared to be under ten years of age and she believed both to be girls. The women wore light colored slacks. The men and women both were neat in appearance and attractive. She paid particular attention

On 5/15/68 at Peoria, Illinois

File # SI 44-561

by SA [REDACTED]

Date dictated 5/15/68



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to one woman who had her hair wrapped in a peculiar white scarf which came under her chin and tied in the back of her neck.

Mrs. CONEY advised that she had not observed the above individuals in any other area of the motel and that she could not furnish further descriptive information concerning them.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 5/15/68  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 5/8/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are .380 bullet fired from a .380 Remington UMC Automatic, SN PA18949, and a .380 cartridge case fired from the same weapon.

The Bureau is requested to compare bullet with bullet forwarded by Atlanta in relet, which had been taken from the body of ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY, FBI No. 841 310C.

The .380 Remington weapon was obtained by an official of the Atlanta Police Department (APD), from [REDACTED] claimed this weapon was registered in Michigan. [REDACTED] when interviewed by Police officials of the APD, admitted ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY had stayed at his home from approximately April 6, until approximately April 28, 1968. [REDACTED] claimed he had met DUNAWAY approximately one year before when DUNAWAY came to [REDACTED], and picked up [REDACTED]

The Bureau is also requested to compare bullet and cartridge with any bullets and cartridges in unsolved LCN murders on file.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 3 - Atlanta (2 - 44-2386)
- (1 - 166-413)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 17, 1968

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Miss Gandy  
1 - Mr. Long 1 - Miss Holmes

Tolson  
DeLoach  
Mohr  
Bishop  
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Callahan  
Conrad  
Felt  
Gale  
Rosen  
Sullivan  
Tavel  
Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Holmes  
Gandy

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Director's Office advised General Investigative Division Duty Agent at 6:30 p.m., 5-16-68, that [redacted] Northwest, Apartment [redacted] telephone number [redacted] had called and asked for the Director. [redacted] stated that he was a personal friend of the Director and Mr. Tolson. He was advised of the Director's absence, at which time he furnished the following information.

[redacted] stated that while in the Town & Country Lounge of the Mayflower Hotel about five or six months ago a man sat next to him with his back to a post. [redacted] began talking to this person who identified himself as [redacted] (phonetic). They had a couple of drinks and during the course of their conversation, [redacted] told him that he had just been released from prison. [redacted] then asked [redacted] how much money he had and [redacted] replied - \$20.00. [redacted] then asked why [redacted] was spending \$1.00 per drink if he only had \$20.00. [redacted] stated that he wanted to know how bartenders mixed drinks in high-class bars.

[redacted] continued, stating that he felt [redacted] had paid his debt to society and offered to buy him a meal and [redacted] accepted. After leaving the hotel, they stopped at a cafe on 16th and M Streets, bought two cups of coffee and for no reason at all, [redacted] said to [redacted] "you're a copper" and said that he [redacted] had a gun in his pocket and if he [redacted] followed him, [redacted] would shoot him. [redacted] did not report the incident to the Metropolitan Police Department. [redacted] stated that he was thankful that he was not shot and has hesitated to tell anyone about this, thinking no one would believe him.

[redacted] stated that the purpose of the call was to advise the Director that he believes [redacted] is identical to the photographs of James Earl Ray and feels that Ray may possibly come back to Washington.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Bureau files contain no identifiable information regarding [REDACTED]

The above information was furnished to the Washington Field Office (WFO) who immediately contacted [REDACTED]. He stated he preferred to be interviewed on the morning of 5-17-68. WFO has advised that he will be thoroughly interviewed and shown Bureau photographs of Ray to determine if Ray is identical with the man he met.

ACTION:

WFO will immediately advise the Bureau results of their interview of [REDACTED] on 5-17-68, and you will be advised.

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5-17-68

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED MAY 16, 1948

[redacted] N. Y., telephoned locally and asked to speak to the Director.

He was advised of the Director's absence from the office and was asked if he desired to leave a message.

He stated that he was a personal friend of the Director and Mr. Tolson, and he would like to relate to the Bureau an incident which he had been involved in about 5 or 6 months ago, which follows:

*do not know him*  
[redacted] stated that while in the Town & Country room of the Mayflower Hotel, a guy sat next to him with his back to a post. [redacted] began to talk with this person who identified himself to [redacted] as [redacted] (phonetic). He said they had a couple of drinks and during the course of their conversation, [redacted] told him that he had just been released from prison. [redacted] then asked [redacted] how much money he had and [redacted] replied - \$20.00. [redacted] then asked why [redacted] was spending \$1.00 per drink if he only had \$20.00. [redacted] stated that he wanted to know how bartenders mixed drinks in high class bars.

[redacted] continued, stating that he felt [redacted] had paid his debt to society and offered to buy him something to eat -- [redacted] accepted. He said they stopped at a place on 16th & I Streets, bought two cups of coffee and for no reason at all, [redacted] said to [redacted] "you're a copper" and said that he had a gun in his pocket and if he [redacted] [redacted] would shoot him.

(Continued on next page) c MAY 21 1948

MR. TOLSON ✓  
MR. QUINN ✓  
MR. MOHR ✓  
MR. SHARP ✓  
MR. CASPER ✓  
MR. CALLAHAN ✓  
MR. CONRAD ✓  
MR. FELT ✓  
MR. GALE ✓  
MR. ROSEN ✓  
MR. SULLIVAN ✓  
MR. TAVEL ✓  
MR. TROTTER ✓  
MR. JONES ✓  
TELE. ROOM ✓

MISS HOLMES ✓  
MRS. METCALF ✓  
MISS GANDY ✓

MARY FERRELL



When asked if he reported the incident to the police department, [REDACTED] stated that he was thankful that he wasn't shot and has hesitated to tell anyone about this, thinking no one would believe him.

[REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] is identical to the photographs of James Earl Ray, and feels that [REDACTED] (Ray) may possibly come back to Washington.

[REDACTED] resides at apartment # [REDACTED] at the above mentioned address and his telephone number is [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] General Investigative Division, has been advised of this call and is following on it.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5-13-68

FROM: LEGAT, SANTO DOMINGO (44-2) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReButel, 4-24-68; Bureau Routing Slips, 4-26-68, and 4-29-68.

All photos and press releases immediately furnished to news media, Santo Domingo.

Wanted Flyers were distributed to Dominican National Police (DNP) and the Dominican National Department of Investigations (DNI), Dominican Immigration and Customs immediately upon receipt.

Latest photos of subject JAMES EARL RAY were also made available to enforcement agencies mentioned above immediately upon receipt.

Stops have been placed with DNP and DNI as of 4-26-68. These agencies maintain supervision over Dominican Immigration and Customs arrival and departure points in the DR.

Close liaison is being maintained with the above agencies who have been instructed to advise Legat of any information they may develop on the subject.

SUBJECT IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

(3) Bureau  
(1-Liaison Section)  
1-Santo Domingo

RTN:hke  
(4)

REC 5

EX 109

4 MAY 17 1968

57 MAY 23 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



F B I

Date: 5/13/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham dated 5/8/68.

THOMAS H. BROUGHTON, Editor, Master Barber and Beautician Magazine, 219 Greenwich Rd., Charlotte, N. C. (telephone 366-5177), advised he has an 11,000 copy circulation nation-wide and would be glad to publish an article regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY as a public service with no charge to the Bureau. He stated he uses offset printing and the mat provided could not be used but he can use a glossy photo and reproduce the printed matter. He suggested two other publications to reach two additional barbers:

1. Men's Hair Stylists, 16 West 46th St., New York City, New York.
2. Professional Barber, 54 West 46th St., New York City, New York.

No lead is being set out for New York until a decision has been made by the Bureau regarding instant publication.

3 - Bureau  
 1 - Birmingham (Info.)  
 2 - Memphis  
 2 - Charlotte  
 LVD:cg  
 (8)

22 MAY 15 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_



SAC, Charlotte (44-1365)

5-17-68

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

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MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

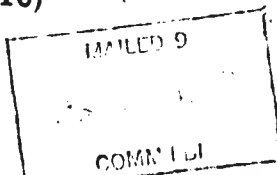
Reurairtel 5-13-68.

Approval granted to publicize James Earl Ray in  
"Master Barber and Beautician Magazine" published at Charlotte,  
North Carolina.

Charlotte has additionally recommended publicizing  
Ray in "Men's Hair Stylists," 16 West 48th Street, New York,  
New York, and "Professional Barber," 54 West 48th Street, New  
York, New York, and authority also granted for contact with these  
publications by the New York Office. Write-ups and glossy photo-  
graphs available in each Bureau office can be utilized in this  
publicity.

- 1 - New York
- 1 - Memphis
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

JRH:djr  
(10)



REC-104-121  
FBI

MAY 15 1968

66 MAY 24 1968 TELETYPE UNIT ☐

F B I

Date: 5/15/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
C R  
(OO: ME)

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/10/68, attention  
FBI Laboratory, concerning ERNEST S. GAULT.

Referenced airtel set forth a lead for the  
Little Rock Office to attempt to locate ERNEST S. GAULT.  
An extensive investigation has previously been conducted  
by the Little Rock Office and other offices to locate  
this individual, and no further action is being taken in  
this matter.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info.)  
2 - Little Rock  
LJM/ds  
(8)

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EX-109

MAY 16 1968

57 MAY 23 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ M Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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May 15, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

I want to know the truth about Martin L. King  
from the records of Congress and the F. B. I.  
I want to know about his criminal activities,  
his Communist activities, his aid and comfort  
to the Viet Cong. I want to know why the flag  
is lowered for something like this and not for  
our boys who die to save our country, not to  
degrade our heritage.. I find it very hard to  
explain to my children, patriotism, honor and  
truth, when I have to also explain why the flag  
was lowered to honor something against every-  
thing sacred. My family and I are confused.  
Can you explain?

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

REC-40

44-38861-3638

James A. Hannon  
10035 Jensen Drive  
Houston, Texas 77016

25 MAY 21 1968

CONFIDENTIAL

May 21, 1968

REC-40

44-38161-3

[REDACTED]  
Houston, Texas 77016

Dear [REDACTED]

With respect to the inquiries in your letter of May 15th concerning Martin Luther King's possible criminal and communist activities, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

WMG:mrc *MAC*  
(3)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

F B I

Date: 5/15/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

PLAINTEXT

(Type in plaintext or code)

TELETYPE

URGENT

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS FIVE FIFTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. GUESTS REGISTERED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL DECEMBER SEVENTEEN TO NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, NEW ORLEANS.

RE-EXAMINATION OF PROVINCIAL MOTEL REGISTRATION RECORDS REFLECT CORRECT NAME AS W. H. RAUFER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, FLORIDA LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON A CADILLAC. LICENSE NUMBER ON REGISTRATION CARD BARELY LEGIBLE.

AIRMAIL COPY BEING SENT MEMPHIS.

① Bureau (AM)  
1-Memphis (AM)  
1-New Orleans  
JDH:mah  
(3)

REC 5

EX 109

11-3639  
2 MAY 17 1968

57 MAY 23 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *EW*  
FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-16-68

1 - Mr. Rosen *10*  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Conrad

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On night of 5-16-68, [REDACTED] Laboratory Aide, Laboratory Division, advised he had just received a letter from his aunt, [REDACTED] North Palm Beach, Florida. She advised in this letter that she believes she had seen an individual resembling James Earl Ray recently in connection with her work at the [REDACTED] which is at the same address as above.

## ACTION:

Above information furnished to Duty Agent [REDACTED] Miami Office. He was instructed to have [REDACTED] interviewed for any information she might have and to follow up with logical investigation to identify this individual.

HEH:hw  
(6) *HEH*

*HEH*  
*100-100000*  
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*3640*  
12 MAY 20 1968  
*1-100-100000*

MAY 23 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

OO: ME

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of a memorandum, copies of which should be transmitted to Legats at Mexico City and Ottawa, dated 5/16/68.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

2-Bureau (Encs. 7)  
2-Memphis

JCH:peh  
(4)

REC 5

EX 109

MAY 20 1968



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

May 16, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID  
CONFINEMENT - ARMED ROBBERY

On May 16, 1968, Inspector N. E. Zachary, Homicide Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, made available a letter dated May 13, 1968, and envelope postmarked at Hamilton, Ontario. Inspector Zachary stated that while this letter is unsigned, he feels certain it comes from the same person who has previously sent him letters signed only with the initial "V."

The letter and envelope are attached.

ENCLOSURE

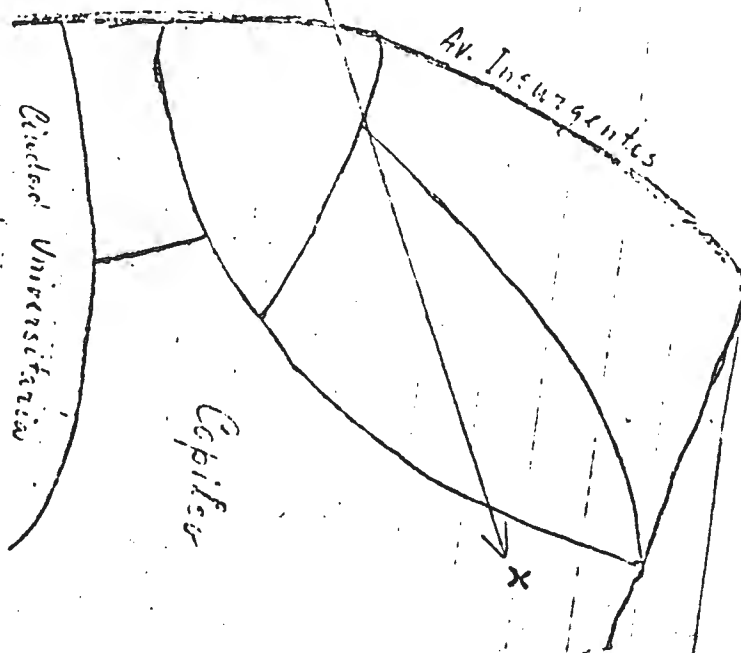
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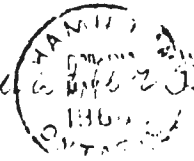
May 13/68

Re: James Earl Ray

He is dead and is buried in Mexico City, Copileo Ruins, on the spot indicated by x.



Police Headq



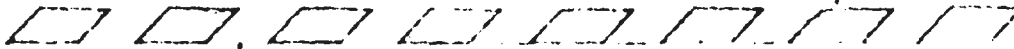
Memphis

Tennessee, U.S.A.

PAR AVION

VIA AIR MAIL

CORREO AEREO



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 16 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

SI WASH DC

SI PHOENIX

9PM URGENT 5-16-68 LEG

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (1P)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TENTH, LAST;  
PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY THIRTEENTH, LAST; CINCINNATI  
RADIOGRAM, MAY FOURTEENTH LAST; RE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PHOENIX, ARIZ., RECONTACTED. ADVISED HER  
MOTHER HARRY LUNSFORD, WHEN LEAVING RESIDENCE MAY SIXTH,  
LAST, INDICATED HE WAS RETURNING TO ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS  
ANGELES RATHER THAN SAN FRANCISCO AS SET FORTH IN RE PHOENIX  
TELETYPE.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HARRY LUNSFORD, ST. FRANCIS  
HOTEL, LOS ANGELES TO DETERMINE IF HE OR FRIEND BOB THERIN,  
MADE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES FROM PHOENIX MENTIONED IN  
RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

MB

SI WASH DC

57 MAY 23 1968

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MAY 20 1968

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F B I

Date: 5/16/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)in AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 5/13/68.

\_\_\_\_\_ Wis. Telephone Co.,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Milwaukee, Wis. (protect identity), advised  
 SA \_\_\_\_\_ on 5/15/68 he was informed on 5/10/68 by \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Madison, Wis. PD, of the theft of a telephone  
 credit card owned by MARSHALL I. GOLDMAN, \_\_\_\_\_, Aurora,  
 Ill.

In addition, \_\_\_\_\_ indicated the Madison PD  
 would extradite the individuals involved as there had been approxi-  
 mately \$1,400.00 of fraudulent purchases made with the stolen  
 credit cards.

\_\_\_\_\_ said the person using GOLDMAN's gas credit  
 card had been picked up by the Chicago PD but had been released.

\_\_\_\_\_ advised the Milwaukee Security Office would  
 conduct no further investigation on fraudulent phone calls as  
 this matter would be handled by the Security Office, Ill. Tele-  
 phone Co., Chicago, Ill.

LEAD

Chicago, at Chicago, Ill., will contact Chicago PD  
 for info to identify individual who used GOLDMAN's gas credit  
 card and was released by Chicago PD.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (AM)  
 2 - Chicago (Regular M.)  
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
 1 - Milwaukee  
 DEB:EAK  
 (7)

EX-109

10 MAY 17 1968

C. C. Bishop

57 MAY 23 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 5/16/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

Re St. Louis teletype dated 5/10/68.

Enclosed for St. Louis is a chronological data sheet, classification summary, (no Diagnostic Center report made), relative correspondence, and visiting list regarding inmate [REDACTED] # [REDACTED], as furnished by [REDACTED] MSP, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 5/13/68, to IC [REDACTED]

3 Bureau  
1 Memphis  
1 St. Louis (Encs. 10)  
2 Kansas City  
RBH:IKC  
(7)

EX-104

REC-19

44-38861-3644

13 MAY 20 1968

C. C. Bishop

57 MAY 23 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

F.B.I.

Date: 5/16/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and receiving Offices, is a self-explanatory investigative insert concerning an interview with [REDACTED] an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP).

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] stated he saw subject with JAMES L. OWENS in St. Louis during the Summer of 1967. Also enclosed is a photograph of JAMES L. OWENS taken at the MSP.

The following is a description of JAMES LAOMA OWENS as it appeared in the MSP records:

Inmate #  
Race  
Sex  
Born  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes

White  
Male  
[REDACTED]  
5'4"  
149 lbs.  
Brown  
Blue

REC-19

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## ENCLOSURE

- (3) - Bureau (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Atlanta (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Birmingham (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Chicago (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Memphis (Encs. 2)
- 2 - New Orleans (Encs. 2)
- 2 - St. Louis (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Springfield (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Kansas City

RBH:ak  
(21)

C. C. Bishop

Approved: 231  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

EX-102  
Enclosed attached  
Kept in [REDACTED]  
4/60

13 MAY 20 1968

9/23/76 OPR staff Rep  
requested copy  
investigative insert referred to Bureau  
ASAC Jim McKenzie KC  
requested furnish Bureau copy/insert  
9/25/76 Copy rec'd from KC & furnished  
to [REDACTED] (see Ser 3645 a  
Per

KC 44-760

Complexion  
Build  
Shoe size  
Occupation

Medium  
Stocky  
10½  
Barber.

KC 44-760

RBA:tlw

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 14, 1968, [REDACTED] Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised there have been 20 persons by the name of COOLEY in the MSP over the years. None are in any of the branches of the prison at this time. The last COOLEY to be released was [REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED] who was released on [REDACTED]. He was received on [REDACTED] and transferred to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. He said intense inquiry among inmates and custodial personnel has failed to reveal anyone, regardless of the period of their incarceration or employment, who has ever heard of a "COOLEY organization" or similar in the MSP.

[REDACTED] further stated there have been no brothers in the Penitentiary by the names of JAMES and LARRY RAYE. He said, however, that JAMES DUANE WRAY, # [REDACTED] who is still in the MSP, is the brother of LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY, MSP # [REDACTED] who is on parole. [REDACTED]

On May 14, 1968, JAMES DUANE WRAY, # [REDACTED] was contacted. He said he did not know JAMES EARL RAY except by reputation and may have seen him. He said he is the brother of LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY. He said he has lived in practically every hall in the MSP since he arrived in April of 1963. He said he does not know of any organization of inmates as such, and has never heard of anyone by the name of COOLEY or COOLEY's Organization or similar.

On May 14, 1968, [REDACTED] said prison records reflect there were three brothers in the MSP by the name of [REDACTED]. These were [REDACTED]

Copy rec'd from KC 9/27/76  
per request 9/23/76 per OAR inst  
Teresa Rep [REDACTED] furnished to  
[REDACTED] 9/27/76

44-760-153  
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FBI - KANSAS CITY

ENCLOSURE



out on [REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED]  
MSP # [REDACTED] and # [REDACTED] out  
and [REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED] out  
All three have listed their address as  
care of their mother, [REDACTED]  
St. Louis, Missouri.

The record of [REDACTED]  
indicates he used the alias of WILLIAM RAY in 1949,  
according to [REDACTED].

On May 14, 1968, [REDACTED], inmate,  
was recontacted. He was questioned further about the  
existence of the COOLEY gang, organization, or COOLIE, etc.  
He said he has been in the Penitentiary for [REDACTED] years and  
there is no organization as such and he never heard of the  
COOLEY gang, or similar.

On May 14, 1968, [REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED] who  
said he did not desire that some of the information he  
furnished be attributed to him, said that he has been in  
the Penitentiary since [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said he never heard of  
COOLEY or COOLEY's gang or organization or similar. He has  
never heard of a bounty on MARTIN LUTHER KING. He never heard  
of RAY using any type of uniform to effect an escape although  
he did. He never heard of RAY having any ammunition in  
his pockets on the grounds although [REDACTED] probably  
not known to RAY, did. He said [REDACTED] had nothing to  
do with furnishing amphetamines to RAY and he would not  
disclose who did. He said [REDACTED] was fired two years before  
RAY escaped, and had nothing to do with it. He indicated  
[REDACTED] may have been fired for some dealings with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] said that recently, since the appearance of an article  
about RAY in "Life Magazine", [REDACTED] named [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (phonetic), told him that he had seen RAY last summer  
in St. Louis with "two other ex-cons". He said he did not  
know the details or the names of the "ex-cons". [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he has not developed any other information which might aid in locating RAY.

On May 14, 1968, [REDACTED] MSP # [REDACTED] born in [REDACTED] said he is [REDACTED] He said he "fell" from St. Louis in [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] and other charges. He was paroled in [REDACTED] and was returned for violation by reason of [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was [REDACTED] JAMES L. OWENS, the "fall partner" of JAMES EARL RAY. He said he knew OWENS in the Penitentiary and saw him on three or four occasions in St. Louis, Missouri, while he was out. He said he recalled that he was [REDACTED] when RAY tried to go over the walls and his ladder or rope or something broke about 1966. He said he was not a good friend of RAY's in the Penitentiary and knew him only to speak with him. [REDACTED] saw RAY in St. Louis sometime during the summer of 1967 [REDACTED] probably the early part of the summer. [REDACTED] with OWENS. [REDACTED]

He said he had no way to fix the date. He said he reflected, at the time, that RAY must have escaped because he knew he had attempted to escape and had been "set back" on parole and he had too much time to have been released.

He said he saw OWENS on other occasions: [REDACTED]

██████████ said that RAY had the reputation of being the type of person who served his time without comment and did not "mess" in the affairs of other people. He said he did not think that RAY would kill anyone as he is just not the type. He also said he has never heard of any organization in the Penitentiary and has never heard the name of COOLEY used in connection with any type of business or "racket" inside the walls and he did not know anyone by that name.

He said that inmates have over the years used cigarettes as medium of exchange in lieu of money and they make "parlay" bets on baseball games, horse races and other types of contests similar to bets made with money outside. He said he knew of no "lottery" as such involving cigarettes, but he said this might exist. He said there are "cliques" of prisoners who connive together for various reasons, and who become close associates, but there is no wide-spread organization and never has been to his knowledge. He said he certainly would be in position to know about it if there was and would have no hesitation in saying so if such existed.

On May 14, 1968, Major BERNARD POIRY, MSP Custodial Staff, in charge of security for the past 25 years, said he has been unable to develop information regarding the identity of ██████████ or of any organization such as the COOLEY gang or similar.

On May 14, 1968, ██████████, Guard, inside, said he has worked inmates inside of the walls on maintenance for the past 23 years. He said he knew JAMES EARL RAY on sight, but not otherwise. He said he never heard of COOLEY or any organization of that type. He could not identify "Dago".

On May 14, 1968, ██████████ mentioned above, said ██████████ could be ██████████ who is in the Penitentiary. However, he does not have any ██████████ but he does have the nickname of ██████████. He said he has known other inmates called ██████████, but he could not otherwise identify them and could not recall any with a scar as described.

On May 14, 1968, [REDACTED] MSP [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] said he was admitted to the MSP in [REDACTED]. He was in until [REDACTED], released and returned on a [REDACTED] charge in [REDACTED]. He said he knew RAY on sight, but that is all and he knew nothing of his habits, associates or escape. He said a guard told him that some "kid" had seen RAY last summer sleeping on a hill near Jefferson City with a "long beard". He also said that there is an organization in the MSP which wanted KING killed. He said it was not the "COOLEY organization", of which he had never heard, but the KKK. He said he did not hear any mention of this before Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered and he could not identify anyone who has mentioned it since.

He said he had heard nothing concerning any bounty and knew of no lotteries.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. MC CORNICK WILSON, City Judge and Attorney, said he was appointed to represent JAMES EARL RAY in connection with an attempted escape by RAY in 1966. He said he talked to him at the Penitentiary and once in court. He said he also arranged to have him examined at State Hospital #1. He said he received no fees of any sort and was relieved on the case because he was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General. He said WILLIAM QUIGG completed the case.

On May 14, 1968, WILLIAM QUIGG, Central Missouri Trust Company, said he represented RAY by appointment of the court. He said he received no fees of any sort, and knew nothing about him, his background, associates, or whereabouts.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. W. C. SHELEY said that JAMES EARL RAY was represented in connection with a writ of habeas corpus case in January of 1963 by PHILLIP LEE BAKER.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. WADE BAKER, no kin, Secretary, Missouri Bar Association, Jefferson City, Missouri, said that PHILLIP LEE BAKER is an attorney and lives at [REDACTED] Independence, Missouri.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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ReWFOairtel 5/10/68.

WFO is conducting review of passport applications at the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), detailing all available personnel commensurate with fulfilling other Bureau responsibilities.

As pointed out in referenced airtel a limited number of Agents can be detailed to the files of the Passport Office during normal work hours due to current work in process there in limited space. WFO has therefore perfected arrangements for the files to be open continuously from 9:00 a.m., Mondays to 5:00 p.m., Fridays except holidays beginning 5/20/68. WFO is scheduling agent personnel on around-the-clock basis to complete appropriate reviews as soon as possible. Passport Office is supplying appropriate personnel and security to safeguard USDS interests.

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[REDACTED] Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA [REDACTED] on 5/16/68, that these arrangements for this review of passport files have been approved by [REDACTED] Passport Office, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all Department of State. [REDACTED] is also handling necessary arrangements with the Captain of the Building Guards of the General Services Administration for entry and exit of Agent personnel when the passport building is normally closed to the public.

WFO will advise Bureau and Memphis of any developments.

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TO: DIRECTOR; MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 5P

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RE KC TEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST, MSP INMATE [REDACTED]

DELEGATION SAW RAY AND JAMES L. OWENS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SLMO, SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN.

A JAMES LOAMA OWENS INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH TODAY. MET RAY

FIFTYNINE AT SL RESCUE MISSION, AS FRIEND OF BLACKIE AUSTIN.

NEW FIRST AS JIM O CONNOR BUT RAY USED NAMES RYAN AND RAY, ALWAYS

WITH FIRST NAME JIM. RAY WAS PROFESSIONAL THIEF, ROBBERY AND

FURGLARY. NEVER KNOWN TO WORK, ALWAYS HAD MONEY, THRIFTY.

OLD OWENS HE ONLY ROBBER<sup>P</sup> BUSINESSES HE FELT WOULD BE PROTECTED BY

INSURANCE. PRESUMED LIVED ON HICKORY WHERE MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER

HAD ROOMING HOUSE. OWENS MET THEM AND YOUNGER BROTHER BUZZ.

OWENS NEVER HEARD OF OTHER RELATIVES

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RAY WAS QUIET, LONER, LIKEABLE, CLOSE MOUTHED, THINKER WHO READ  
WIDELY ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. NEVER BRAGGART. LIKED CARS AND  
PISTOLS. ONCE DEMONSTRATED MARKSMANSHIP BY HITTING CAN SUCCESSIVELY  
ON BOUNCE. NEVER KNOWN TO HAVE RIFLE OR SHOTGUN. MODERATE DRINKER,  
BOURBON HIGHBALLS, NO BEER. NOT KNOWN TO GAMBLE OR USE NARCOTICS.  
WOMEN WERE TO USE AND FORGET. PREFERRED FEMALE STREET BUMS. NO  
ATTACHMENT ANY FEMALE. OWENS SAW RAY ONCE OR TWICE WITH OLDER  
MAN JACK (PHONETIC) GAWON (GAWRON), WHO, WITH AUSTIN, APPEARED TO  
BE HIS ONLY CLOSE ASSOCIATES. ONE BLACKIE DECORE, (PHONETIC)  
[REDACTED] THEN FORTY YEARS OLD [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS ASSOCIATE TO LESSER DEGREE. NO  
OTHERS KNOWN.

RAY NEVER DISPLAYED DISLIKE OF NEGROES. ACCEPTED MEN AT WORTH.  
OWENS CONVINCED KING KILLING WAS FOR PAY, NOT PREJUDICE.

RAY ONCE DISPLAYED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TRAVELERS CHECKS AND  
SAID GOING TO CANADA. MONTH LATER SAID HAD BEEN TO CANADA.

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AVE NO EXPLANATION.

DURING FIFTYNINE ASSOCIATION WITH OWENS AND LATER AT SP, RAY INDICATED AT LEAST DOZEN TRIPS TO MANY PARTS OF MEXICO O COOL OFF, MENTIONED VERA CRUZ., ACAPULCO, NOGALES, AND MEXICO ITY. SAID HAD TO LEAVE MEXICO CITY WHEN STRUCK MAN IN HEAD ITH PISTOL, MAN WHO CAME AT HIM WITH KNIFE. NEVER MENTIONED ODE OF TRANSPORTATION OR IDENTITIES OF ANY PERSON KNOWN IN EXICO. NEVER INDICATED ABILITY TO SPEAK SPANISH. MENTIONED SEVERAL IMES HE ENJOYED ARMY DUTY IN GERMANY.

OWENS GOT IMPRESSION RAY ROBBERIES ALWAYS WELL PLANNED. ROGER PLANNED BY RAY, BUT UNDERTAKEN WHEN BOTH WERE AT END.OF RUNK, WHICH WAS EXCEPTION TO RAY MODERATE DRINKING RULE. OWENS ATER RECEIVED IMPRESSION RAY PREJUDICED AGAINST JOBS WITH PARTNERS, S WAS INVARIABLY CAUGHT.

OWENS PLEAD GUILTY, GOT SEVEN YEARS, RAY STOOD TRIAL, GOT  
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WENTY. OWENS NEVER CALLED SAME MSP HALL OR WORKED TOGETHER. AW FREQUENTLY IN YARD. RAY NEVER DISPLAYED ANIMOSITY TOWARD WENS. OWENS LEARNED FROM OTHER INMATES RAY SOLD PILLS BELIEVED ENNIES AND HAD THREE FOR TWO LOAN BUSINESS MSP. DID NOT BELIEVE AY ACCUMULATED OVER THOUSAND DOLLARS BY TIME OF ESCAPE. OWENS N MENARD PRISON PRIOR TO SECOND RAY ESCAPE ATTEMPT. LAST SAW T MSP, NOT CONTACTED OR CORRESPONDED WITH SINCE.

DOES NOT FEEL RAY WOULD CONTACT ANY RELATIVE OR ACQUAINTANCE FTER ESCAPE. NO IDEA PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

OWENS OPENED JOINT ACCOUNT WITH MOTHER [REDACTED] AT JEFFERSON RAVOIS BANK, SL ON MENARD RELEASE SIXTY FIVE. CLOSED EARLY IXTY SIX. THIS HAS BEEN VERIFIED, SAYS HAS NOT BEEN NEAR BANK INCE.

WAS QUESTIONED REGARDING SEVERAL MSP INMATES. CLAIMS MET NMATE [REDACTED] AT MSP, NEVER KNEW BEFORE. ONLY TIMES HE AS SEEN [REDACTED] SINCE WAS SUMMER SIXTY FIVE, ONCE AT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] STANDING ON CORNER WITH UNKNOWN FEMALE  
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HEAVY BUILD. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOTE OWENS VOLUNTEERED THIS. SAW [REDACTED]

APPLEWOOD, MO., [REDACTED]

COOLEY HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE TO OWENS. [REDACTED]

KC AT JEFFERSON CITY, DETERMINE FROM INMATE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SPECIFICALLY WHEN HE ALLEGEDLY SAW  
OWENS AND RAY [REDACTED], AND THE IDENTITY AND PRESENT LOCATION OF  
THE FEMALE OWENS ALLEGES WAS WITH [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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*Mr. DeLoach*  
*Mr. Tavel*

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE KC REPORT MAY FIFTEEN LAST AND SL REPORT MAY TEN LAST.  
MEMPHIS PD RECEIVED TODAY ANOTHER LETTER FROM SAME  
INDIVIDUAL AT HAMILTON, ONTARIO. THIS LETTER STATES SUBJECT IS  
DEAD AND BURIED IN MEXICO CITY, COPILED RUINS, AND CONTAINS A  
ROUGH HANDDRAWN MAP INDICATING SPOT WHERE BURIED. COPY OF  
THIS LETTER BEING FURNISHED BUREAU BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION FOR  
TRANSMISSION TO LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY.

SAN FRANCISCO IN INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] WAS TOLD  
THAT SUBJECT, [REDACTED] AND THREE OTHERS WERE EARNING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS  
A MONTH FROM SALE OF NARCOTICS IN MSP. KANSAS CITY REPORT DOES  
NOT INDICATE ANY SUCH SIZEABLE TRANSACTIONS IN SUBJECT'S PRISON  
ACCOUNT.

SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND DETERMINE HOW  
MONEY WAS GOTTEN OUTSIDE MSP. SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD BEAR IN  
MIND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN BELIEF THAT SUBJECT  
MAY HAVE MADE SCORE AFTER ESCAPE FROM MSP AND PRIOR TO MURDER OF  
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DKING. IF [REDACTED] INFORMATION IS CORRECT, SUBJECT MAY HAVE HAD ON  
DEPOSIT OUTSIDE THE PRISON A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. IT IS OF  
UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT SAN FRANCISCO RESOLVE THIS MATTER  
TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] IS TRUTHFUL. SAN FRANCISCO SUBMIT RESULTS  
ALL INVESTIGATION IN FORM SUITABLE FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT.

KANSAS CITY SHOULD CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO PROVE OR  
DISPROVE [REDACTED] STATEMENT THAT HIS GROUP WAS EARNING ONE THOUSAND  
DOLLARS PER MONTH.

KANSAS CITY ALSO REQUESTED TO EXPLAIN TRANSACTIONS IN SUBJECT'S  
PRISON ACCOUNT, SUCH AS HOW WAS SUBJECT ABLE TO EARN MONEY IN  
PRISON AND HOW MUCH WAS HE PAID FOR WORKING IN PRISON BAKERY. ALSO  
DETERMINE IF MSP REQUIRES INMATES TO EXPLAIN SOURCE OF MONEY SENT  
OUTSIDE PRISON. PAYMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT TO HIS BROTHER SEEM  
EXCESSIVE AND SHOULD BE EXPLAINED.

BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED PAGES SIXTY - SIXTYONE OF  
KANSAS CITY REPORT, ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO EXHAUSTIVELY  
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REGARDING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH  
AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION OF SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS FURTHER REQUESTED TO EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF RAY TO RITA  
BROCKELMAN AND GEORGE MC QUADE, JR., IDENTIFIED ON PAGE FORTYSIX.  
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OF KANSAS CITY REPORT TO RESOLVE THE IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR  
ABDUCTOR TO BE LEO PARKER.

ST. LOUIS WILL ALSO REVIEW ST. CHARLES, MO., "DAILY BANNER,"  
AND JULY TWELVE, LAST, RELATIVE TO THE DESCRIPTION OF THE  
KIDNAPER, NOTING RAY AND PARKER ALLEGEDLY ARE SIMILAR, WITH THE  
EXCEPTION OF THE COLOR OF THEIR EYES.

IS MEMPHIS SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED]  
WHO RECEIVED CALLS FROM [REDACTED],  
RESIDING [REDACTED], ST. LOUIS. P.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *PO*

DATE: May 16, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *Reh*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
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1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. Martindale	

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is noted Ray was allegedly seen three times in May, 1967, in the neighborhood of John Gawron, St. Louis.

Gawron denies contact with Ray since Ray's escape from prison in April, 1967.

John Larry Ray, subject's brother, St. Louis, has again been reinterviewed. John still denies any knowledge of Ray since his escape from prison. He states Ray would have contacted him if Ray had been in St. Louis, especially if Ray needed help. John added that he would still help Ray if Ray asked him to but that he "might" tell the FBI about it afterwards.

According to John Ray, Gawron is crazy. He said Gawron lives in the past, talking about pulling robberies or burglaries and sometimes casing them but never actually committing them. John expressed the opinion Ray would never contact Gawron because he does not trust him.

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John Larry Ray believes when his brother escaped from prison he had plenty of money as a result of dealing in amphetamines while incarcerated. He also believes Ray would have immediately left the country and bases this on statements Ray made when John visited him in prison.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

It has previously been alleged Ray was seen in St. Louis with James L. Owens in the summer of 1967. John Larry Ray advised that the subject would not associate with Owens but would kill him on sight since he blames Owens for his arrest and twenty-year sentence in 1959.

ACTION:

Vigorous, widespread investigation is continuing on a top priority basis.

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DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS ST. LOUIS

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RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE THIS DATE RE J. D. DAILEY.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR JEFFERSON CITY, MO. REVEALS THAT  
EPHONE SIX THREE SIX DASH SEVEN ONE SEVEN FOUR IS ASSIGNED  
THE PROBATION AND PAROLE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION,  
LOUIS, MO.

THIS DIRECTORY REVEALS TELEPHONE SIX THREE FIVE DASH SEVEN ONE  
SIX IS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, STATE OF MISSOURI  
ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED REGARDING PHONE CALLS.

INFO RECEIVED FROM PAROLE OFFICER, GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI, THAT

██████████ FORMER MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY INMATE, NO.

██████████ RELEASED ██████████ 1968 AS OF ██████████

██████████ WAS RESIDING ██████████

██████████ ST. LOUIS, MO. ██████████ HAS FBI NUMBER ██████████

██████████ REPORTEDLY FROM MEMPHIS, HOWEVER, INVESTIGATION

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WERE NEGATIVE. GREENE COUNTY PAROLE OFFICER ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] SENT HIM A MONEY ORDER DURING FEB SIXTYEIGHT IN RESTITUTION ON A BAD CHECK, LISTING RETURN ADDRESS AS ABOVE.

ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW [REDACTED] RE SUBJECT.

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TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, AND MEMPHIS  
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND  
LITTLE ROCK, MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, RE: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WEINER, ARK., ADVISED HER  
SON, [REDACTED] WAS AT WALDENBURG, ARK., ON MAY  
FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, AT HOME OF [REDACTED], A BROTHER.  
[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] LEFT WALDENBURG  
MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ENROUTE TO CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.,  
TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT AS [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]  
STATED HE UNDERSTOOD [REDACTED] BORROWED MONEY FROM A  
BROTHER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WEINER, ARK., ADVISED MAY FIFTEEN,  
SIXTY EIGHT, HE LOANED HIS BROTHER, [REDACTED]  
FIFTY DOLLARS AND HE WAS TO GO TO POPLAR BLUFF, MO., TO  
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SEEK EMPLOYMENT AS [REDACTED] HE STATED HE COULD NOT STATE WHERE [REDACTED] COULD BE LOCATED BUT HE DID PROMISE TO CONTACT HIM WITHIN TWO WEEKS AND HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI OF HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ST. LOUIS, WILL THROUGH SOURCES OF INFORMATION, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AT POPLAR BLUFF, MO., AND CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

LITTLE ROCK, WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE EXACT WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED]

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. (P)

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST RE [REDACTED] PHONE CALLS.

REFERENCED TEL ADVISED JEFFERSON CITY TELEPHONE NO. SIX THREE FIVE

ASH SEVEN ONE SIX SIX ASSIGNED DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE. THIS IS INCOR-

RECT. THIS PHONE IS ACTUALLY ASSIGNED GRAHAM AND HAWKINS, ATTORNEYS,

THREE ONE TWO EAST CAPITOL JEFFERSON CITY, MO. ATTORNEY THOMAS D.

GRAHAM OF THIS FIRM REPRESENTS LARGE NUMBER OF INMATES MSP. RESIDENT

AGENTS IN JEFFERSON CITY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH GRAHAM, HOWEVER, CONTACT

WITH HIM IN THIS MATTER WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UACB.

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JAC [unclear]  
KC must advise  
Baker should be  
interviewed without  
disclosure of this  
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Date: 5/17/68

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AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from Mr. McGOWAN, Bureau, May 15, 1968 and Los Angeles Conference Teletype, May 14, 1968, Air Mail copy Minneapolis.

~~REDACTED~~ Western Union Telegraph Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, (PROTECT IDENTITY WITHOUT FAIL) advised the records of the Money Order Audit Bureau are filed chronologically by date under the city of origin of each Money Order and then alphabetically under the name of the payee. He stated that it is therefore necessary to have a point of origin for any Money Order before any type of search can be instituted in their records. He further advised that they handle more than ten million documents per year.

At the request of Mr. McGOWAN, ~~REDACTED~~ was asked to review their records for the period of February 14, 1968 through March 20, 1968 in an effort to locate any possible Money Orders sent to RAY from St. Louis, Missouri. On May 16, 1968, ~~REDACTED~~ advised that he had completed this search checking all Money Orders originating at St. Louis under RAY's true name and all known aliases with negative results.

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 1 Birmingham (44-1740)  
 1 Los Angeles (44-1574)  
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6:07PM URGENT 5-17-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN

RE [REDACTED]

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU, SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS, AND  
ALL WESTERN DIVISION OFFICES, MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, HANDWRITING SAMPLES OF  
UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED], APPEARING ON A PROMISSORY  
TYPE CHECK SIGNED BY HIM AND AN ESCROW CONTRACT AND DEPOSIT  
RECEIPT SIGNED BY [REDACTED] HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU  
BY AIRTEL DATED MAY SIXTEEN LAST, ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION  
DIVISION, REQUESTING LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION AND HANDWRITING  
EXAMINATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED]  
HAS NO KNOWN BANK ACCOUNTS IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA.  
INVESTIGATION AT THE REAL ESTATE COMPANY, CHINA VISTA,  
CALIFORNIA, INDICATES UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] WAS  
NOT SEEN ARRIVING AT THIS COMPANY; HOWEVER, [REDACTED]  
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cc - [REDACTED]

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INDICATED HE HAD SPENT APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS  
ON TAXICAB FARE. TAXICAB RECORDS ARE BEING CHECKED IN AN  
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INDICATED HE WAS STAYING AT THE SAN DIEGO  
HOTEL, THREE THREE NINE BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA;  
HOWEVER, A CHECK OF THE RECORDS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS  
TO DATE HAVE FAILED TO INDICATE [REDACTED] RESIDED AS A GUEST,  
AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT RAY DISPLAYED TO EMPLOYEES FAILED  
TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION.

INVESTIGATION IN SAN DIEGO CONTINUING, AND BUREAU AND  
ALL INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED OF ADDITIONAL  
DEVELOPMENTS.

OTHER OFFICE ADVISED SEPRATELY.

END

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FBI SAN FRAN

720PM URGENT 5-17-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P

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Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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MURKIN

RE LEGAT MEXICO TEL CALL MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE SAN MATEO TEL NUMBER FOUR ONE FIVE - THREE FOUR SEVEN - THREE ZERO TWO SEVEN.

RECORDS PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY ON MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT REFLECTED TEL NUMBER FOUR ONE FIVE - THREE FOUR SEVEN - THREE ZERO TWO SEVEN IS LISTED TO STERN INVESTMENTS, THREE ZERO TWO BALDWIN AVE., SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA.

MR. RAY STERN, PRESIDENT, STERN INVESTMENTS, ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEX., DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN. HE ADVISED HE USUALLY VACATIONS IN PUERTO VALLARTA WHERE HE RENTS A HOUSE. HE ADVISE THIS HOUSE HAS NO TELEPHONE AND THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS HE VACATIONS THERE. HE RELATED THAT DURING HIS FIRST WEEK IN MEXICO IT WAS NECESSARY FOR HIM TO CALL HIS OFFICE AND NOVEMBER THREE PROBABLY WAS THE DAY. HE ADVISED THAT HE FURNISHED THE CLERK IN THE TELEPHONE OFFICE WITH HIS CREDIT CARD WHICH CARRIED HIS FULL  
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NAME AND HIS CREDIT NUMBER WHICH FOR THE YEAR NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN  
WAS [REDACTED]

HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN MEXICO WITH HIS WIFE AND ANOTHER COUPLE.  
HE ADVISED THAT THE NAME JAMES EARL RAY OR ERIC STARVO GALT MEANS  
NOTHING TO HIM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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*SF Me Patel Clerk  
[REDACTED] instructed to  
have agents show pictures  
of [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] his  
wife & the other couple  
[REDACTED]*

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URGENT 5-17-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)

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MURKIN.

RCMP, MONTREAL, ADVISE NO DIRECT FLIGHTS MONTREAL TO RHODESIA. MOST DIRECT ROUTE WOULD BE MONTREAL TO NEW YORK AND NEW YORK TO LONDON OR MONTREAL TO LONDON OR MONTREAL TO LISBON.

FROM LONDON, SOUTH AFRICAN AIRLINES HAVE THREE FLIGHTS WEEKLY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY TO SALISBURY, RHODESIA. FROM LISBON, PORTUGUESE AIRLINES HAVE WEEKLY FLIGHT ON MONDAYS TO SALISBURY.

IN CONNECTION WITH PASSPORT SURVEY BY RCMP, BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE OF ANY ADDITIONAL PERIOD FOR WHICH SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES NOT ACCOUNTED BETWEEN NINE ONE SIXTYSEVEN AND FOUR NINE SIXTYEIGHT AND ADVISE IF SURVEY SHOULD BE EXTENDED

ON FIVE TEN SIXTYEIGHT, CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE, 15.9 MAY 21 1968 TREASURY, MONTREAL, TURNED OVER TO RCMP PIECE OF YELLOW ONION -

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SKIN PAPER AND PART OF COVER OF MATCHBOOK BEARING INSCRIPTION ST. MORITZ ON THE PARK. PAPER BORE NOTATION IN BLOCK LETTERS: "THINGS TO DO - ONE. MARTIN LUTHER KING. TWO. RAP BROWN. THREE. STOKELY CARMICHAEL." THE NAME MARTIN LUTHER KING IS CROSSED OUT WITH LINE. THIS WAS FOUND ON FLOOR OF CORRIDOR FOURTH FLOOR SHERATON MT. ROYAL HOTEL, MONTREAL, FIVE NINE LAST BY A CLIENT, [REDACTED], WHO OCCUPIED ROOM [REDACTED] AT TIME.

DETAILED INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT MADE BY RCMP AND RESULTS TO BUREAU BY AIRTEL THIS DATE, INCLUDING COPIES OF ALL EXHIBITS FOR EXAMINATION. MATCHBOOK COVER CONCERNS ST. MORITZ HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY. PHOTO OF RAY EXHIBITED TO ALL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT EFFECTING ANY IDENTIFICATION. LIST OF GUESTS IN IMMEDIATE AREA OBTAINED FOR CHECKING OUT.

END

LRC FBI WASH DC

X MR. BRENNAN

Mr. Conrad

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Date: 5/17/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Los Angeles airtels to Bureau 5/2 and 7/68.

RE: [REDACTED]

On 5/16/68 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ga., was re-interviewed and advised that he and his wife drove [REDACTED] to California to spend the Thanksgiving holiday 1967 with his wife's uncle, [REDACTED] Palos Verdes, Calif.

[REDACTED] advised he and his wife arrived at Palos Verdes the day before Thanksgiving 1967, spent Thanksgiving Day at the [REDACTED] residence and left about 9 or 10 a.m. the following morning with \$45 or \$50 to go to Santa Rosa, Calif., to see if they could locate [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised they left Palos Verdes and drove directly to Monterey, Calif. [REDACTED] advised they took the coast highway all the way to Monterey and arrived around midnight on the day following Thanksgiving. [REDACTED] stated on the way to Monterey they stopped on the beach to have a picnic for a couple of hours. He stated other than that they did not stop except for routine purposes until they arrived at Monterey. [REDACTED] advised they stayed at Monterey for only a couple of hours to rest and never did get a motel or any other kind of accommodations. He stated while there, in evaluating their finances, they realized they did not have sufficient funds to go on to Santa Rosa and, therefore, decided to return to Palos Verdes. [REDACTED] advised while they were in Monterey he did not lose his wallet nor any money or anything else that he could recall. He stated the only money that he did lose during the

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Approved: [Signature]

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whole trip to California was \$200 at the Grand Canyon, the money apparently falling out of his pocket. [REDACTED] advised that they arrived back at Palos Verdes the following day and later borrowed some \$75 from [REDACTED] in order to get back to Georgia. [REDACTED] advised he did lose his wallet around 12/67 or 1/68 while visiting his father [REDACTED]. He advised he could provide no additional details re this loss of his wallet.

[REDACTED] stated no other events transpired during the time he and his wife traveled to Monterey and they left the [REDACTED] residence the day after they returned from the Monterey trip.

FBI ST LOUIS

1245AM URGENT 5-17-68 JJR

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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE JAMES LOAMA OWENS:

OWENS INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH, WAS FALL PARTNER OF RAY  
ON FIFTY NINE KROGER ROBBERY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DENIED CONTACT WITH RAY SINCE OWENS  
LEFT MSP, OR KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS SINCE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEVER MET MSP INMATE [REDACTED] TILL FIFTYNINE.  
[REDACTED] ADMITS SAW [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] SL,  
BUT CLAIMS WAS SUMMER OF SIXTY FIVE; THAT HE WAS ALONE; AND THAT  
[REDACTED] WAS WITH UNKNOWN FEMALE, KC HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO RESOLVE.

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER:

RAYNES REINTERVIEWED. RECALLED STATEMENT MADE BY SON JERRY  
RAY DURING RECENT OVERNIGHT VISIT BY JOHN AND JERRY RAY, THAT SUBJECT  
IN CHICAGO SUMMER SIXTYSEVEN. UNABLE TO RECALL MORE SPECIFIC INFO  
RE STATEMENT. JOHN AND JERRY DRINKING AT TIME. ADMITS HE MAY HAVE

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cc [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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R MISUNDERSTOOD. CHICAGO HAS BEEN REQUESTED IN PREVIOUS DETAILED  
TELETYPE TO QUESTION JERRY REGARDING THIS. JOHN WILL BE INTER-  
O VIEWED RE MATTER TOMORROW AND PHOTO OF [REDACTED] WILL  
BE EXHIBITED FOR POSSIBLE IDENT AS [REDACTED] MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS I  
INTERVIEW.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY AND CAROL PEPPER; SOURCES AND CONTACTS INDICATE  
LE NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY TODAY.

AD BUREAU OBSERVATIONS AS TO POSSIBLE USE OF POLYGRAPH ON JOHN  
BU LARRY RAY AND [REDACTED] RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED VIA  
SEPERATE TELETYPE.

RE LOCAL LOOK ALIKE RESOLUTIONS, FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS  
AND RESOLUTION OF TOLL CHECKS CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/17/68

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AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel dated 5/6/68 setting forth telephone calls to be checked out regarding the trip of subject and CHARLES STEIN 12/15 - 17/67. It is noted that the following call were made:

Date	12/16/67
Calling No.	Houston 682-9307
No. Called	817 238-8098
Place	Eagle Mountain Lake

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Eagle Mountain Lake located few miles north of Fort Worth, Texas:

On 5/10/68, PAUL TOMLINSON, Indian Creek Camp, stated that he had never seen anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY at the camp. He stated he did not recall who called the camp on 12/16/67. He stated that JACK DOUGLAS is the manager and will be back at the camp on 5/13/68, and DOUGLAS will probably know who received the call.

JACK DOUGLAS, Manager, Indian Creek Camp, on 5/13/68, stated that he and his wife have a friend named LORAIN PRITCHETTE and they received a call from her about 12/16/67. He explained that they receive a call from LORAIN about once every two weeks. He stated that the camp has not received any calls from Houston except those from LORAIN. She usually calls from a pay phone, but he has no idea as to the number of the phone. After viewing the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, he stated he has not seen anyone resembling RAY around the camp.

C. C. Bishop

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Houston (44-1509)  
2 - Dallas (44-2649)

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URGENT 5-17-68

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ST LOUIS

MURKIN.

RE: FELLOW PRISONER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESIDING [REDACTED], MO.,

ADVISED MAY ONE SIX HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE IO PHOTO OF RAY, BUT HAD  
HEARD OF A RAY WHO ESCAPED FROM PEN. WHILE HE WAS INCARCERATED  
THERE FROM [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] SPENT MOST  
OF HIS TIME AT [REDACTED]. HE STATED [REDACTED] INVOLVED WITH  
SOME AMPHETAMINE POWDER WHILE AT MOBERLY, BUT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE  
NEVER CAME IN CONTACT WITH RAY IN THIS REGARD.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P REC-19

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FBI MEMPHIS

TELETYPE

547PM URGENT 5-17-68 MEN

TO DIRECTOR, 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,

NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA, DETROIT, AND LAS VEGAS

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 3P

MURKIN.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH SECRET SERVICE, MEMPHIS, THAT THE THREE TWENTY DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE LABORATORY ARE BONAFIDE AND NOT COUNTERFEIT.

EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO LOCATE THE ORIGINAL U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS THAT SUBJECT USED FOR PAYMENT TO LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE IN NEW JERSEY. THE ORIGINALS OF THESE MONEY ORDERS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION.

RALPH CARPENTER, EMPLOYEE OF YORK ARMS, MEMPHIS, WAS ADMITTED MAY TEN LAST TO PSYCHIATRIC UNIT JOHN GASTON HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS, ON COMPLAINT OF WIFE. SANITY HEARING TO BE HELD MONDAY NEXT, AND CARPENTER TO BE COMMITTED TENNESSEE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTE, MEMPHIS. CONDITION DIAGNOSED AS [REDACTED] MAY 20 1968

IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION FURNISHED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER,

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WHICH INFORMATION IS REPORTEDLY ALSO BEING FURNISHED JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THE FOLLOWING IS NOTED:

MRS. BESSIE BREWER, OPERATOR OF ROOMING HOUSE, FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE HALF S. MAIN ST., MEMPHIS, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT [REDACTED] UNKNOWN TO HER EITHER BY NAME OR AS AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

MRS. BREWER STATES THAT NO ONE LIVING THERE HELPS MAINTAIN THE ROOMING HOUSE BY MAKING BEDS, ETC. EACH TENANT MAINTAINS HIS OWN ROOM AND MRS. BREWER CLEANS THE ROOM AFTER THE TENANT CHECKS OUT.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AND THE CELLAR OF THE ROOMING HOUSE DISCLOSES THERE IS NO FURNACE. HEAT SUPPLIED IN EACH ROOM BY GAS HEATERS.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION, OF WHICH LOS ANGELES TIMES NOT WARE, WOULD TEND TO PROVE BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT THAT MURDER WEAPON WAS RECOVERED AND NOW IN POSSESSION OF MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION WOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT SUBJECT'S WHITE MUSTANG WAS IN SUBJECT'S POSSESSION AT REBEL MOTEL, MEMPHIS, ON NIGHT OF APRIL THREE LAST.

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MEMPHIS FEELS INFORMATION IS SO OBVIOUSLY INCORRECT  
THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INQUIRY WOULD BE A WASTE OF INVESTIGATIVE  
EFFORT; HOWEVER, OFFICES CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION SHOULD  
NOT DISCONTINUE UNLESS ADVISED BY THE BUREAU.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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cc. CONRAD



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

- 1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 17, 1968

Re: **MURKIN**  
**CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680515051 JK

Examination requested by: San Antonio

Reference: Airtel 5/11/68

Examination requested: Document

xxxxxx. Specimens received 5/14/68

Q338 Brown manila envelope postmarked at San Diego, California, bearing handwritten address [REDACTED] San Antonio, Texas" and accompanying handwritten message beginning "Drop..."

Q339 White envelope with no postmark bearing handwritten address [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois 60617"

Q340 Post card to [REDACTED] bearing handwritten message beginning "Be sure & put...", ending "...tell's you not to."

- 2 - Chicago (44-1114) (9-3944)
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (9-3759)
- 1 - San Diego (44-387)
- 2 - San Antonio (55-67) (44-1242) Enclosures (4)  
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**Remarks:**

As the result of a search in the Anonymous Letter File, the writings on Q338 through Q340 have been identified with other material submitted to the Laboratory attributed to [REDACTED], and which have been included in Bureau file 62-111085. (LA file 9-3759; SA file 55-67; CG 9-3944). Nothing of significance was noted between the writings on Q338, Q339 and Q340 when compared with the various writings which have been received in the MURKIN case.

In view of the incoherent nature of the material submitted, a copy of which has been enclosed for San Antonio, and the past mental history of [REDACTED], no additional examinations are being made.

The material submitted is returned to San Antonio,

No Laboratory report is being submitted.

NOTE: Identification in the Anonymous Letter File was effected by Document Analyst [REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861  
Lab. # D-680515051 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, San Antonio (44-1242)  
Examination requested: Document  
Result of Examination:

Airtel 5/11/68  
Date received: 5/14/68  
Examination by: Kortimer

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q338 Brown manila envelope postmarked at San Diego, California, bearing handwritten address "[REDACTED] Antonio, Texas"
- Q339 White envelope with no postmark bearing handwritten address "[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois 60617"
- Q340 Post card to [REDACTED] bearing handwritten message beginning "Be sure & put.....", ending "....tell's you not to."

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MAY 15 1968



Los Angeles, Ca. 90017  
5/1/68

I noticed yesterday - No more  
Goof ball Police Dept. They do  
not carry on like Jack Webb's  
Goof ball artist. Eighteen months  
ago Goof ball is no more then they started  
all over again when I came  
back on went back to Los Angeles,  
Calif. They even had the Sheriff's  
Dept. wasting gas, oil, Tires &  
time when I went back -  
Past Letter Black Prints - They  
had me listed as a Colored  
man but they abused the white  
man myself & then paid the  
other man - The Colored man  
may have received Twenty  
Dollars & they stole the real  
money -

That was a goof ball woman  
in the [redacted]  
Hollywood 28, Calif. She  
lost her son in Vietnam &  
then she works for Jews to harm  
Maoism & People - False arrest  
case - She was the actress of

I was there for a while - I have  
bottles of beer & a package of Fall  
Mail Cigars that & that was all -  
I do not go to Communists & Coats  
at no time - as far as I know  
they just let the kid out - take  
his things away - What do they

see your Mr. Litifare - if it  
sold by some guy & on the  
side walk too - For kids to see -  
The side walk is a Public Place -  
In addition I never spoke to any  
body in that Bar either - The  
Black Mail Ploned cost me  
plenty of money - Plus the loss  
of personal items - Her son  
should have been killed if all  
she is & was was a girl ball  
woman with her fresh Jewist  
woman bartender - & she is a  
... ..

Plan to harm other people -  
The San Francisco Police Dept  
does not play golf ball ism &  
They have known me for years - & long  
ago post waiting they told me -  
get a gun & go back - Long  
time ago too -

I want that Engineer & the Conductor  
on the San Diego Train arrested -  
They started the golf ball game  
here in San Diego, Calif. Who are  
they to use their Radio to alert  
all the City of San Diego, Calif.  
to make a Criminal for two men  
man - How much did they  
get for golf ballism - Do you  
mean to tell me we have only  
golf balls as Engineers & Conductors -  
Dangerous to ride on that train  
with golf balls as operators - Last  
some two years old kids on there -  
yesterday I noticed they even  
had people from Mexico laugh-  
ing at me & get I've said  
nothing - So what's it all  
about A Golf ball. Nation -  
post waiting - You have a child

School primarily Latin People  
 there - Los Angeles, Calif. They had  
 those people, abusing me ever  
 day & night in my home - Who  
 do you think was ENGINEERING  
 the abuse - A Catholic Priest -  
 Then he wanted his Laughs at  
 me too - Just Lucky for him &  
 didn't have a gun on me or it  
 would have been right there  
 the head for him - A Filthy  
 Catholic Priest abusing & tell-  
 ing lies about me too - Today  
 is Red Pants day too - Think of that  
 Priest tell his people from the  
 altar about the terrible sufferings  
 & humiliations of the Jew Jesus  
 Christ when all him self is  
 abusing innocent & sick people -  
 Sick People he was & loves to  
 harm - Sick People & American  
 Citizens too - I thought I was  
 going to die yesterday but may be  
 today -

Last waiting's Mexican woman  
 sleeping under a bridge San  
 Antonio, Texas - To proud to go to

the Salvation Army & no help  
from her Church - The Queens  
sleep in bed & she Eighty years  
old sleep's under the bridge  
with newspapers around her  
because they had the blankets -  
Then in the morning <sup>she</sup> goes to  
the Jewish Church & he get  
Robert speaks of the terrible  
sufferings of Jesus Christ - yet  
she gets nothing to eat from  
him - Another one was ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Tell-  
ing Lies to Children to save  
the Filthy Jews - My charge  
contributing to the delinquency  
of minors by Lies - A Lie in his  
Church House - so how can any  
body have any Religion when the  
Queens & Lies are in the Church  
House - Past writings Queens - Lies  
Too - If they arn't Queens They are  
Sleeping with some body's wife -  
Recall the one who was shot  
& killed in your neighborhood -  
Daily Column & small article -  
The ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ in it -

Christ & they would let a  
 Jew kill your son by torturing  
 him to death - These Pigs are  
 going to learn something from  
 me - Torture a few of them to  
 Death


& watch them scream & bellow  
 Nazism

Give them all to the Jews -  
 because they are just two men -  
 They don't happen to be psychologists  
 or they - But waitings Catholic  
 Priest & Clark Chester, Illinois  
 On the Pay Roll of the State of  
 Illinois - Let's maybe two  
 or three people a year - Get  
 paid as a psychologist & let  
 do work every work day of  
 the year - Say's his mass  
 first in your time - Another  
 one too in Washington State  
 on their money - Another  
 one ~~██████████~~ takes record-  
 ing of Confessions & switches  
 names around - So they never  
 get out the rest of their  
 lives -

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Yes I have gossy people around  
me every day - I pay little  
attention - Some & many want  
persecutors & then they go to  
their Church on Sunday -  
& I am no Jewish Jewellery Salesman  
either - <sup>Some</sup> article & these people  
& these different prices \$150.00 -  
\$300.00 & \$450.00 - Jewish Business  
For other people - Eight years &  
more now of persecution & these  
are the kind of people who do it -  
We want none of those people in  
our Country - That's why so many  
people are poor -  
I want both that Engineer &  
Conductor ARREST - We have  
no Time for Bull Shit Contest  
From one End of California to  
the other - Golf ball is in &  
War's -

Never opened in San Antonio, Texas  
Sincerely yours





[REDACTED]

Chicago, Illinois  
60617

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AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReAttel 5/16/68.

E. D. ELLIOTT, Westinghouse Electric, 5455 Port Arthur Road, Beaumont, Texas, was interviewed on 5/16/68 and unable to furnish any information re JAMES EARL RAY. ELLIOTT recalled his stay at Provincial Motel, 12/19/67, but was unable to recall seeing anyone who resembled the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that were shown to him.

- 3 - Bureau
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FROM: KSAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

[REDACTED] Renz Prison Farm, connected with the Missouri State Penitentiary, advised prison officials that he had found the letter sent to him by ex-inmate [REDACTED] Alabama. The letter was furnished to this office and reads as follows:

"July 6-67

"Hello, All.

"Please excuse me for not writing sooner, but have been so busy. You know after taking a 3 1/2 year stop in life it's pretty hard to get back into the way of life again.

"Well now I am doing just fine. Moved from town into the country. Bought a 10 acre farm with house. One of those Jim Walter shells but I worked it over, looks pretty good. I panned it out and out. My wife and son like out here very much and really that's what counts. For the past two month I have had a trying time.

- (3) - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis
- 2 - Birmingham
- 2 - Kansas City

RBH:mlb

(9) C. C. - Bishop

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[REDACTED] Tell  
your wife I do hope she is keeping you on the  
ball and getting the house in good shape. Tell  
Joe hello.

"Bailes was a likable fellow. I thought lot of  
him. I you well tell him hi for me. [REDACTED]  
if you find time please answer this letter.

"You might have had a hard\_\_ to get along with  
men on Renz farm but I personall enjoyed my  
stay there. Although I am sure it will never  
happen again.

"Bye Bye, God Bless Solong,

"/s/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ala."

This is being furnished in order that the  
Birmingham office may better evaluate information being  
received from [REDACTED]

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FBI MEMPHIS

PRIORITY SHOULD BE IMMEDIATE

950AM URGENT 5-17-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL MAY SIXTEEN, LAST.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED MEMPHIS REQUEST SAN FRANCISCO TO IMMEDIATELY RE-INTERVIEW [REDACTED] TO RESOLVE MATTER OF SUBJECT'S EARNING LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM NARCOTICS TRAFFIC IN MSP. BUREAU FURTHER INSTRUCTED SF TO SUTEL TODAY TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS RESULTS OF INQUIRY.

A & D. P

END.

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FBI ST LOUIS

1210AM URGENT 5-17-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

*LEAD FOR BUREAU*

JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED SEVERAL TIMES. HAS APPEARED COOPERATIVE, AND SEEMED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED AS WELL AS HE KNOWS. HAS STEADFASTLY DENIED CONTACT WITH RAY OR KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS SINCE MSP ESCAPE.

~~REDACTED~~ HAS ALSO BEEN INTERVIEWED SEVERAL TIMES. HAS GENERALLY CLAIMED SIMILAR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, BUT HAS MADE SOMEWHAT FANCIFUL ALLEGATIONS OF RAY'S INVOLVEMENT IN BANK ROBBERY, FOLLOWING ESCAPE WHICH HAVE BEEN GENERALLY DISPROVEN AND HE IS NOW CONSIDERED UNRELIABLE AND POSSIBLE HARBORER, AS ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED SUBJECT SEEN NEAR HIS RESIDENCE FOLLOWING ESCAPE.

SL BELIEVES PLACING JOHN RAY AND ~~REDACTED~~ ON POLYGRAPH WOULD HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECT, AT LEAST PSYCHOLOGICALLY, PROVIDING BUREAU POLICY WILL ALLOW.

BUREAU OBSERVATIONS IN THIS REGARD RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED.  
SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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OO: Memphis

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs, 5/9/68.

Through previous inquiry on April 30, 1968, [redacted] Fingerprint Section, California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, (CII), Sacramento, California, advised that all coroners throughout the State of California were required to submit fingerprints of unidentified dead to Sacramento. [redacted] advised that upon receipt of these prints, CII checks them against their files. He advised that Subject RAY's prints will and have been checked with all these prints subsequent to April 5, 1968.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)  
 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(RM)  
 1 - San Diego (44-387)(RM)  
 1 - San Francisco (173-65)(RM)  
 1 - Sacramento

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C. Bishop

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FBI ST LOUIS

835PM URGENT 5-17-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JAMES EARL RAY

BASED ON DESCRIPTIVE DATA AND INFO FURNISHED BY JAMES LOAMA OWENS THAT SUBJECT DISPLAYED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TRAVELERS CHECK IN FIFTY NINE BANK ACCOUNT BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF SUBJECT, UNDER NAME JAMES EARL OCONNOR LOCATED AT MANUFACTURERS BANK SLMO. OPENED MARCH NINE FIFTY NINE, CLOSED JULY TWENTY FIFTY NINE. ORIGINAL SIGNATURE CARD OBTAINED AND WILL BE FORWARDED FBI LAB. ONLY FACE PHOTOS OF CHECKS AVAILABLE. WERE PAYABLE TO OCONNOR, CAROL RYAN AND Y. P. WEBBE. INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY WEBBE BEING CONDUCTED. OCONNOR GAVE RESIDENCE ONE SEVEN TWO SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH, SLMO, WHICH IS ADDRESS CAROL PEPPER SAID SHE RESIDED WITH FATHER WHEN FIRST CAME TO SL. SEARCH OF BANK TRAVELERS CHECK REGISTER FOR FIFTY NINE FAILED TO DISCLOSE SALE OF TRAVELERS CHECKS TO RAY OR OWENS UNDER TRUE NAME AND ALL KNOWN ALIASES.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY. EX-115

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NO OTHER EMPLOYEES AVAILABLE AT GRAPEVINE TAVERN AND JOHN RAY COULD NOT BE SATISFACTORILY INTERVIEWED DUE TO CUSTOMERS. HE ADVISED PREVIOUS STATEMENT OF BELIEF THAT RAY HAD PLENTY OF MONEY ON ESCAPE

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SIXTY EIGHT DODGE, VIN L H FOUR ONE D EIGHT B THREE TWO THREE  
O FOUR NINE, BEARING GA. SIXTY EIGHT LIC. ONE D FOUR EIGHT TWO \*  
SHT THREE, RECOVERED SL AIRPORT YESTERDAY PROCESSED. RESULTS WILL  
FORWARDED FBI LAB. ATLANTA IS CONTACTING OWNER, NATIONAL CAR REN-  
FOR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO RENTAL.

RESOLUTION LOCAL LOOK A LIKES, FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS [REDACTED] CONTINUING. \* NCIC [REDACTED] 5/17

00-24-17-10

\* NCIC has stolen report entered by  
A+car #, PD on 68 Body L. out 4 door  
blue, VIN LHM4LD8B 325249. Same  
leg as above. Stolen - 7-68, Atlanta  
PD # [REDACTED]  
AT advised. LKH



5-17-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Denver (157-203) - Enc. (6)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Denver airtel 5-7-68, submitting five Frontier Airlines Transportation receipts, and one application for a travel card, Q328 through Q333, for examination.

One latent fingerprint of value was developed on the receipt dated April 27, 1968, Q329. This latent fingerprint was not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Q328 through Q333 enclosed to Denver.

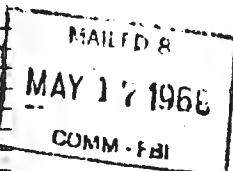
Laboratory reporting separate.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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1105PM URGENT 5-16-68 GER

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), JACKSON, DALLAS  
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN

RE: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], NORTH LITTLE  
ROCK, ARK., [REDACTED] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON  
THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT:

BOTH [REDACTED] AND HIS WIFE SAID THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY  
APPEARING IN THE MAY TWENTY ISSUE OF NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE BEARS A STRIKING  
RESEMBLANCE TO [REDACTED], AN INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM THEY WERE  
CASUALLY ACQUAINTED DURING THE PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY JUNE OR JULY TO  
SEPT. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. AT THAT TIME THE [REDACTED]  
RESIDED AT LONGVIEW, TEXAS, WHERE [REDACTED] OPERATED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OF CARTHAGE, TEXAS, REFERRED  
[REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] FOR ASSISTANCE IN [REDACTED] DID NOT  
[REDACTED] IN THAT AREA, BUT IN ABOUT SEPT. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN,  
[REDACTED], A FORMER RESIDENT OF OXFORD, MISS. WAS TALKING TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AT WATER VALLEY, MISSISSIPPI, NAME NOT RECALLED, WHO  
OLD [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] HAD [REDACTED] WATER  
LLEY FOR WHICH HE HAD PAID CASH. NO DESCRIPTION WAS FURNISHED OF THIS

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[REDACTED] HAD MENTIONED TO [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD FRIENDS AT WATER VALLEY MISSISSIPPI.

[REDACTED] PAID [REDACTED] FIFTY DOLLARS IN CASH FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN MAKING A FEW CONTACTS FOR HIM. [REDACTED] SAW [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TIMES IN LONGVIEW AND IN CARTHAGE, TEXAS. HE DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS WHITE MALE, FORTY, SIX FT. ONE INCH, ONE NINETYFIVE LBS., WELL BUILT WITH PERHAPS A LITTLE FAT BUT GENERAL MUSCULAR, CLEFT IN CHIN, AVERAGE COMPLEXION, DARK BROWN TO BLACK HAIR, CLEAN SHAVEN, GENERALLY DRESSED IN GOOD CLOTHING BUT NEVER NEAT, CLAIMED TO BE A NATIVE OF MISSISSIPPI, NO OCCUPATION, CLAIMED TO BE RETIRED, HAVING MADE CONSIDERABLE MONEY THE SOURCE OF WHICH WAS NEVER DIVULGED, HAD NO FAMILY, AND WAS NEVER FREE WITH INFORMATION. ONLY KNOWN ASSOCIATE AT CARTHAGE WAS [REDACTED] MENTIONED ABOVE. [REDACTED] ADDRESS IN CARTHAGE UNKNOWN, WAS NOT LISTED IN PHONE BOOK, BUT [REDACTED] WAS ABLE TO CONTACT HIM BY PHONE THROUGH INFORMATION AT THE TELEPHONE OFFICE, AND IT WAS [REDACTED] UNDERSTANDING THAT [REDACTED] RESIDED IN A HOUSE RATHER THAN A MOTEL OR HOTEL.

DURING THEIR CONTACTS, [REDACTED] ALWAYS HAD PLENTY OF MONEY, ORIGINALLY DROVE NINETEEN FIFTYSIX BLACK CHEVROLET, BUT LATER ACQUIRED, PLACE UNKNOWN, A NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN BUICK ELECTRA GRAY WITH BLACK

END PAGE TWO

→ Advise [redacted] IR's  
when [redacted] been  
has [redacted] filed  
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

PAGE THREE

VINYL TOP BEARING TEXAS LICENSE. DURING THIS PERIOD [redacted] SAID THAT HE MADE TRIPS TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND DALLAS, TEXAS. AT ONE TIME HE SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO LIVE IN BIRMINGHAM AND HAVE [redacted] IN MISSISSIPPI WHERE HE COULD GO TO RELAX AND FISH. HE WAS INTERESTED IN SPORTS AND CLAIMED TO HAVE [redacted] ON ONE OCCASION [redacted] TOLD [redacted] THAT HE HAD NEVER FILED AN INCOME TAX RETURN AND DID NOT INTEND TO.

[redacted] WIFE AGREED ON THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF [redacted] BY HER HUSBAND WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT IN ADDITION TO BEING WELL BUILT THAT HIS STOMACH HAD A LITTLE OVERLAP AT THE BELT.

JACKSON AT WATER VALLEY, MISSISSIPPI WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [redacted] TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

DALLAS AT CARTHAGE, TEXAS, WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE [redacted] FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM.

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BI MEMPHIS

00PM URGENT 5-17-68 SAB

O DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND ST. LOUIS 44-775

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

ON PAGES SIXTY AND SIXTY ONE OF KANSAS CITY REPORT  
DATED MAY FIFTEEN LAST, A FORMER INMATE OF THE MISSOURI  
STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF SUBJECT AND WAS AWARE OF PLANS  
FOR ESCAPING PRISON PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL ESCAPE. ADDITIONAL  
INFO RECEIVED FROM THIS INMATE WOULD INDICATE THAT [REDACTED]  
WAS MORE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH RAY THAN [REDACTED] ADMITS;  
HEREFORE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT ST. LOUIS REINTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
IN DETAIL REGARDING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY AND KNOWLEDGE  
OF ANY PLANS RAY MAY HAVE HAD UPON EFFECTING HIS ESCAPE.

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*Mr. Clark*  
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FBI CHICAGO

507PM URGENT 5-17-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ ATLANTA /44-2386/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ MIAMI

/44-1854/

FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

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RECGTEL MAY FOURTEEN AND MIAMI MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

RE EASTERN FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL FIVE THROUGH APRIL TEN LAST.

INQUIRY BURGESS VIBROCRAFTERS, INC. GRAYSLAKE, ILLINOIS, REVEALED UAL IN ERROR AS UAL TICKET ENDING EIGHT TWO NINE NOT ISSUED TO THAT COMPANY. RECONTACT WITH UAL DEVELOPED TICKET ACTUALLY ISSUED TO ELRICK AND LAVIDGE, INC. CHICAGO IN SIXTYSIX.

CONTACT ABOVE COMPANY DEVELOPED TICKET USED BY [REDACTED] WHO, AMONG OTHER CITIES, FLEW OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL NINE LAST ON EAL FLIGHT TWO FOUR EIGHT. [REDACTED] EMPLOYED ABOVE FIRM SINCE EARLY SIXTY-FIVE. ELIMINATED. UAL CHECK RE EAL FLIGHTS CONCLUDED.

AMCC NEW YORK AND MINNEAPOLIS.

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FBI ATLANTA

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY SEVENTEEN  
INSTANT.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY ADVISED HE MET INDIVIDUAL, LAST NAME  
ANDERSON, WHOM HE STATED FORMERLY RESIDED ONE ONE THREE FOUR-  
TEENTH ST., NE, ATLANTA. WILLOUGHBY DETERMINED ANDERSON'S CURRENT  
ADDRESS IN ATLANTA. ANDERSON BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH HAROLD G.  
ANDERSON WHO HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED AS YET FOR INTERVIEW. ANDERSON  
WILL BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
ADVISED THAT CONTACT WITH DRUG AND NARCOTIC USERS HAS PROVIDED  
NO USEFUL INFORMATION RE SUBJECT'S POSSIBLE PURCHASE OR USE OF  
DRUGS DURING VISIT TO ATLANTA.

EXAMINATION OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES METROPOLITAN ATLANTA  
CONTINUING. CHECK OF METROPOLITAN ATLANTA AREA HOSPITALS  
NEGATIVE TO DATE.

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FBI SAN FRAN

426PM URGENT 5-17-68 KLJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760), ST. LOUIS (44-1987)  
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 3P

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RA RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL, FIVE EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, AND MEMPHIS  
WA TELETYPES, FIVE SIXTEEN AND FIVE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON FIVE SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, ADVISED MONEY EARNED  
IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) COULD BE EITHER IN CURRENCY AND/OR  
SCRIPT OR SERVICES SUCH AS COMMISSARY CHITS OR LEATHER GOODS, ETC. *an*  
MONEY COULD BE SENT OUT OF THE MSP BY GUARDS WHO WERE PRIED BY PRI-  
SONERS TO ACT AS COURIERS INVOLVING ITEMS LEAVING OR ENTERING THE PRISON

[REDACTED] STATED HE DID NOT DESIRE TO IDENTIFY ANY GUARD AS THAT GUARD MIGHT  
STILL BE AVAILABLE AND USEABLE BY PRESENT MSP INMATES. *REC-2A* *44-38861-3675*

FIN [REDACTED] STATED RAY WOULD EARN ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS PER MONTH  
FROM HIS BAKERY WORK, AND IT WAS HIS RECOLLECTION THAT FIFTEEN OR  
END TWENTY DOLLARS PER MONTH COULD BE FURNISHED TO RAY BY FRIENDS OR  
FAMILY OUTSIDE OF THE PRISON FOR HIS PERSONAL USE IN PURCHASING COMMIS-  
SARY ITEMS. *15 MAY 20 1968*

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*cc. Ling*



[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT RAY WOULD NOT PLACE ANY "PRISON EARNINGS" IN HIS ACCOUNT AT THE PRISON AND CLAIMED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW RAY HANDLED HIS PRISON EARNINGS. HE STATED THIS WAS A STRICT PERSONAL MATTER WITH RAY. [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED THAT HE GAMBLLED A LOT OF HIS MONEY, BUT RAY WAS CONSERVATIVE IN THE HANDLING OF MONEY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED HE HAD NO REASON TO LIE TO THE FBI. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS SOURCE OF FUNDS. HE STATED HE HAS NO DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE AS TO HOW RAY GOT HIS MONEY OUT OF MSP.

[REDACTED] STATED IT WAS HIS SPECULATION THAT RAY COULD HAVE HAD FIVE  
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THOUSAND DOLLARS AT THE TIME HE ESCAPED. RAY WAS CONSERVATIVE IN MONEY MATTERS AND PROBABLY HAD SOME MONEY ON HIS PERSON AT THE TIME HE ESCAPED AND SOME MONEY SOME PLACE AFTER HE GOT OUT. HE STATED IT WAS HIS SPECULATION THAT RAY, BECAUSE OF HIS CONSERVATIVE HANDLING OF MONEY, WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN MUCH OF A CHANCE ON WHERE HE PLACED THIS MONEY IF THAT IS WHAT HE DID.

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] (PH) WAS DISCHARGED BY THE MSP [REDACTED] AND HE HAD BEEN USED BY [REDACTED] RAY AND ASSOCIATES TO BRING IN AND TAKE OUT ITEMS OF VALUE. [REDACTED] STATED RAY WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF WILLIE SHOW OR SCHOAF (PH), A NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR OR SIXTYFIVE PAROLEE WHO ORIGINALLY CAME FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AREA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., THROUGH MSP RECORDS, IDENTIFY WILLIE SHOW OR SCHOAF (PH) AND [REDACTED] (PH) AND THEREAFTER SET OUT LEADS TO INTERVIEW THESE MEN FOR INFORMATION RE RAY AND/ OR HIS SOURCE OF FUNDS.

INSERTS FOLLOW.

FI ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

TEND.

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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI KAN CITY

610PM URGENT 5-17-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1967)  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

DENTAL CHART AND COPY OF SUBJECT'S ENTIRE FILE FROM MSP FURNISHED THE BUREAU. SUBSCRIBER OF TELEPHONE NO. IN JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CONTACTED BY [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED AS ATTORNEY T. D. GRAHAM. BOILER MAKERS UNION, KANSAS CITY, IDENTIFIED AS SUBSCRIBER OF PHONE CALL MADE FROM GRAPEVINE TAVERN, ST. LOUIS.

CONTENTS OF LETTER FROM [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] RANZ FARM, MSP, FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM.

DEPT. OF VITAL STATISTICS, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ADVISED NO UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALES STATE OF MO. SINCE APRIL FIVE LAST. RECORDS FOR STATE OF KANSAS BEING CHECKED AT TOPEKA.

X-RAYS OF SUBJECT'S TEETH OBTAINED FROM MSP AND WILL BE MAY 20 1968 FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU.

END PAGE ONE

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cc - Long

*Mr. Bishop*  
*5/17*

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MSP CHRONOLOGICAL DATA SHEET, CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY,  
CORRESPONDENCE AND VISITING LIST ON INMATE [REDACTED] FURNISHED  
ST. LOUIS.

LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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731 PM DEFERRED 5-17-68 DND  
TO DIRECTOR AND NEWARK (44-854)  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

*The New York Times*

RE WFO TEL TO ME MAY SIXTEEN, LAST: NEWARK REPORT MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

FOR INFO NK, WFO TO LOCATE USPO MONEY ORDERS PAID LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, NEW JERSEY, IN NAME OF ERIC S. GALT, PLACE AND DATE OF PURCHASE REQUIRED.

NK IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW MICROFILM RECORDS, FIDELITY UNION TRUST COMPANY, NEWARK, N. J., AND IDENTIFY FROM THE STAMPED IMPRESSION ON THE TWO POSTAL MONEY ORDERS DESCRIBED ON PAGE TEN OF RE REPORT, THE PLACE AND DATE OF ISSUANCE. NK WILL THEN REQUEST WFO TO OBTAIN ORIGINALS OF THESE MONEY ORDERS AND FORWARD SAME TO FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING HANDWRITING EXAMINATION. NK WILL ALSO SET FORTH LEAD TO OFFICE COVERING AREA OF PURCHASE OF MONEY ORDER TO CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION, ASCERTAINING CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING PURCHASE, WITH AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE PURCHASER AS BEING RAY.

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AM COPY TO WFO. P.

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*cc - Long*

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FBI MIAMI

1013PM EDT DEFERRED 5/17/68 LAS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RETELCALL FROM BUREAU TO MIAMI, MAY SIXTEEN, CONCERNING  
SUSPECT KNOWN TO [REDACTED] NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

[REDACTED] ADVISED FIVE SEVENTEEN, SHE DID NOT MEAN TO INDICATE  
HER PATIENT RESEMBLES RAY PHYSICALLY AS HE DOES NOT. HER PATIENT  
IS VERY HEAVY SET, BUSHY HAired MAN WITH NOTICEABLE BAD RIGHT EYE,  
NOSE NOT POINTED AND NO NOTICEABLE IRREGULARITY IN EARS.

SHE MEANT ONLY THAT HE WAS PSYCHOLOGICALLY CAPABLE OF SUCH  
A THING.

END

JMS

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cc - [signature]

[signature]

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enclosures (2)  
Memphis (44-1987)

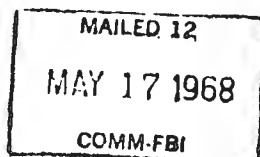
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 5/8/68, submitting a hand-written letter, Q335, and Los Angeles airtel 5/10/68, submitting a Post Office Department form, Q337, for examination.

No latent impressions of value were developed on these two items, which are enclosed to Los Angeles.

Laboratory reporting separately.



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1 - Mr. Rosen

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Date: 5/17/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)

MURKIN

OO: -Memphis

Re: Bureau Radiogram, 5/14/68; Houston airtel, 5/3/68; and Las Vegas airtel, 5/8/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Memphis Office are 15 copies of an insert reflecting investigation at Las Vegas in this matter.

Re: Unsolved local robberies

All police agencies in Nevada have been requested to consider displaying photographs of JAMES EARL RAY to witnesses in unsolved robberies.

Re: Unsolved Bank Robberies,  
Las Vegas Division

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY have been displayed to appropriate witnesses in all unsolved BRS in Nevada with negative results. As previously reported, RAY does not fit the description of any of the Unsubs in unsolved BRS in the Las Vegas Division.

Investigation continuing; Bureau and Memphis will be kept advised.

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2 - Memphis (Encs. 15)  
1 - Las Vegas  
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C. C. Bishop

Typed: 1968  
Special Agent in Charge

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago, et al, dated 5/16/68.

Referenced airtel set forth information concerning  
[REDACTED] reading of a \$50,000 bank burglary in  
a southern state in the Chicago "Tribune" on or about  
6/23 - 24/67.

The investigation requested of the Chicago Office  
has already been conducted and results thereof set forth  
in Chicago teletype to the Bureau, St. Louis and Memphis  
dated 5/10/68, 5:13 p.m.

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- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - St. Louis (44-775)
- 1 - Chicago

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FBI WASH DC

FBI LITTLE R

9:38AM 5-17-68 URGENT LEF

TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 2P -P-

MURKIN. (RE: [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED])

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY FOURTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO, SUBJECT ALONG WITH [REDACTED] AND SUBJECT'S SON [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED MAY EIGHT, SIXTY EIGHT, [REDACTED] HARRISON, ARK. THREE SUBJECTS ARRESTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEAR ARKANSAS-MISSOURI STATE LINE, [REDACTED] FIREARMS FOUND IN THEIR POSSESSION CONSISTING OF TWO TWENTY TWO-CALIBER RIFLES AND FOUR PISTOLS AS WELL AS A TYPEWRITER, CHECK PROTECTOR, AND BLANK CHECKS ALONG WITH PREPARED UNNEGOTIATED CHECKS FROM SEVERAL STATES. ITSP ASPECT BEING HANDLED SEPARATELY.

ON MAY SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, [REDACTED] ADVISED HE MENTIONED MARTIN LUTHER KING AND FOUR NEGROES BEING KILLED  
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IN KANSAS CITY "JUST FOR KICKS." HE SAID THE ARRESTING OFFICERS, WHEN THEY SAW HIS WEAPONS, BECAME EXCITED AND MENTIONED KING AND FACT THAT SOME NEGROES HAD BEEN KILLED IN KANSAS CITY. UNTIL THAT TIME HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF ANY INCIDENT AT KANSAS CITY. [REDACTED] STATES HE WAS LAST IN MEMPHIS IN SIXTY TWO BUT DECLINED TO DISCUSS HIS ACTUAL WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AND REFUSES TO DIVULGE HIS RECENT CHECK WRITING ACTIVITIES. ALL SUBJECTS TO BE RELEASED ARKANSAS AUTHORITIES, [REDACTED] FOR FURTHER INFO, ALL SUBJECTS PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED IN EXTENSIVE CHECK WRITING ACTIVITIES AND BACKGROUND CONCERNING BOTH [REDACTED] IN BUFILE NINETY FIVE DASH FOUR ZERO EIGHT NINE SEVEN. ATTEMPTS TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] REFLECT BOTH UNCOOPERATIVE.

AM COPIES TO LOS ANGELES, BIRMINGHAM, AND KANSAS CITY.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Bureau is disseminating report of SA Joe C. Hester at Memphis dated 4/30/68, report of SA [redacted] at Jackson dated 5/2/68, report of SA [redacted] at New Orleans dated 4/29/68, and report of SA [redacted] at Newark dated 5/13/68; therefore, Bureau authority is granted to Birmingham to disseminate a copy of these reports to USA, Birmingham. Copies of these reports should not be disseminated to USA, Memphis or any other USA.

Advise USA, Birmingham in writing that reports or contents thereof are for their own use and not to be disclosed to outside persons.

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- Jackson
- Memphis (44-1987)
- Newark (44-854)
- New Orleans (157-10673)

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NOTE:

The first reports received in this matter from Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles and Memphis were disseminated to the Department and Birmingham was given authority to disseminate copies of these reports to USA, Birmingham. The copies of these reports were not disseminated to any other USA. We now have received additional reports in this case and they are being disseminated to the Department. Birmingham again is being

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instructed to disseminate one copy of the reports as received to USA, Birmingham. Birmingham as previously instructed is being advised to advise USA in writing that reports or contents thereof are for their own information and not to be disclosed to outside persons. Civil Rights Division of Department being advised similarly.

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FBI CHICAGO

316PM URGENT 5/17/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ST. LOUIS (44-775) AND SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU ET AL MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

RE BLACKIE DE CORE (PH). CHICAGO INDICES SEARCHED UNDER  
NUMEROUS VARIATIONS OF SURNAME CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL, NEGATIVE.  
NOT KNOWN TO MEMBERS FBI CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM SQUAD  
CHICAGO NOR TO GAMBLING UNIT, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, CRIMINAL  
INTELLIGENCE UNIT ALL CHICAGO PD, PLUS RECORDS CHECK AT BUREAU  
OF RECORDS AND COMMUNICATIONS CHICAGO PD AND ILLINOIS STATE BOARD  
OF PAROLE NEGATIVE.

~~REDACTED~~, CCSO, ADVISES BLACKIE DE CORE  
UNKNOWN TO HIM BUT THAT ONE BLACKIE DE COOK IS ~~REDACTED~~  
~~REDACTED~~ IN SOUTHERN COOK COUNTY AREA.

DE COOK RESIDES MIDLOTHIAN, ILLINOIS, EMPLOYED AT ~~REDACTED~~,  
~~REDACTED~~ CHICAGO. DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE FORTY EIGHT TO FIFTY, 3684

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FIFTY TWO, SIX FEET ONE INCH, TWO FORTY POUNDS BLACK HAIR AND  
HAS NO KNOWN ARREST RECORD.

ST. LOUIS RECONTACT OWENS FOR POSSIBILITY OF COOK IDENT  
WITH INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED.

AMCC MEMPHIS.

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FBI CHICAGO

1225PM URGENT 5/17/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

RE JERRY RAYNES FATHER. RETEL SETS FORTH THAT RAYNES  
RECALLS JERRY MENTIONING SOMETHING ABOUT SUBJECT HAVING BEEN  
IN CHICAGO SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN FOLLOWING ESCAPE. ST. LOUIS  
REFER TO PAGE SEVENTY EIGHT CHICAGO REPORT DATED MAY TEN LAST  
CAPTIONED MATTER AND CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR ET AL MAY TWELVE  
LAST, THREE TWENTY THREE PM, WHERE JERRY RAY INTERVIEWED AND  
FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT IT WAS BROTHER JOHN IN CHICAGO  
SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN.

CHICAGO ALSO RECEIVED INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY ON MAY  
THREE LAST FROM FRIEND OF JERRY'S EX-WIFE INDICATING THAT  
EX-WIFE HAD TOLD FRIEND THAT BROTHER HAD STAYED IN NORTHBROOK,  
ILLINOIS, DURING APRIL SIXTY SEVEN. INTERVIEW OF EX-WIFE,  
[REDACTED] DEVELOPED SHE RECALLED JERRY  
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AND A BROTHER TRADING CARS AT THE NORTHBROOK RESIDENCE SOME-  
TIME IN APRIL SIXTY SEVEN. ██████████ STATED THIS BROTHER WAS  
ABOUT FORTY FIVE HAD DARK HAIR BUT WAS NOT JAMES. ALSO STATED  
SHE WAS VERY CERTAIN SHE HAD NEVER SEEN SUBJECT.

JERRY RAY RE-INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. STILL INSISTS  
BROTHER JOHN WAS THE ONE AT RESIDENCE IN JUNE OR JULY SIXTY  
SEVEN AND DEFINITELY NOT SUBJECT. REITERATED NOT SEEN NOR  
HEARD FROM SUBJECT SINCE ESCAPE.

• OEXXY FOREGOING BEING FURNISHED INFORMATION ST. LOUIS IN  
CONDUCTING INTERVIEW BROTHER JOHN AS SET FORTH IN RETEL.

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TELETYPE

FBI LOS ANG.

5:49PM URGENT 5-17-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS

DETROIT AND KNOXVILLE

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - [REDACTED] LNU.

WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES,

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES TODAY AND

ADVISED PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF

ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP

AND SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] CONTACTED MR. THOMAS

AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY

ADVISED EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER

HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE

HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN

CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS

ADVISED THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE

MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN,

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LA, KC, MM, LV, DE, KX office  
instructible handle telephone as much as possible  
and LNU. [REDACTED]  
Advised by Mr. Brown

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CC - [REDACTED]

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CITY EIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT A BAR. ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE [REDACTED] UNSQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING GUY, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT WOULD HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, HUNTSVILLE, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET THE STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE WITH ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE [REDACTED] UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM [REDACTED] A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS ONE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR

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TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE [REDACTED] UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE [REDACTED] UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED].

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X ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHENS, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

X TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS [REDACTED] PAREN [REDACTED] WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN, KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY.) PAREN

X THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE [REDACTED] CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE

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RADIO. PAREN (SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE.) PAREN

X FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY [REDACTED] IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, [REDACTED] ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

X FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN WE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN

X SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN (APRIL FIVE) PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIL SIX.

X SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IS OWNED BY A [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NOT KNOWN  
WHETHER [REDACTED] FLEW THE PLANE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SAID  
END PAGE FOUR

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TO BE KKK MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE. OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN (PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT) PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY [REDACTED] PAREN (A [REDACTED] OF MIAMI OWNS [REDACTED] BOATS.) PAREN.

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X-ONE. [REDACTED] OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

X-TWO. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] SAID TO BE RELATED.

X-THREE. LEAD TO [REDACTED] MIGHT BE [REDACTED] IN HUNTSVILLE, [REDACTED]

X-FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MAN'S WEAPON.

|| FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

X-SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON THE DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

END PAGE FIVE

OF SIX

\* SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN (APRIL FOUR) PAREN  
Y MADE PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS  
ELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

\* EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED  
SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

\* NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. [REDACTED]  
IMPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING,  
SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS  
CAL-NEVA LODGE. RIGGED, TO PASS THE MONEY. DONE WITH  
KNOWLEDGE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RENO, [REDACTED] THEN THERE IS  
[REDACTED] PAREN OR [REDACTED] PAREN STURGIS OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK  
[REDACTED], RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE  
CONTACT. UNQUOTE.

PAGE THREE - LOS ANGELES.

\* ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

\* TWO. [REDACTED] WHO WORKS [REDACTED] IN LOS  
ANGELES. HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS  
UNDER HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO [REDACTED] OF CHATANOOGA,

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TENN., WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. [REDACTED] SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE PAREN (FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN) PAREN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED [REDACTED] KNOWS HIM THERE.

[REDACTED] ONCE WORKED [REDACTED] RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER MARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE. NOW LIVES AT [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE IS BLOND, ABOUT THIRTY EIGHT.

PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS ISSUED TO [REDACTED] DETROIT. EITHER IN NAME OF [REDACTED] PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A [REDACTED] LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMONG OTHERS.

TWO. [REDACTED] SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED [REDACTED] FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN CHILlicothe AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO  
END PAGE SEVEN



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RECORD OF [REDACTED] PAREN

THREE. [REDACTED] TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE, OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM SOME SCHOOL LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER. TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, [REDACTED] WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]

END PAGE EIGHT

PAGE NINE

THOMAS ADVISED FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A  
POSSIBILITY QUOTE " [REDACTED] UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE [REDACTED]  
MENTIONED IN HIS NOTES.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE NOTES  
AND IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET  
FORTH AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY PURSUE EFFORTS TO PROVE OR  
DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH FOR LOS ANGELES AREA.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS,  
ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED  
IN THE NOTES.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) ( 3 PP)

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY SIXTEEN LAST AND CHICAGO TELETYPE  
MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

FOR INFO SAN FRANCISCO, BLACKIE DE CORE, ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATE  
OF RAY. DE CORE SERVED TIME MENARD PRISON, CHESTER, ILLINOIS.

MENARD PRISON RECORDS REFLECT ANDREW WILSON DE CORE, AKA  
DE CORA AND BLACKIE DE CORE, MENARD NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], RECEIVED MENARD PRISON JUNE FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE,  
ON TRANSFER FROM JOLIET, ILLINOIS, PRISON TO SERVE SENTENCE OF  
ONE TO TWENTY YEARS FOR ROBBERY. DE CORE PAROLED JUNE FIFTEEN,  
NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. RETURNED AS PAROLE VIOLATOR TO  
MENARD, JULY NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY. PAROLED JANUARY FIFTEEN,  
NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS. RETURNED TO MENARD AS PAROLE

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VIOLATOR, MAY TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. DISCHARGED UPON  
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE, DECEMBER TWENTY, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. UPON  
DISCHARGE, EXPRESSED INTENTION OF GOING TO SISTER-S RESIDENCE,  
[REDACTED] AND HUSBAND, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FREEMONT, CALIFORNIA. OTHER FRIENDS  
AND RELATIVES CONTAINED IN PRISON RECORDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BROTHER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]SISTER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]SISTER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]NIECE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]COUSIN, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]FIANCE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

BROTHERS, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ADDRESSES UNKNOWN.

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FRIEND, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

SAN FRANCISCO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE DE CORE THROUGH SISTER  
AT FREEMONT, CALIFORNIA, AND INTERVIEW RE ASSOCIATION WITH RAY.

CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, AND SPRINGFIELD CONDUCT SAME  
INVESTIGATION RE INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THEIR DIVISIONS.

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RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

[REDACTED] MABLE FULLER  
IS SUBJECT'S AUNT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RUBY CARPENTER, FORMER  
WIFE OF SUBJECT'S FATHER. FULLER AND CARPENTER HAVE BEEN  
INTERVIEWED AND APPEAR TO BE COOPERATIVE. BOTH HAVE CLOSE  
FAMILY TIES [REDACTED] ST.  
LOUIS TEL WOULD NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE SUBJECT'S PRESENT  
WHEREABOUTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FULLER AND CARPENTER WILL NOT BE REINTERVIEWED  
AT THIS TIME. COPY MAILED MEMPHIS, CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (5 PGS.)

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RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE DATED MAY SIXTEEN LAST,  
NO COPY FOR CHICAGO.

RE [REDACTED]

FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, ON MAY FOURTEEN  
LAST AN INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME [REDACTED] DESCRIBED  
HEREAFTER SIGNED AN ESCROW CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A HOME AT  
BONITA, CALIFORNIA, FOR FIFTYONE THOUSAND DOLLARS GIVING A  
PROMISSORY TYPE CHECK FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND INDICATED  
HE HAD A SIXTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR CERTIFIED CHECK IN HIS HOTEL  
ROOM.

[REDACTED] CLAIMED TO BE EMPLOYED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, AND RECENTLY  
TRANSFERED TO SAN DIEGO AREA. DESIRED HOUSE SO FAMILY COULD  
MOVE TO SAN DIEGO FROM ILLINOIS.

ON SAME AFTERNOON [REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE AN  
-AUTO AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, DISPLAYING ESCROW CONTRACT

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AND ADVISED HE DESIRED HIS WIFE TO SEE AUTO AND IN VIEW OF  
ESCROW CONTRACT SHOWING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR DEPOSIT SALESMAN  
GAVE [REDACTED] KEYS TO HIS CAR DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER IN APB  
AND [REDACTED] HAS NOT RETURNED CAR.

VARIOUS WITNESSES WHO WERE IN COMPANY OF [REDACTED] FOR  
UP TO THREE HOURS STATE [REDACTED] POSSIBLY IDENTICAL JAMES EARL  
RAY. ONE PERSON ALMOST POSITIVE OF IDENT. TWO OTHERS SAY  
RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN PHOTOS AND [REDACTED]

FOLLOWING APB COVERING STATE OF CALIFORNIA TRANS-  
MITTED:

"WANTED. UNKNOWN SUBJECT ALSO KNOWN AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE  
FEET NINE, ONE SIX FIVE TO ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., DARK HAIR,  
FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION, DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH FURY  
III CONVERTIBLE, COLOR GOLD, BLACK TOP, CALIFORNIA LICENSE  
[REDACTED] VIN P M TWO SEVEN F SEVEN FOUR TWO THREE  
EIGHT TWO ZERO EIGHT. AUTO OBTAINED BY UNSUB, CHULA VISTA,  
CALIFORNIA, MAY FOURTEEN LAST, FOR DEMONSTRATION AND HAS NOT  
RETURNED. SUBJECT WANTED FOR QUESTIONING, REPEAT QUESTIONING

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ONLY, NO WARRANT, BY FBI SAN DIEGO. CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS."

FOR INFO NO STOLEN REPORT FILED RE AUTO AS CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO ACCEPT DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH [REDACTED] OBTAINED AUTOMOBILE.

ON MAY SEVENTEEN PRESENT, MR. WOODROW THOMPSON, PARTS MANAGER, EMPLOYED TWENTYTHREE YEARS WITH RUST INTERNATIONAL, INC., INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER (I-H) INC, INDUSTRIAL TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY, ONE EIGHT ZERO THREE WEST WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A [REDACTED] OR ANY EMPLOYEE BY THE NAME [REDACTED] WITH THE RUST INTERNATIONAL COMPANY AT BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS. HE RELATED THERE IS NO OTHER INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER DEALER IN THE BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, AREA. THOMPSON FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE CLOSEST REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY IS L. C. BARNETT, DISTRICT MANAGER, INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY, FOUR ZERO FIVE ROCK ISLAND ROAD, PEORIA, ILLINOIS. RECORDS OF CREDIT .

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BUREAU OF BLOOMINGTON, INC., POLICE DEPARTMENT, MCLEAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ALL IN BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, NEGATIVE. SEARCH OF CITY DIRECTORY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FAILED TO REVEAL ANY LISTING FOR [REDACTED] OR SIMILARITY.

ALSO ON MAY SEVENTEEN PRESENT, MR. L. C. BARNETT, DISTRICT MANAGER, I-H, FOUR ZERO FIVE ROCK ISLAND ROAD, PEORIA, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT HIS OFFICE COVERS THE NORTHERN SIXTY COUNTIES FOR THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, WHICH INCLUDES BLOOMINGTON, AND HIS RECORDS REFLECT NO ONE BY THE NAME [REDACTED] AS BEING AN EMPLOYEE OF HIS OR AS BEING A FRANCHISE I-H DEALER IN HIS DISTRICT. BARNETT FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE KNOWS OF NO RECENT EMPLOYEE TRANSFERS FROM HIS DISTRICT TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. BARNETT STATED THAT ANY FURTHER CHECKS RE [REDACTED] SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO I-H HOME OFFICES, FOUR ZERO ONE NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AT I-H HOME OFFICE RE [REDACTED] AND ADVISE SAN DIEGO.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)

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MURKIN.

ALL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE BY RCMP NEGATIVE.

~~REDACTED~~ LOCATED, IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED  
AND WHILE RESEMBLES PHOTO OF SUBJECT, ELIMINATED.

POSTAL INSPECTORS HAVE COMPLETED ANALYSIS OF ALL POSTAL  
ONEY ORDERS PURCHASED MONTREAL AREA FOUR TWENTYTHREE SIXTY-  
EVEN - NINE ONE SIXTYSEVEN AND NO ADDITIONAL ONES LOCATED  
NAME OF ERIC GALT.

WANTED NOTICE PREPARED AND FORWARDED TO TWENTYSEVEN DANCE  
UDIOS, ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN NEW CAR AGENCIES, FORTY USED  
R AGENCIES, EIGHTYEIGHT CAR RENTAL AGENCIES, FOUR HUNDRED  
IRTEEN BANKS, THIRTYTHREE POST OFFICE BRANCHES AND ONE  
NDRED TWENTYTHREE CAISSES POPULAIRES IN MONTREAL AREA, BUT  
POSITIVE RESULTS RECEIVED TO DATE AS RESULT CIRCULARIZATION.  
OWNER OF SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC FOUND ATLANTA AIRPORT

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LOUISVILLE

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RE KNOXVILLE TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS, ATLANTA AND LOUISVILLE  
MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT; KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA AND OTHER  
OFFICES MAY EIGHTEEN INSTA.

REVIEW OF PRISON RECORDS AT TERRE HAUTE, IND., THIS DATE RE-  
VEALED ~~REDACTED~~ FILE HAS EITHER BEEN PULLED MISFILED. FULL  
WORKING FORCE AT PRISON, WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY TO LOCATE FILE,  
WILL NOT BE ON UNTIL MONDAY MORNING NEXT, AT WHICH TIME A SEARCH  
FOR FILE WILL BE CONDUCTED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 4P

MURKIN

RE INFO FURNISHED BY LOS ANGELES TIMES, MAY SEVENTEEN,  
SIXTYEIGHT.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, IN  
EFFORT TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]

CURRENT CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES CONTAIN NO LISTING  
THIS NAME. RECORDS OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF  
ALABAMA, MONTGOMERY, REFLECT NO AUTO LICENSE ISSUED IN STATE OF  
ALABAMA TO [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] RECORDS OF CREDIT  
BUREAU OF HUNTSVILLE CONTAIN NO RECORD OF [REDACTED] BUT DO  
REFLECT REPORT OF ONE [REDACTED] WIFE [REDACTED] RESIDING THREE  
[REDACTED] HUNTSVILLE. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS

THIS [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED] EX-116  
[REDACTED] HUNTSVILLE, AND NOW RESIDES AT [REDACTED]  
PULASKI, TENNESSEE. HE OPERATES [REDACTED] AT PULASKI.

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IS WIFE, [REDACTED] IS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, AND COMMUTES DAILY.

[REDACTED] HUNTSVILLE,  
EFFECT NO MEMBER NAMED [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED]  
ADVISES ONE [REDACTED] ALSO KNOWN AS [REDACTED] A [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SOMETIMES FREQUENTS [REDACTED] BUT IS NOT A  
EMPER. MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE BUREAU OF MADISON COUNTY REFLECTS  
HAT [REDACTED] HUNTSVILLE,  
AS ISSUED SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN DODGE DART.

HUNTSVILLE PD RECORDS REFLECT UNDER NAME OF [REDACTED] PD  
UMBER [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] OF SAME  
DDRESS [REDACTED] AT WHICH  
IME DRIVING FOUR DOOR BROWN CADILLAC BEARING SIXTYSIX ALABAMA  
ICENSE [REDACTED] ALSO REFLECTS ON  
[REDACTED] UNDER NAME OF [REDACTED] OF SAME  
DDRESS WAS [REDACTED] HIS FILE ALSO REFLECTS HE WAS  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

DESCRIBED AS WM, DOB [REDACTED]

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what kind of  
a car he has  
does he use  
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[REDACTED] FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, EYES  
BLUE, NO OTHER DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE. NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CITY  
DIRECTORY REFLECTS [REDACTED] EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA. NO LISTING IN SUBSEQUENT CITY DIRECTORIES.

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THROUGH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] UNSUCCESSFUL AS OFFICE CLOSED  
AND MANAGER UNAVAILABLE. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS [REDACTED]  
RESIDES ON [REDACTED] HUNTSVILLE, WHICH IS NEAR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], BUT EFFORTS TO LOCATE HIM UNSUCCESSFUL AT FIRST.

[REDACTED] HUNTSVILLE, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS THIS AM.  
[REDACTED] IS NICKNAMED [REDACTED] AND IS EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HUNTSVILLE. HE ADVISED HE HAS NOT  
BEEN OUT OF HUNTSVILLE AREA AND NOT OUT OF THE STATE SINCE  
DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN. HE WAS WORKING IN HUNTSVILLE AREA  
[REDACTED] ON DAYS IN QUESTION.

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[REDACTED] VERIFIED [REDACTED] PRESENCE IN  
HUNTSVILLE ON APRIL THREE THROUGH SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, THROUGH  
COMPANY DAILY PRODUCTION REPORTS AND PERSONAL RECOLLECTION.  
[REDACTED] PRESENTLY OWNS NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR CADILLAC WHITE  
OVER RED, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE,  
AGE FORTYNINE, DOB [REDACTED]  
FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX ZERO TO ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS,  
MEDIUM BUILD, RUDDY COMPLEXION, HAIR COMPLETELY GRAY,  
CREW CUT AND BALDING, EYES BLUE, WEARS DARK RIMMED GLASSES,  
IS MARRIED TO [REDACTED] HE HAS [REDACTED] CHILDREN.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

ALL MOTELS, ATHENS, ALABAMA, AREA RECONTACTED FOR ANY  
PERTINENT INFORMATION RE RAY'S PRESENCE IN ATHENS ON APRIL  
THREE OR FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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1150 AM URGENT 5/18/68 ELS

TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES 44-1574, AND KNOXVILLE 44-696  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT RE LOS  
ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT. (LNU) TO ATLANTA.

██████████, AND HIS WIFE, ██████████, WHO RESIDE  
██████████, GA., TELEPHONE  
NUMBER ██████████, CONTACTED  
THIS DATE. BOTH ADVISED HAVE NO SON NAMED ██████████ OR ONE  
WHO USES NAME ██████████ SAID ██████████, LIVES NEXT-  
DOOR AT ██████████, GA.,  
AND ██████████ HAS BEEN STEADILY EMPLOYED ██████████ PAST  
TWO YEARS. SAID ██████████ RELEASED FED. PENITENTIARY  
UP NORTH ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO AND HAS SPENT CONSIDERABLE  
TIME SINCE THEN IN TEXAS AND ██████████ LEFT ██████████  
MAY THREE LAST TO GO TO TEXAS. PARENTS COULD NOT RECALL  
RECEIVING PHONE CALL FROM ANYONE IN LOS ANGELES.  
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PARENTS FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN SIXTYTWO SHOWING

[REDACTED], AND [REDACTED]  
THIS PHOTO BEING FORWARDED DIRECT FROM DALTON, GA., - PA  
AMSD TO LOS ANGELES.

TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]

NOT LISTED IN DIRECTORY AND WHEN DIALED, WAS DISCONNECTED.

KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN. DETERMINE THROUGH  
SOUTHERN BELL SOURCES SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS SET OUT IANGELES TEL.

[REDACTED] PARENTS APPEARED COOPERATIVE: HOWEVER,  
THEY COULD NOT RECALL ANY RELATIVE USING NAME [REDACTED] AND BOTH  
STATED [REDACTED] HAD NOT USED NAME [REDACTED] TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE.

T IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY THAT [REDACTED] IS REALLY [REDACTED]

U [REDACTED], LOS ANGELES WILL DISPLAY HIS PHOTO AS WELL AS  
D PHOTO OF [REDACTED] UPON RECEIPT.

A INVESTIGATION CONTINUING ATLANTA DIVISION.

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DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,  
DETROIT & KNOXVILLE

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION KANSAS CITY SUBURBAN AIRPORTS NEGATIVE AS TO  
RE OF [REDACTED]

AGENTS ELIMINATED ALL MOVING COMPANIES IN AREA DESCRIBED BY  
ANGELES TIMES REPORTER BY PHYSICAL OBSERVATION.

WARDEN HAROLD SWENSON ADVISED NO PREVIOUS INMATE MISSOURI  
TE PENITENTIARY NAMED [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] NAME AND  
SOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED] VARIATION  
[REDACTED] REFERRED TO RE LOS ANGELES TEL WILL BE CHECKED AM

EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

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FBI KNOXVLE

1230AM URGENT 5-18-68 WTB  
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY  
FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696  
MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

ATTENTION DIRECTED TO PAGE THREE OF NOTES OF WILLIAM  
THOMAS WHEREIN HE REFERS TO [REDACTED] OF CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY."

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY DETERMINE FROM PRISON RECORDS  
WHETHER A [REDACTED] WAS IN PRISON AT TIME RAY INCARCERATED  
AND , IF SO, SUTEL FULL BACKGROUND.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES

FROM LAS VEGAS 157-133

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RE LA T/T, MAY 17, RE LA TIMES INFORMANT [REDACTED] LNU.

CAL NEVA LODGE, CRYSTAL BAY, NEVADA HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE  
LABOR DAY 1967. IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN PURCHASED BY CAESARS PALACE  
HOTEL AND CASINO, LAS VEGAS AND ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
IS NOT SCHEDULED TO REOPEN THIS YEAR.

CAL NEVA CLUB, RENO, NEVADA HAS ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EMPLOYED FOR LAST 12 YEARS NOW WORKING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LAS VEGAS INDICES NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

WARREN NELSON OWNER ADVISED CAL NEVA CLUB HAD NO KENO HITS OVER  
\$400 ON APRIL 3 LAST. CLUB HAS NOT HAD A \$25,000 KENO HIT IN ALMOST  
THREE YEARS.

WASHOE COUNTY SO RENO HAS NO IDENTIFIABLE RECORD OF [REDACTED]  
OR [REDACTED] PER DEPUTY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RENO PD HAS NO IDENTIFIABLE  
RECORD OF [REDACTED] ONE [REDACTED] APPLIED THERE  
IN 1963 FOR WORK PERMIT AS PARTENDER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE IS NOT LISTED IN  
CURRENT RENO CITY OR TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AND DOES NOT HOLD CURRENT  
WORK PERMIT.

RENO PD RECORD OF [REDACTED] WORK PERMIT AS CAL NEVA CLUB [REDACTED]  
SHOWS HIS ADDRESS AS [REDACTED], RENO, NEVADA.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED, UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY CLARIFYING INFO  
AND STATED [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] UNKNOWN TO HIM.

END CORRE. PG 2 LINE 2 WD 1 SHDD BE CURRENT

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FBI LOS ANG.

11:40PM URGENT 5-17-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,  
LAS VEGAS, DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, ALBANY AND CHARLOTTE  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P) 6P

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RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN  
INSTANT, RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - [REDACTED] LNU.

FOR INFO ATLANTA, MOBILE AND ALBANY, LA TIMES HAS HAD  
CONTACT WITH ONE [REDACTED] LNU WHO SAID HE HAD INFO CONCERNING WHAT  
ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF DR. KING.  
IN ADDITION TO OTHER INFO FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] LNU, HE STATED  
FOLLOWING REGARDING ASPECTS OF CASE INVOLVING LOS ANGELES AREA:

ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, [REDACTED]

TWO. [REDACTED] IN LA  
HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER [REDACTED] 13 MAY 20 1968  
HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO [REDACTED] OF CHATANOOGA,  
TENN. WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. [REDACTED] SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

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THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE, FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN. RAY  
BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED [REDACTED]  
KNOWS HIM THERE.

ALSO [REDACTED] ONCE WORKED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM  
MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER  
MARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIC CONVERTIBLE  
NOW LIVES AT [REDACTED] L.A., WITH MAN WHO  
OWNS A BAR. SHE'S BLOND, ABOUT AGE THIRTY EIGHT.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED LA AREA THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] ADVISES [REDACTED]  
ENTIRELY UNKNOWN. NO COCKTAIL WAITRESSES EMPLOYED BY THIS  
BAR, EXCEPT ON RARE OCCASIONS LIKE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. ON  
THOSE OCCASIONS, HIS OWN GIRL FRIEND OR GIRL NAMED [REDACTED]  
WHO DOES NOT FIT DESCRIPTION OF [REDACTED] HAS HELPED OUT AT  
BAR. [REDACTED] MANAGER FOR LAST SEVENTEEN YEARS  
AT [REDACTED] REPORTS NO [REDACTED] HAS OR  
IS RESIDING AT THAT ADDRESS.

[REDACTED] EFFEMINATE THIRTY SIX YEAR OLD.  
NEGRO MALE, [REDACTED] WHO RESIDES AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES

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X TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTS HAS KNOWN [REDACTED] AND HIS BROTHER [REDACTED] FIVE OR SIX YEARS. DURING THAT TIME [REDACTED] HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF ONE JAIL AFTER ANOTHER. BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ARE HEAVY DRINKERS AND WHEN IN LA AREA HAVE FREQUENTED SKIDROW BARS NEAR FIFTH AND MAIN IN DOWNTOWN LA AND SEVENTH AND ALVARADO NEAR WESTLAKE PARK. THEIR PARENTS RESIDE IN [REDACTED] GEORGIA AND WHEN IN LA DURING JUNE SIXTY SEVEN THEY MADE CALLS FROM [REDACTED] HOME TO FOLLOWING NUMBERS, ONE OF WHICH IS THEIR PARENTS NUMBER:

[REDACTED] AREA CODE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE CODE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE CODE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE CODE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO FURNISHED TWO RECIPIS FOR PURCHASE OF GUNS BY HIM FROM WEATHERBY SPORTING GOODS, <sup>2 7 8 1</sup> [REDACTED] FIGHT ONE EAST FIRESTONE  
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BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA FOR ONE RAYARD THIRTY TWO  
CALIBER, SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED] AND BERETTA  
TWENTY-FIVE AUTOMATIC PISTOL, SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PLUS AMMUNITION FOR EACH WEAPON.

CLAIMS WHEN [REDACTED] WAS LAST IN LA AREA ABOUT  
SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN BOTH OF THESE WEAPONS DISAPPEARED FROM  
HIS RESIDENCE, AND HE SUSPECTED EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]  
OR THEIR COUSIN, WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT NOW RECALL, STOLE  
THEM. SAID HE HAS NEVER FILED A STOLEN REPORT. SAID ABOUT  
TWO MONTHS AGO HE GOT COLLECT CALL FROM [REDACTED] SEEKING MONEY,  
AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] INDICATED HE HAD JUST GOTTEN OUT OF  
HOSPITAL WHERE WAS RECOVERING FROM UNDESCRIBED WOUND. WAS  
UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO FIND TELEPHONE COMPANY CHARGES FOR THIS  
CALL, BUT BELIEVES IT WAS FROM KNOXVILLE OR NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.  
SAID HE IS SURE THAT NO ONE OTHER THAN [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]  
OR POSSIBLY THEIR COUSIN, COULD HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF  
INFO THAT HE HAD PURCHASED ABOVE DESCRIBED WEAPONS OR THAT HE  
HAD RESPONDED TO CALL FOR MONEY BY SENDING TWENTY OR THIRTY  
DOLLARS TO [REDACTED]. CLAIMS LAST SAW [REDACTED] LESS THAN TWO  
MONTHS AGO, AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED] WAS IN PRISON, BUT  
DID NOT INDICATE SPECIFIC CHARGE OR LOCATION.

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X [REDACTED] APPEARS IDENT TO [REDACTED]  
AKA, SUBJECT OF BUFILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO THREE SEVEN THREE FOUR;  
ATLANTA FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO; MOBILE FILE  
SEVEN SIX DASH ONE ZERO EIGHT ONE, WHO ACCORDING TO MOBILE  
AIPTEL JANUARY TWO FOUR SIXTY SIX APPREHENDED AUSTIN TEXAS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

X LAPD RECORDS INDICATE [REDACTED] ARRESTED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

X PERSONNEL CLARK HOTEL ADVISE ONE [REDACTED] WHO GAVE HOME  
ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] WAS  
REGISTERED [REDACTED]. PHOTOS  
OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED TO PERTINENT HOTEL PERSONNEL  
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

X CONRAD TORROMEO, NIGHT MANAGER, HAROLD'S BAR, FIVE FIVE  
FIVE SOUTH MAIN, [REDACTED] OBSERVED ALL PHOTOS  
OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISES NEVER EMPLOYEE OR CUSTOMER. PHOTO  
DISPLAYED TO OTHER PERSONNEL, INCLUDING DAY SHIFT, WITH NEGATIVE  
RESULTS.

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FOR INFO AEL OFFICES, BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED ALL LEADS  
IN THIS MATTER RECEIVE IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

ALBANY WILL CHECK OUT [REDACTED] MASSENA, N.Y. TO  
ELIMINATE AS SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, AND TO DETERMINE IF  
KNOWS [REDACTED] BROTHERS OR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED] PARENTS AT  
[REDACTED] GEORGIA TO SECURE CURRENT PHOTOS OF [REDACTED] WHO  
MAY BE AKA [REDACTED] FORWARD PHOTO TO LA TO SHOW TO LA  
TIMES REPORTERS WHO CONTACTED [REDACTED] LOU, TO DETERMINE IF HE IS  
INFORMANT IN THIS MATTER.

IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO ADVISE LA AND INTERESTED  
OFFICES OF ANY CURRENT INCARCERATION OF [REDACTED] FROM  
RECORDS OF [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION LA CONTINUING. AIR MAIL INFO COPIES  
FURNISHED CINCINNATI, INDIANAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS.

CHARLOTTE RECEIVING COPY FOR INFO PER INSTRUCTION MIAMI.

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*J. M. T.*  
CALLED:

*W. C. Trotter*  
To *W. C. Trotter* Time *1:15*

CC MR TROTTER

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AND ONLY PERSON WITH SIMILAR NAME LOCATED WAS

RECORDS, MILAN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, REVIEWED REGARDING

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TONIGHT: DETROIT WILL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IF [REDACTED] HAS A

NO PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH [REDACTED] AVAILABLE

DETROIT INDICES AND ALL REFERENCE BOOKS NEGATIVE REGARDING

RESIDES IN HARPER WOODS.

MICHIGAN PD, ADVISED NO FNU

WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AT LEAST FIVE TWENTY NEXT.

CREDIT CARD IN NAME OF [REDACTED] (NO FIRST NAME) OR

HOUR SHIFTS ON SWITCHBOARDS. INFORMATION REGARDING ANY BELL

AND ALL SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL IN CREDIT CARD DIVISION WORKING TWELVE

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY PRESENTLY ON STRIKE

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - LNU.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

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FROM DETROIT 44-989

TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS.

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[REDACTED] WHO WAS RELEASED FROM MILAN IN [REDACTED]  
AS THIS DATE DIFFERS GREATLY FROM INFO FURNISHED BY [REDACTED], NO  
FURTHER ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO OTHERWISE IDENTIFY THE ABOVE [REDACTED]

CONTINUING EFFORTS BEING MADE TO RESOLVE INFORMATION  
RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AM COPIES BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY.

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*Handwritten notes:*  
[REDACTED] (S)  
[REDACTED] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]



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FBI ST LOUIS

618PM URGENT 5-18-68 JLS  
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN LARRY RAY

IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF [REDACTED] AS PERSON KNOWN TO HIM  
ONLY AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW HIM. [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER SUBJ-  
ECT AND [REDACTED] EVER KNEW EACH OTHER. STATES TWO OR THREE MONTHS  
AGO HE SPENT NIGHT AT MACARTHUR HOTEL, SL, WITH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] REGISTERED AS MR. AND MRS. JOHN RAY, OF FICTITIOUS ADDRESS.  
ADDRESS ONE EIGHT EIGHT SIX WYOMING HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE TO HIM.

STATES IN EARLY FALL SIXTY SEVEN, FATHER JERRY RAYNES SOLD SL  
PROPERTY AND GAVE HIM ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HOLD FOR HIM. JOHN  
HAD SAVED VICINITY OF [REDACTED] FROM VARIOUS EMPLOYMENTS.  
CLAIMED ALL OBTAINED IN COMPLETELY LAWFUL MANNER. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PAYS HELP WITH CASH. IN  
EARLY AUGUST DECIDED TO DRIVE TO SAN FRANCISCO TO SEE IF DESIRABLE  
TO INVEST IN BAR OR OTHER BUSINESS THERE. STAYED SEVERAL DAYS AT  
VARIOUS CHEAP HOTELS, NAMES NOT REMEMBERED. LED TO FIND BUSINESS  
OPPORTUNITY. ENROUTE SL, HE DECIDED TO DRIVE TO TIAJUANA, MEXICO  
KNEW THEY ROBBED PEOPLE THERE, SO BOUGHT SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS

IN TRAVELERS CHECKS AT SMALL WYOMING TOWN, NAME NOT REMEMBERED  
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DROVE TO TIAJUANA, WAS UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND LANGUAGE, DIDN'T LIKE PLACE, BECAME DISGUSTED, AND WITHIN TWO HOURS OF ARRIVAL LEFT ENROUTE SL. ON ARRIVAL SL, ESTIMATED LAST OF AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN, OPENED BANK ACCOUNTS AT MANUFACTURERS BANK AND JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK, AS COMBINED BUSINESS HOURS BOTH BANKS COMPATIBLE WITH HIS OWN. DEPOSITED TRAVELERS CHECKS AND CASH. ENTIRE TRIP REQUIRED APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS. E EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF OR CONTACT WITH SUBJECT DURING TRIP OR ANY TIME FOLLOWING MSP ESCAPE. NEVER KNEW SUBJECT IN CALIFORNIA UNTIL CURRENT PUBLICITY.

REITERATED PREVIOUS RECOLLECTION OF STATEMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT DURING MSP VISITS THAT IF HE GOT OUT WOULD LEAVE COUNTRY. ASSUMED SUBJECT HAD SUFFICIENT MONEY TO DO SO. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SOURCES OF INCOME FOR SUBJECT. ASSUMES IF SUBJECT ENGAGED IN SALE OF AMPHETAMINE AND LOAN BUSINESS WHILE AT MSP AS ALLEGED HE WOULD THEREBY PRESUMABLY HAVE MADE SOME MONEY. DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OR INFO THAT ANYONE OWED SUBJECT MONEY OR WAS HOLDING MONEY FOR HIM OUTSIDE. E

RE CAROL PEPPER AND JERRY RAYNES:

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECK FAIL TO INDICATED SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

MISC: INVESTIGATION INDICATES FELLOW PRISONER [REDACTED] MAY HAVE LEFT AREA. PERSONNEL RECORDS, [REDACTED] RE [REDACTED] FRIEND OF ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DECORE, NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY.

112 1 55 PM '67  
SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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THE PAST FIVE YEARS IN WHICH HE FISHED OFF FLORIDA KEYS,  
SIX, HE HAD OWNED [REDACTED] BOATS DURING VARIOUS INTERVALS IN  
[REDACTED] MIAMI, FLA., AND PRIOR TO AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY-  
[REDACTED] ADVISED HE FORMERLY WORKED AS [REDACTED] IS MAY 20 1968

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APRIL THREE THROUGH TWELVE LAST AND WAS WORKING AT [REDACTED] DURING THIS  
[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS NOT OUT OF MIAMI AREA DURING THE PERIOD  
JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.  
MARCH, SIXTYSEVEN, AND HAS BEEN ON THE THREE PM - MIDNIGHT SHIFT SINCE  
[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED WITH [REDACTED] MIAMI, SINCE

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HIS FATHER HAD BEEN SEMI-RETIRED  
[REDACTED] DIED [REDACTED] AND THAT  
[REDACTED] MIAMI, ADVISED THAT HIS FATHER,

MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.  
TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT; AND LOS ANGELES, TEL TO DIRECTOR  
RE LOS ANGELES, TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST: MIAMI

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR, TAMPA LOS ANGELES, AND MEMPHIS.

1042 PM URGENT 5/18/68 BML

FROM MIAMI (44-1554) 5P

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS OUT OF STATE OF FLA. ONCE DURING HIS  
ENTIRE LIFETIME, THAT BEING DURING HIGH SCHOOL WHEN HE VISITED NEW  
YORK CITY.

HE EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THIS MATTER  
AND NEVER HEARD OF THE NAMES [REDACTED], [REDACTED] OR KNEW ANYONE WHO OWNED  
MOTEL OR AIRPLANE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED IT WAS COMPLETE MYSTERY TO HIM AS TO HOW HIS  
NAME WAS BEING UTILIZED IN THIS MATTER.

HE STATED THAT HE HAD A RELATIVE WHO IS A [REDACTED]  
IN MARATHON, FLA., BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] AGE THIRTY FIVE.

[REDACTED] MIAMI, ADVISED THAT ALL  
PERSONNEL RECORDS AND TIME CARDS AT [REDACTED] WILL BE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL  
MORNING OF MAY TWENTY NEXT.

CITY DIRECTORIES, MARATHON, AND KEY WEST, FLA., NEGATIVE RE  
[REDACTED] KEY WEST CITY DIRECTORY NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED]  
MARATHON CITY DIRECTORY LISTS A [REDACTED]

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INVESTIGATION MARATHON, FLA., DETERMINED [REDACTED], AGE FORTYFIVE, IS AN [REDACTED] WHO IS MARRIED, HAS FIVE CHILDREN AND WHO SUPPLEMENTS HIS [REDACTED] INCOME BY WORKING PARTTIME [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] IS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF MARATHON, FLA., WHO SELDOM LEAVES THE FLORIDA KEYS. [REDACTED] DOES NOT HOLD A PILOT'S LICENSE HAS NO INTEREST IN ANY AIRPORT AND DOES NOT OWN A PLANE. [REDACTED] HAS NEVER BEEN A [REDACTED] AND HAS HAD NO AFFILIATIONS IN [REDACTED], DOES NOT KNOW [REDACTED] AND HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY KKK GROUP.

INVESTIGATION AT PAHOKEE AND BELLE GLADE, FLA., INDICATES THAT A [REDACTED], WHITE MALE, AGE FIFTYEIGHT, EMPLOYED AT BELLE GLADE AS A [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED], FORMERLY OWNED [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] DOES NOT OWN A PLANE AND DOES NOT FLY. [REDACTED] IS NOT RELATED TO OR ACQUAINTED WITH [REDACTED] AND IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY KKK ORGANIZATION. [REDACTED] HAD BEEN WEALTHY [REDACTED].

LOCATED IN THE PAHOKEE OR BELLE GLADE AREA.

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INVESTIGATION AT OKEECHOBEE, FLA., INDICATES THAT [REDACTED] W/M, AGE FIFTY, OWNS [REDACTED] WAS A [REDACTED] IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX. [REDACTED] DOES NOT OWN A PRIVATE PLANE AND DOES NOT FLY. HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JIM GARRISON AND IS NOT RELATED TO [REDACTED] AND IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE KKK. [REDACTED] WAS IN THE OKEECHOBEE AREA ON APRIL THREE - TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. [REDACTED] VIEWED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY. [REDACTED] OF OPINION THAT [REDACTED] AN ACTIVE KKK MEMBER IN THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA), OKEECHOBEE, FLA., SUBJECT OF MIAMI FILES ONE FIVE SEVEN - ONE NINE ONE ZERO AND ONE SEVEN THREE - ONE SEVEN TWO AND BUREAU FILES ONE FIVE SEVEN - SEVEN FOUR ONE SEVEN AND ONE SEVEN THREE - FOUR FIVE EIGHT NINE, COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN CAPTIONED MATTER. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS W/M, DOB [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED], WEIGHT FIVE FT. TEN IN., WEIGHT ONE THREE EIGHT LBS., [REDACTED] BELIEVES [REDACTED] MAY BE INVOLVED BECAUSE [REDACTED] PRIVATE PLANE GONE FROM OKEECHOBEE AREA AT INTERVALS FROM APRIL FOUR TO APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

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[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AND STATED HE WAS AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], TAMPA, FLA., TEL NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], ON APRIL THIRD, FOURTH, AND SIXTH, LAST,  
[REDACTED] THIS STORY NOT VERIFIED BY INTERVIEWS  
WITH HIS WIFE AND BROTHER-IN-LAW. [REDACTED] STATES HE IS IN SYMPATHY  
WITH THE ASSASSIN OF KING AND WOULD LIKE TO SHAKE THE HAND OF THOSE  
RESPONSIBLE. [REDACTED] HAS PRIVATE PLANE AND FLIES REGULARLY. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW [REDACTED]  
JIM GARRISON, OR A [REDACTED] WHO OWNS BOATS. HE STATED HE DID  
NOT FLY KING'S ASSASSIN ANYWHERE AND WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED WITH  
ASSASSINATION PLOT. [REDACTED] NOT WEALTHY. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING  
MIAMI.

TAMPA, INTERVIEW APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] TO DETERMINE SPECIFIC DATES AND TIMES [REDACTED] THERE  
FROM MARCH TWENTYEIGHT TO APRIL TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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555 PM URGENT 5-18-68 DCC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI  
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE MM AND LA TELETYPES EIGHTEENTH INSTANT.

WAYNESVILLE, N. C. INTERVIEWED MAY EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF KILLING. HE DENIES KNOWING  
JAMES EARL RAY AND AFTER VIEWING RAY'S PHOTO, STATED ACQUAINTED  
WITH NO ONE WHO COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH RAY. CLAIMED  
HE WAS ON CONCH KEY, FLA., ALL WINTER, LEAVING APRIL FIFTH, LAST,  
GOING TO RESIDENCE IN MIAMI, FLA., WHERE HE STAYED UNTIL  
COMING TO WAYNESVILLE, N. C., APRIL TEN, LAST.

HE DOES NOT OWN AN AIRPLANE  
OR AIRPORT AND HAS NO FINANCIAL INTEREST IN FISHER, NOR DOES HE  
OWN PROPERTY AT BELLE GLADE, FLA., OR VICINITY OF LAKE  
OKEECHOBEE, FLA. HE DENIED KNOWING

OR JIM GARRISON, AND HAS NO RELATIVES NAMED  
HE HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF OR ASSOCIATED WITH MEMBERS OF THE  
KKK.

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[REDACTED] VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT SEVERAL YEARS  
AGO, A SMALL JUDGMENT WAS FILED AGAINST HIM IN MIAMI, FLA.,  
ON A DEBT OF ANOTHER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HIS ATTORNEY, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MAY HAVE THE ADDRESS OF THAT [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], WAS PERSON REFERRED TO BY CONFIDENTIAL  
INFORMANT [REDACTED]"

MIAMI ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

AND CONDUCT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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MURKIN

RE: [REDACTED]

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, MAY SEVENTEEN  
LAST.

CHECK OF TAXICAB RECORDS, SAN DIEGO DIVISION, TO DATE  
HAS FAILED TO INDICATE ANY INFORMATION RE [REDACTED].  
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY HIM.

OTHER OFFICE ADVISED SEPARATELY

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EXCEPT FOR THE LOOK-ALIKE FEATHERS OF UNKNOWN PERSON THE

TUCSON.

HAS BEEN THROUGH TUCSON PREVIOUSLY AND HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH

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HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO THIS PERSONS IDENTITY

ESCAPEE FROM MENTAL INSTITUTION IN UNKNOWN EASTERN STATE.

MINISTER CONDUCTING THE MEETINGS, INDICATING THAT HE IS AN

ALIKE HOWEVER AS ABOUT SIX FEET TALL AND SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH

TENTH AVE., TUCSON, PASSED COUPLE OF NIGHTS. SHE DESCRIBED LOOK

REVIVAL MEETINGS AT CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, FIFTH STREET AND

IN JANUARY OF SIXTYEIGHT, LOOKS SIMILAR TO MAN SHE SAW IN

BY [REDACTED] STATED PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY, TAKEN

AT TUCSON, ARIZONA, RE INFORMATION FURNISHED BUREAU

TUCSON, INTERVIEWED AT THREE AM INSTANT DATE BY SA [REDACTED]

RE TEL CALL TO PHOENIX FROM BUREAU FIVE/EIGHTEEN/INSTANT.

MURKIN. CIR. OO: ME.

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

X 8:18 PM URGENT 5/13/68 GNC

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[REDACTED] HAD NO OTHER INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE UNSUB IS IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED  
INSTANT DATE BY SA [REDACTED] AND WIFE [REDACTED]  
HAVE SEEN THE PERSON REFERRED TO BY THE [REDACTED] HAVING  
FIRST CONTACTED THE [REDACTED] IN NOVEMBER OF SIXTYSEVEN AT WHICH  
TIME HE INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT THIS TIME  
WAS HITCHHICKING THROUGH COUNTRY AND HAD NO MONEY AND WAS SUBSISTING  
ON WHAT HE COULD GET [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] STATED HE DID NOT SEE [REDACTED] AGAIN UNTIL SOON AFTER  
FIRST OF JANUARY, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN [REDACTED] AGAIN CONTACTED [REDACTED]  
IN TUCSON SAYING HE WAS ON WAY TO MEXICO [REDACTED].

BOTH [REDACTED] AND WIFE STATE [REDACTED] OBVIOUSLY MENTALLY OFF  
BALANCE, HOWEVER [REDACTED] FELT SORRY FOR HIM. [REDACTED] STATED  
THAT [REDACTED] IS NOT TYPICAL [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
INTERTAINS [REDACTED] AS TO HIS SINCERITY. BOTH [REDACTED]  
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DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS WHITE MALE, IN FORTIES, BLACK HAIR, FIVE FEET  
TEN INCHES TO FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE NINE ZERO LBS., HEAVY  
BUILD, AND SWARTHY COMPLEXION.

[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] HAS CALLED HIM TWICE IN PAST FEW DAYS

[REDACTED] WHEN [REDACTED] CALLS AGAIN

[REDACTED] WILL OBTAIN ADDRESS WHERE [REDACTED] CAN BE CONTACTED, SO MORE

BACK GROUND INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FOR USE OF THIS BUREAU IN

EVENT OF FUTURE REPORTS ON [REDACTED] AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

BOTH [REDACTED] STATE [REDACTED] APPEARS SIMILAR TO

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY, HOWEVER, THEY CANNOT SAY [REDACTED]

IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

[REDACTED] WHO IS A NEGRO, STATED THAT [REDACTED] SPEECH SOUNDS

EXACTLY LIKE A NEGRO. [REDACTED] STATED HE THINKS [REDACTED] IS FROM

ONE OF SOUTHEASTERN STATES BECAUSE OF MANNER OF SPEECH.

EFFORT WILL BE MADE FIVE/NINETEEN/NEXT TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO HAS

TALKED WITH [REDACTED] THE PAST WEEK.

BUREAU AND MEMPHIS WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS OF FURTHER INVEST-

IGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]

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FBI CHICAGO

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TO DIRECTOR, SAN DIEGO (44-387) AND SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE ~~REDACTED~~

CONTACT ATTEMPTED WITH INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER (IH) HOME  
OFFICE, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST, NEGATIVE. CONTACT, INSTANT DATE,  
REVEALS ALL OFFICIALS WHO HAVE ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILES OUT OF  
CITY. CHECK RE ~~REDACTED~~ WILL BE MADE MAY TWENTY NEXT.

AM COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO SACS SAN DIEGO (44-387)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RESDAIRTEL MAY SIXTEEN SUBMITTING CHECK AND DEPOSIT RECEIPT  
BOTH BEARING SIGNATURE "██████████"

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES INDICATE "██████████" SIGNATURES PROBABLY  
NOT PREPARED BY SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. SOME VARIATIONS IN LIMITED  
QUESTIONED SIGNATURES PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

NO LATENTS ON CHECK. TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED ON  
DEPOSIT RECEIPT NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY, FBI  
NUMBER FOUR NAUGHT FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G. *jun*

CONFIRMING.

GJB:wgc  
(7) *WJ*

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1 - Mortimer Rm 7613 JB

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Hop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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It \_\_\_\_\_  
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439PM 5/18/68 URGENT JEW

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861): MEMPHIS (44-1987); KANSAS CITY; AND  
OKLAHOMA CITY.

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 2P

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

RE: LOOKALIKE TO JAMES EARL RAY

ON MAY SEVENTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, [REDACTED] SUMMERS, ARK.,  
ADVISED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO LOOKED LIKE RAY DROVE INTO HER STATION IN  
NINETEEN FIFTYSIX RED AND WHITE CHEVROLET STATION WAGON BEARING  
UNKNOWN NEW MEXICO LICENSE. SHE DESCRIBED THE INDIVIDUAL AS A WHITE  
MALE, ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FT. TEN INCHES TALL, STOCKY BUILD,  
SHORT LIGHT BROWN HAIR, DRESSED IN CASUAL SPORT CLOTHES, POSSIBLY A  
KNIT SHIRT, LIGHT COLORED PANTS, AND TENNIS SHOES.

IMMEDIATELY RADIO INFO WAS DISPATCHED TO LOCAL SO'S IN OKLAHOMA  
AND SOUTHWEST MISSOURI THROUGH BENTON COUNTY, ARK., SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE AND ARKANSAS STATE POLICE, HUNTSVILLE, ARK. ROADBLOCKS WERE  
- SET UP AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ALERTED FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL AND CAR.  
ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED. LIAISON IS  
BEING MAINTAINED WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES THROUGH STATE POLICE RADIO,  
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HUNTSVILLE, ARK., AND FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. SO. CAR AND UNSUP NOT  
LOCATED AT THIS TIME.

ABOVE FURNISHED OKLAHOMA CITY AND KANSAS CITY INASMUCH AS  
THEY MAY RECEIVE INQUIRIES OR LEADS IN THIS MATTER. PENDING.

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CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCE REGARDING

MIAMI INDICES REGARDING

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TO LARSEN THAT NO PROMISES WOULD BE MADE.

MINUTE INFORMATION WE WILL CRUCIFY YOU END QUOTE. IT WAS RELATED

RELATED THAT ~~QUOTE~~ SHOULD WE BE FROZEN OUT OF ANY UP TO THE

FBI MIAMI. WHEN INFORMED THAT NO PROMISES COULD BE MADE HE

STATED HE DESIRED UP TO THE MINUTE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH

REFERENCED TELETYPE. AT CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW, DAVID LARSEN

CAPTIONED MATTER. THEY THEN RELATED INFORMATION SET FORTH IN

STATING THEY HAD VITAL INFORMATION TO FURNISH REGARDING

LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTERS APPEARED AT THE MIAMI FBI OFFICE,

ON FIVE DASH SEVENTEEN LAST DAVID LARSEN AND JOHN D. KENDALL,

RE LA TEL TO DIRECTOR DATED MAY SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

MURKIN - CB

FROM: MIAMI (44-1854) 3P

CHARLOTTE

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND

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ON MAY SEVENTEEN LAST, [REDACTED], WIFE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MIAMI, FLA., ADVISED SHE AND HUSBAND TOGETHER  
AT CONCH KEY, FLA., ON NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.  
LATE THAT NIGHT RETURNED TO MIAMI WHERE THEY REMAINED FOUR OR  
FIVE DAYS AT WHICH TIME HUSBAND LEFT MIAMI WITH HIS MOTHER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN OLD MODEL GREEN MERCURY COMET FOR WAYNESVILLE, NORTH  
CAROLINA.

[REDACTED] WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA,  
TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED], WHERE HE  
HAS BEEN SINCE LEAVING MIAMI. [REDACTED] HAS PRIVATE PILOTS LICENSE  
WHICH HE OBTAINED ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA  
AIRPORT. LAST FLEW A PRIVATE PLANE ABOUT OCTOBER NINETEEN  
SIXTYSEVEN IN NORTH CAROLINA. FLIES ONLY FOR PLEASURE, DOES NOT OWN  
A PLANE, AND WIFE KNOWS OF NO CLOSE ASSOCIATE IN A POSITION TO  
LOAN PLANE TO HUSBAND.

HUSBAND HAS NOT BEEN IN KANSAS CITY OR NEW ORLEANS AND TO HER  
KNOWLEDGE HUSBAND NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JIM GARRISON OR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HUSBAND NEVER BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ANY KKK ORGANIZATION  
AND OWNS NO PROPERTY SUCH AS AIRPORTS OR LAND. HUSBAND BORN IN  
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INVESTIGATION AT [REDACTED]  
MIAMI, RE [REDACTED] DISCLOSED THROUGH A NEIGHBOR THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHO LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS FOR TWENTY YEARS DIED  
ABOUT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WAS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN FLORIDA KEYS AND HAD SMALL BOAT. [REDACTED] HAS A SON,  
[REDACTED]. REPORTEDLY RESIDING MIAMI AREA AND ALSO  
BELIEVED TO BE TO HAVE BEEN FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN FLORIDA KEYS.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE [REDACTED]. INVESTIGATION  
INDICATED IN RETEL IN MIAMI DIVISION BEING PERSUED.

CHARLOTTE WILL HANDLE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]  
WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

518 PM URGENT 5-18-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. CR.

RE MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

MEMPHIS PD IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL  
AT MONTREAL, CANADA, WHO SIGNED LETTER "CODE LETTER G"  
INDICATING PERSON BELIEVED POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT  
NOW LIVING IN CANADA. COPIES OF THIS LETTER HAVE BEEN  
FURNISHED BUREAU BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION FOR TRANSMITTAL  
TO LEGAT, OTTAWA.

NO OTHER PERTINENT INVESTIGATION THIS DATE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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cc: Long

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 18, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. McDonough  
1 - Mr. Martindale

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Trotter

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Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Memphis Police Department has received several anonymous letters from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, alleging that Ray is at some ruins south of Mexico City. A similar letter has now been received alleging Ray is buried in the ruins, and enclosing a rough map indicating the grave. This is being expeditiously checked out.

James L. Owens, who participated with Ray in the 1959 robbery for which Ray received a twenty-year sentence, frequently saw Ray in Missouri State Penitentiary. He has advised Ray sold drugs in the prison and also operated a "three for two" loan business. Owens expressed the opinion Ray would not have accumulated over \$1,000 from these sources by the time he escaped.

*[REDACTED]* former inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, has alleged *[REDACTED]* Ray and three others earned \$1,000 a month from the sale of drugs in the penitentiary. *[REDACTED]* is being interviewed in detail to determine if this is true and if so, how and where Ray maintained his share of the proceeds.

Jerry Raynes, subject's father, St. Louis, was recently visited by subject's brothers John, of St. Louis, and Jerry, of Chicago. Both brothers were drinking. Raynes now states that during this visit Jerry mentioned something about the subject's having been in Chicago in the summer of 1967. He says he cannot remember anything more specific about the conversation and that he may have misunderstood Jerry.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

It is noted that Raynes is an old man [REDACTED] His mind seems to wander and he appears to have difficulty recalling recent events. John and Jerry Ray are being reinterviewed regarding Rayne's allegation.

ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing throughout the field.

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PM URGENT 5/18/68 KSW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER GENE BLAKE ADVISED THIS DATE HE  
BELIVES [REDACTED] HOUSE, REFERRED TO BY QUOTE [REDACTED] UNQUOTE IS IN DIFFERENT  
AREA OF CITY THAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. AGENTS CHECKED NUMEROUS  
POSSIBILITIES BUT UNABLE TO LOCATE HOUSE WHERE RAY ALLEGED TO HAVE  
STAYED OVERNIGHT IN KANSAS CITY. CHECK OF ALL PRIVATE AIRPORTS IN  
METROPOLITAN KANSAS CITY NEGATIVE RE FLIGHT OUT BY [REDACTED] PLANE.

NO RECORD [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] IN KANSAS CITY INDICES.

WARDEN HAROLD SWENSON ADVISED NO PREVIOUS INMATE MISSOURI STATE  
PENITENTIARY NAME [REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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TELETYPE

TO BUREAU..ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, EL PASO, BIRMINGHAM,  
KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS, DETROIT. INDIANAPOLIS.  
FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST COPIES OF WHICH BEING  
SENT SEPARATELY BY TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE  
FOR INFO.

THE [REDACTED] OF CHATTANOOGA REFERRED TO BY INFORMANT  
MAY BE [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ORIGINALLY FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
AND WHO HAS AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE  
BEEN IMPRISONED AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA AND WAS RELEASED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE. TERRE HAUTE PRISON  
NO. [REDACTED]

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██████████ DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN ██████████  
██████████ OR ██████████ THIRTYEIGHT AT ██████████  
██████████ FOR VICINITY. HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY TO  
ONE FORTYFIVE LBS., (IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE), EYES BROWN, HAIR  
BROWN, DIM TATTOO LEFT UPPER ARM.

IT IS NOTED THAT ██████████ HAS SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND  
TERRE HAUTE AND ATTENTION IS CALLED TO ALLEGATION THAT ██████████  
██████████ SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. POSSIBILITY,  
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THAT ██████████ IS TRUE IDENTITY OF ██████████  
AND ██████████, LNU, WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION TO LOS ANGELES TIMES.

IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY COPIES OF  
MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF ██████████ TO LOS ANGELES, EL PASO, MEMPHIS,  
AND KNOXVILLE FOR DISPLAY BY THOSE OFFICES TO WILLIAM THOMAS,  
CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES, JERRY COHEN, LOS ANGELES  
TIMES, AT THE EL PASO BUS STATION, MEMPHIS BUS STATION AND KNOXVILLE  
BUS STATION.

INDIANAPOLIS AT TERRE HAUTE REVIEW PRISON RECORDS FOR LEADS  
AS TO CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF ██████████ AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE HIM  
INTERVIEWED. ALSO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE A MORE RECENT PICTURE  
THAN THE ONE TAKEN MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND IF SO, OBTAIN  
AND FORWARD COPIES TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES. [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED PD  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. [REDACTED] UNDER NAME [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND BY SO LOS  
ANGELES AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS IF AVAILABLE  
AND IF GOOD PHOTOGRAPH CONSIDER DISPLAYING TO THOMAS IMMEDIATELY.  
ALSO REVIEW RECORDS FOR LOCAL LEADS ...IT BEING NOTED THAT HE  
ALLEGEDLY IS IN LOS ANGELES AREA AT THIS TIME ACCORDING TO INFO  
FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] TO THOMAS.

ATLANTA REVIEW YOUR FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO FOR  
LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED].

KNOXVILLE WILL INTERVIEW RELATIVES AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF  
[REDACTED] IN CHATTANOOGA AREA.

LOUISVILLE AT LEXINGTON AT GREYHOUND OFFICE, EIGHT ZERO ONE  
LIMESTONE, REVIEW COPIES OF AUDITORS' STUBS OF TICKETS ISSUED AT  
KNOXVILLE, TENN. TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF TICKET AGENT  
SELLING TICKET NO. THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO  
ZERO SPACE FOUR TWO ON APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT  
KNOXVILLE FOR TRANSPORTATION KNOXVILLE TO LOS ANGELES VIA  
MEMPHIS AND EL PASO AND FOR ANY OTHER DATA AVAILABLE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CALLER: [REDACTED]  
M. [REDACTED]  
By [REDACTED] Time [REDACTED]

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CC- MR. TROTTER

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FBI DETROIT

621 PM EDT URGENT 5-18-68 VMC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DETROIT (44-989) 2P

MURKIN

RE DETROIT PHONE CALL TO BUREAU, INSTANT: DETROIT TEL  
TO DIRECTOR, MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT: LA TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY  
SEVENTEEN, LAST: LA TIMES INFORMANT - [REDACTED] LNU.

[REDACTED] FCI, MILAN, MICH., RECONTACTED  
THIS DATE RE [REDACTED] AND ADVISED [REDACTED] RELEASED IN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], AND WAS ASSIGNED INSTITUTION NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO STATED A THOROUGH CHECK OF AVAILABLE RECORDS  
INDICATE ONE [REDACTED] RELEASED IN [REDACTED] WAS ASSIGNED  
INSTITUTION NUMBER [REDACTED]. RECORDS ALSO NOTED  
A [REDACTED] RELEASED IN [REDACTED], AT WHICH TIME HE  
WAS AGE TWENTYTHREE. [REDACTED] WAS ASSIGNED INSTITUTION  
NUMBER [REDACTED]. HE WAS INCARCERATED ON [REDACTED]

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CHARGE. [REDACTED] HOME WAS LISTED AS TOLEDO, OHIO. FOREGOING  
BEING FURNISHED FOR ADDITIONAL INFO RE [REDACTED].

CONTINUING EFFORTS BEING MADE TO RESOLVE INFO RECEIVED FROM  
[REDACTED] AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AM COPIES FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY.

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SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

WITH THAT DIVISION, IT IS REQUESTED TO DO SO.

CASE, WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY ALTERNATE OR AFFECT HIS CURRENT COOPERATION

AS TO WHO THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE, THEIR CONNECTION WITH HIM OR TO THIS

IF, IN CONSIDERED JUDGMENT OF CHICAGO, QUESTIONING OF JERRY RAY

AT DIFFERENT HOURS.

KNOWN TO NEIGHBORS AND NO RESPONSE AT THAT ADDRESS ON NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS

NAME RESIDING [REDACTED], IN SIXTY SEVEN, BUT UN-

SL. SLIP INDICATE PERSON BY THAT

NAME RESULTS AS TO ALLEGED CORRESPONDENT

WERE POSITIVES SLIP VICE SEARCH CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

NOT LOCATE THEM. THEY HAD NO CREDIT RECORDS SL. ON ASSUMPTION THEY

RENTED ONLY TO MALES OR MARRIED COUPLES, NO SINGLE FEMALES. DOES

TO WHITES AND DOES NOT KNOW NAMES. PREVIOUS OWNER FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS

OWNER OF THAT ADDRESS PAST THREE YEARS IS COLORED, HAS NOT RENTED

AND [REDACTED] SLING.

ST. UNABLE TO DATE TO IDENT OR LOCATE JERRY RAY CORRESPONDENTS

RE ST. ALBANY MAY NINE LAST BE CORRESPONDENTS OF JERRY RAY.

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO

0300 DEFERRED 5-19-68 JLS

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FBI ST LOUIS

855PM URGENT 5-19-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, JOHN LARRY RAY, CAROL PEPPER.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS FAIL TO DISCLOSE SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE FELLOW PRISONER [REDACTED] SOURCES INDICATE NO VISITORS  
AND NO MAIL PAST WEEK.

MISC: INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE FELLOW PRISONER [REDACTED]  
AND RESOLUTION LOCAL LOOK ALIKES CONTINUING. DIFFICULTY EXPERIENCED  
IN IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING FORMER CORRESPONDENTS OF JERRY RAY.  
ATTENTION DIRECTED TO TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR SL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST SUMMARY,  
LAST WORD LINE THREE PAGE ONE SHOULD BE CARL, NOT EARL, THUS MAKING  
FULL NAME JAMES CARL OCONNOR UNDER WHICH ACCOUNT BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECTS  
WAS OPENED AT MANUFACTURERS BANK, SLMO, IN MARCH FIFTY NINE. TO SE  
KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE OF USE OF CARL AS PART OF ALIAC.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI TAMPA

807 PM URGENT 5/20/68 ALS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MIAMI (44-1854)  
FROM TAMPA 157-3231)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]

ATTEMPTS TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TAMPA, MAY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, NEGATIVE. AUTO-  
MATIC ANSWERING SERVICE INDICATED [REDACTED] UNAVAILABLE UNTIL  
MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

[REDACTED] TAMPA, FURNISHED FOLLOWING ON MAY  
TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT. [REDACTED]

OKEECHOBEE, FLA., TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] 101 REC-25 3715  
CONTACTED HIM IN PERSON ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND GAVE [REDACTED] ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK THAT DATE AS PARTIAL  
PAYMENT. TWO APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR APRIL FOUR AND FIVE LAST, BOTH  
FOR TEN A.M., HOWEVER [REDACTED] RECALLS [REDACTED] MADE TWO APPEARANCES  
AT [REDACTED] BETWEEN MARCH TWENTYSEVEN AND APRIL FOUR, EXACT DATES UN-  
RECALLED. [REDACTED] MADE APRIL FOUR AND [REDACTED]

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ESTIMATED [REDACTED] LENGTH OF STAY ON APRIL FOUR AS ONE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS AND ON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT RECALLS [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] SEVERAL HOURS, RECEIVED [REDACTED] AND PAID REMAINDER OF BILL OF TEN DOLLARS. [REDACTED] OF OPINION [REDACTED] FLEW HIS PRIVATE PLANE TO TAMPA FOR APPOINTMENTS AND HAD USE OF BORROWED CAR, LATE MODEL CHEVROLET. ON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT IN DISCUSSION OF KING MURDER, [REDACTED] DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS ASSUMING "DIE HARD SOUTHERNER" ATTITUDE AND EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS BEING GLAD MURDER OCCURRED. WITHIN WEEK'S PERIOD FOLLOWING APRIL FIVE APPOINTMENT, [REDACTED] REAPPEARED TO HAVE [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] RECORDS REFLECT [REDACTED] FURNISHED LOCAL TAMPA TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ALSO RECALLS ON TWO OCCASIONS [REDACTED] WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, NAME UNKNOWN, DESCRIBED W/F, LATE THIRTY'S FIVE FT. FOUR IN., ONE THIRTY LBS, DARK HAIR.

[REDACTED] VANDENBURG AIRPORT [REDACTED] ON MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: AVAILABLE RECORDS REFLECT-JCNOOOOOOOON REFLECT [REDACTED] RENTED HANGAR SPACE [REDACTED] SEPTEMBER AND TEN DAY PERIOD OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN. RECALLS [REDACTED] PLANE AS [REDACTED] COLOR UNRECALLED, BELIEVED PURCHASED FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL IN TAMPA AREA. NO RECORDS MAINTAINED RE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES UNLESS OVERNIGHT PARKING OF PLANE INVOLVED-AND NO OBLIGATION OR REQUIREMENT EXISTS TO FILE FLIGHT PLANS. END PAGE TWO

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[REDACTED] LOCATED ON GAS TICKET RECEIPT IN NAME OF [REDACTED] DATED APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT FOR SIX POINT THREE GALLONS AND INDICATED POSSIBILITY [REDACTED] MAY HAVE MADE GAS PURCHASES EARLIER IN APRIL AND RECEIPT ONLY MADE OUT TO CASH. WITHOUT CERTAINTY OF DATED SHE RECALLED ONE OF [REDACTED] ARRIVALS WHEN HE USED OFFICE PHONE TO CALL A RELATIVE, NAME UNRECALLED, TO PICK HIM UP AT AIRPORT AND COMMENTED HE HAD [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] RECALLS ON OCCASION WHEN [REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED BY FEMALE WHO SHE TOOK FOR GRANTED WAS HIS WIFE, DESCRIBED W/F, DARK HAIR, FIVE FT. - FIVE FT. TWO IN., MID THIRTY'S.

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] LISTED TO [REDACTED] TAMPA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT PARENTS PRESENTLY AT LAKE OKEECHOBEE, FLA. AND STAYING AT PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM,

[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]  
MIAMI INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND WIFE FOR ACTUAL LENGTH OF TIMES [REDACTED] KNOWN TO BE AT TAMPA ON PERTINENT DATES.

AIRMAIL COPIES, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORR PAGE THREE LINE FOUR WORD ELEVEN SHD BE "DATES"

SAME PAGE LINE FIVE WORD TWO SHD BE "ONE"

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FBI KNOXVLE

5-00 PM URGENT 5-20-68 CKH

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ATLANTA

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696) 3 P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, KNOXVILLE AND  
OTHER DIVISIONS, MAY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, RE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND TELEPHONE CALL MADE JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, FROM  
TELEPHONE OF [REDACTED], LOS ANGELES, CALIF.,  
TO [REDACTED]  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

ON MAY TWENTY, INSTANT, [REDACTED], A WIDOW,  
RESIDENCE [REDACTED]  
CHATTANOOGA, ADVISED SHE HAS RESIDED THIS ADDRESS PAST  
THIRTEEN YEARS. SHE OWNS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HAS HAD TELEPHONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN EXCESS OF TWO YEARS. JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, MAY 21 1968  
FOLLOWING PERSONS RESIDED WITH HER AT THIS ADDRESS AND HAD  
ACCESS TO THIS TELEPHONE: [REDACTED], DAUGHTER, DIED  
[REDACTED], SON, AGE TWENTYTWO

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AND HIS WIFE, [REDACTED] AND WIFE  
MOVED JANUARY, SIXTYEIGHT, FROM [REDACTED], NOW RESIDING  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS NEAR CHATTANOOGA, TENN. [REDACTED] SELF-  
EMPLOYED WITH [REDACTED] DOING [REDACTED]  
UNKNOWN LOCATION NORTH ALABAMA.

[REDACTED] AND SON, [REDACTED], WERE NOT  
USUALLY AT HOME DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS. TELEPHONE  
WOULD NORMALLY HAVE BEEN ANSWERED BY DECEASED DAUGHTER.  
[REDACTED] NOT AWARE OF ANY LONG DISTANCE CALLS RECEIVED  
AT HER TELEPHONE FROM CALIFORNIA JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN.

[REDACTED] HAS KNOWN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GEORGIA, SLIGHTLY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.  
THEY HAVE ONLY TWO SON, [REDACTED], AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THEY HAVE TWO OR MORE DAUGHTERS. ONE DAUGHTER,  
[REDACTED] FORMERLY RESIDED  
[REDACTED] CHATTANOOGA,  
DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM [REDACTED]  
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STREET. THEY WERE RESIDING THIS ADDRESS JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN. THEY HAD NO TELEPHONE AND WOULD RECEIVE TELEPHONE CALLS THROUGH [REDACTED] TELEPHONE. THERE IS POSSIBILITY ONE OF [REDACTED] BROTHERS CALLED FOR SISTER USING [REDACTED] TELEPHONE AND SHE WOULD NOT BE AWARE OF SUCH CALL. [REDACTED] CURRENTLY RESIDING [REDACTED], GA.

SINCE IT APPEARS LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM ONE OF [REDACTED] BROTHERS, LOS ANGELES, JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, WAS TO THEIR SISTER, NO ADDITIONAL EFFORT BEING MADE TO LOCATE [REDACTED] FOR INTERVIEW RE THIS CALL.

ATLANTA, AT ROSSVILLE, GA., INTERVIEW [REDACTED] [REDACTED] RE CALL RECEIVED FROM LOS ANGELES JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

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MURKIN.

RE BUREAU PHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS MAY NINETEEN LAST.

[REDACTED]  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, ADVISED MAY NINETEEN THAT HIS DAUGHTER  
[REDACTED] IS ACQUAINTED WITH [REDACTED] KNOWN AS [REDACTED]  
MARV DENNIS [REDACTED] FROM LOS ANGELES WHO ARE PRESENTLY [REDACTED] IN  
EVANSTON, INDIANA. STATES THAT ON MAY NINETEEN DENNIS APPEARED  
AT [REDACTED] RESIDENCE IN NASHVILLE, ACCOMPANIED BY BLONDE WOMAN  
GIVING NAME [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED]  
IN NASHVILLE. [REDACTED] RECALLED NEWSPAPER ARTICLE WRITTEN BY  
LOUIS LOMAX STATING FBI ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE BLONDE WOMAN KNOWN  
AS "JERRI" LAST REPORTED TO BE IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN WITH HER  
HUSBAND AND WHO WAS USING NAME OF "DENNIS".

[REDACTED] INFORMED THAT MARV DENNIS IN NO WAY RESEMBLES RAY  
BUT FELT THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE DENNIS AND THE [REDACTED] WOMAN  
ARE THE TWO PERSONS REFERRED TO IN LOMAX'S NEWS STORY AS "JERRY"  
AND HER HUSBAND IN WISCONSIN. REC-50 3717  
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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE DENNIS. A & D.  
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FBI WASH DC MAY 23 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 20, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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| 1 - Mr. DeLoach    | 1 - Mr. Mohr     |
| 1 - Mr. Rosen      | 1 - Mr. Bishop   |
| 1 - Mr. Malley     | 1 - Mr. Conrad   |
| 1 - Mr. McGowan    | 1 - Mr. Gale     |
| 1 - Mr. Long       | 1 - Mr. Sullivan |
| 1 - Mr. McDonough  | 1 - Mr. Trotter  |
| 1 - Mr. Martindale |                  |

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 5/17/68 William Thomas, City Editor, and Jerry Cohen, reporter, Los Angeles "Times" furnished the following information.

On 5/13/68 or 5/14/68 the "Times" was telephonically contacted by a man who claimed to have information concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. Thomas talked to this man on the telephone three or four times and on the evening of 5/16/68 Thomas and Cohen met this man at a bar. He identified himself only as [REDACTED]. From his conversation, Thomas and Cohen believe [REDACTED] has been in several penitentiaries.

[REDACTED] related a fantastic account of an alleged conspiracy in connection with King's death. The details, which will be discussed later in this memorandum, are at variance with the results of our investigation. Specific investigation to check out [REDACTED] story has failed to verify any relevant allegation and it appears very doubtful he has any knowledge of the case; however, we are continuing investigation in this regard and are making every effort to identify and locate [REDACTED] for interview.

The "Times" gave [REDACTED] \$100 on the evening of 5/16/68. He said he needed this money to leave town. The "Times" does not know how to contact him and does not expect to hear from him again.

Thomas said the "Times" sole purpose was to get a story out of [REDACTED] material but he did not wish to interfere with the Bureau's investigation and although reporters were standing by in Kansas City, Memphis, Birmingham, Huntsville, and Miami, no overt steps had been taken to verify [REDACTED] story and nothing would be published before 5/21/68. Thomas said he was also contemplating making this information available to the Attorney General.

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RE: MURKIN

Details of [REDACTED] allegations are set forth below.

1. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: The day before the shooting, Ray was picked up in Athens, Alabama, and taken to Memphis.

FACTS: King was killed 4/4/68. Ray, as Eric S. Galt, registered at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, 4/3/68 and checked out 4/4/68. Motel records show he was driving his Mustang.

2. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: At the Memphis rooming house from which the shot was fired, another man registered as [REDACTED] was the backup man to kill King at the rally on the night of 4/4/68 if Ray was unable to perform the murder from the rooming house.

FACTS: The proprietor of the rooming house states [REDACTED] is unknown to her either by name or as a guest registering on 4/4/68.

3. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: [REDACTED] rifle was left in the furnace of the rooming house and is believed to still be there.

FACTS: The rooming house has no furnace. No such rifle has been found.

4. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: After the shooting, Ray walked two or three blocks to the getaway car accompanied by a man and a woman. Ray's Mustang was not in Memphis 4/4/68.

FACTS: Investigation indicates Ray left Memphis alone in his Mustang which was parked near the rooming house.

5. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: The getaway car was a new Buick with Alabama license plates, equipped with a police radio, and owned and driven by [REDACTED] Huntsville, Alabama, [REDACTED]

FACTS: [REDACTED] Huntsville, does not have such a member but one [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] sometimes visits the club. [REDACTED] owns a Cadillac and is employed by [REDACTED] He denies having been out of Alabama since December. He was in Huntsville 4/3-6/68 according to company production records and the personal recollection of his employer.



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6. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: Upon leaving Memphis, Ray, [REDACTED] and two girls and a child from Huntsville, drove to Kansas City in six and one-half hours.

FACTS: Investigation indicates that when Ray left Memphis he drove alone to Atlanta in his Mustang.

7. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: In Kansas City Ray spent the night in a small one bedroom, gray-shingled house about three miles from the center of the city.

FACTS: Although the "Times" provided a rough map drawn by Thomas based upon information furnished by [REDACTED] investigation has failed to locate the Kansas City house described by [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: Ray left Kansas City at dusk, 4/5/68, and was flown to Belle Glade, Florida, in a private airplane owned by [REDACTED] a wealthy Ku Klux Klan member [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] often flies his own plane to New Orleans, is acquainted with New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison and is related to [REDACTED]

FACTS: No person meeting [REDACTED] description could be found. One [REDACTED] formerly owned [REDACTED] and was briefly wealthy [REDACTED]

One [REDACTED] owns [REDACTED] Neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] flies nor owns a plane and both deny knowing Jim Garrison or being related to [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: On 4/11/68 Ray boarded a charter boat or yacht at Key West owned by [REDACTED]

FACTS: No such boat has been located. [REDACTED] Miami, states he operated [REDACTED] boats off the Florida Keys [REDACTED] He denied any knowledge of this matter.

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10. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: In the weeks before the killing, Ray stayed at Belle Glade.

FACTS: Investigation at Belle Glade has been negative. Ray is known to have been living in Los Angeles from November, 1967, until 3/17/68. He was in New Orleans on about 3/21/68, checked into an Atlanta rooming house, 3/24/68, was in Birmingham, 3/29-30/68, paid rent in Atlanta, 3/31/68, and was in Memphis, 4/3-4/68.

11. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: On the day of the killing Ray made telephone calls from Memphis to Belle Glade. The calls are believed to have been made from a bus station.

FACTS: This is being checked out.

12. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: The payoff was made through [REDACTED] in Reno, 4/3/68, by rigging a Keno payoff of \$25,000 at the CAL-NEVA Lodge. [REDACTED] an employee of the lodge, was cognizant.

FACTS: The CAL-NEVA Lodge has been closed since Labor Day, 1967. One [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] at the CAL-NEVA Club. He has been interviewed with negative results. The owner of the club states there was no Keno payoff on 4/3/68 of more than \$400 and there has not been a \$25,000 payoff for almost three years.

13. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: A man using Ray as a first name was in Room [REDACTED] Clark Hotel, Los Angeles, [REDACTED]

FACTS: This man has been identified as [REDACTED] and has been eliminated.

14. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: [REDACTED] Los Angeles, sent money to Louisiana and purchased two pistols for [REDACTED] Chattanooga, who was in prison with Ray.

FACTS: [REDACTED] an effeminate Negro states: He has known [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for five or six years. Both are heavy drinkers. [REDACTED] owned two pistols which disappeared in the summer of 1967 and he suspected [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or their

cousin whose name he cannot recall, of stealing the guns from his home. About two months ago [REDACTED] got a collect call from [REDACTED] either from Nashville or Knoxville and sent him \$20 or \$30. He last saw [REDACTED] less than two months ago at which time [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was in prison. [REDACTED] believes only the [REDACTED] or their cousin would know of the guns stolen from him and the money he sent [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] is apparently identical with [REDACTED] who has a lengthy criminal record but does not appear to have served time with Ray. We are seeking [REDACTED] and his brother for interview.

15. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: Ray worked for a week as a bartender at Harold's Cafe, a "queer" bar in Los Angeles, where he is known by a man named [REDACTED].

FACTS: The manager of Harold's is known as Connie. He and other personnel deny any knowledge of Ray.

16. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: Ray is or was married to [REDACTED] who once worked at [REDACTED], Los Angeles.

FACTS: [REDACTED] does not normally employ women. [REDACTED] is unknown there or at the home address furnished by [REDACTED].

17. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: Ray used a telephone company credit card for various calls including those allegedly made from Memphis to Belle Glade. The credit card was issued to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Detroit, and was in the name of [REDACTED] for a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] lives in Harper Woods, Michigan.

FACTS: This is being checked out.

18. [REDACTED] ALLEGES: [REDACTED] the backup man at the Memphis rooming house, served time at Chillicothe and Terre Haute and was discharged in 1963 from prison in Milan, Michigan. [REDACTED] spent the night of 4/4/68 in Memphis and took an early morning bus to Knoxville. On 4/7/68 left Knoxville by bus for Los Angeles via Memphis and El Paso. [REDACTED] furnished the "Times" a Greyhound bus ticket issued 4/7/68 at Knoxville for passage to Los Angeles via Memphis and El Paso.

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FACTS: The Los Angeles "Times" City Editor believes it is possible [REDACTED] is identical with [REDACTED]. Investigation indicates [REDACTED] may be identical with [REDACTED]. There is no evidence that there was such a backup man but [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] if he exists, will be located and interviewed.

ACTION:

All aspects of this investigation are receiving vigorous attention.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials: "D", "J", "S", "7"]*

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Date: 5/20/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

Re telephone call of [REDACTED] to Director's Office, 6:06 p.m., 5/16/68.

[REDACTED] N. W., WDC, advised SA [REDACTED] on 5/17/68 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY resemble an individual he met in the Town and Country Lounge of Mayflower Hotel; WDC on about April or May, 1967. [REDACTED] said the person he met in the lounge said his name was [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] (ph). This person told [REDACTED] he had just gotten out of prison and only had \$20.00. [REDACTED] offered to buy him a meal. Instead, [REDACTED] bought him two cups of coffee and this person turned on him and said, "You are a copper." He also said he had a gun in his pocket and if [REDACTED] followed him, he would shoot him.

[REDACTED] described [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	40 years old
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	175 pounds
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Ruddy

- (3) - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)  
1 - WFO

RDA:tab (5) C. C. - Bishop

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Hair: Dark brown  
Scar: Small one on forehead  
Eyes: (Could not recall color of eyes)

██████ added during the conversation with this person at the bar, ██████ asked him why he was buying dollar drinks, if all he had was \$20.00. The man answered he wanted to know how bartenders mix drinks in high class bars.

Inasmuch as ██████ has not furnished specific information which would aid in locating ██████ or ██████ WFO is conducting no active investigation at this time. WFO will keep in mind the above information in handling of leads in this matter.

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5/20/68

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To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386) - Enclosure  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

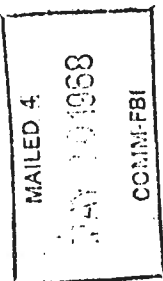
**URKIN**

Re Atlanta airtel 5/10/68, submitting registration card #8460, #336, for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on #336, which is enclosed to Atlanta.

Laboratory reporting separately.

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720PM URGENT 5-20-68 LCS  
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTY  
INSTANT.

CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED WITH SALE AND  
USE OF DRUGS IN AREA WHERE SUBJECT RESIDED NEGATIVE TO  
DATE.

EXAMINATION OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES METROPOLITAN  
ATLANTA AREA CONTINUING. POST OFFICE AUTHORITIES ADVISED  
TODAY ALL MAIL BEING HELD CARE OF GENERAL DELIVERY,  
ATLANTA, FOR RAY BEING RETURNED TO SENDER. BUREAU  
ALREADY ADVISED CONCERNING ALL MAIL RECEIVED AND NO  
NEW MAIL RECEIVED TO DATE.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AND SUBJECT'S  
PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITED IN AREA ADJACENT TO AREA CIRCLED  
ON MAP CLOSE TO SCLC HEADQUARTERS THAT WAS ON MAP FOUND.

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IN SUBJECT'S ROOM AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, ATLANTA,  
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

JAMES R. WILLOUGHBY REINTERVIEWED AND WAS SHOWN PHOTO  
OF WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE AND STATED LEE DOES NOT  
APPEAR SIMILAR TO ANY OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED  
BY WILLOUGHBY TALKING TOGETHER AT ONE ONE-THREE FOURTEENTH  
STREET APPROXIMATELY APRIL TWO NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.  
WILLOUGHBY HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FURNISH.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MIAMI</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/17/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/13 - 16/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES EARL RAY - FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>VC</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

REFERENCES

New Orleans airtel to Memphis dated 5/7/68.  
Miami teletype to New Orleans dated 5/13/68.  
New Orleans teletype to Miami dated 5/15/68.

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LEADSMIAMIAt Miami, Florida:

Will conduct any additional information upon  
request of the Bureau or the Memphis Office.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED: NONE

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

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- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
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Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

May 17, 1968

Office:

Miami, Florida

Field Office File #: 44-1854

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title:

JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Credit and criminal, telephone and city directory checks regarding W. H. RUNGLER, Miami, Fla., negative. No Columns Avenue exists in Miami. Current Fla. license tag [REDACTED] issued to E. G. HOLMAN for use on a 1966 Lincoln Continental coupe. HOLMAN interviewed and states car and tag in his possession on 12/17-19/67, in Miami, Fla. HOLMAN not acquainted with a W. H. RUNGLER and was not in New Orleans 12/17-19/67. Current Fla. license tag [REDACTED] is subscribed to by W. H. RUNZLER, [REDACTED], Miami. RUNZLER interviewed and states he was in New Orleans during pertinent period staying at Provincial Motel but was unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY or recall anything about any of the other guests at the motel.

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DETAILS:

Information was received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that a W. H. RUNGLER, [REDACTED], Miami, Florida, had registered on December 18, 1967, at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

On May 13, 1968, the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Miami, the Miami Police Department, the Miami Beach Police Department, the Dade County Department of Public Safety and the Miami Municipal Court were reviewed by IC [REDACTED] with regards to a W. H. RUNGLER. These records contain no information identifiable with W. H. RUNGLER.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

MM 44-1854

Miami telephone directories and Polk city directories checked for W. H. RUNGLER from 1958 to 1968 with negative results.

There is no Columns Avenue in the Greater Miami area.

The Miami Auto Tag Agency advised that 1967-1968 Florida license tag [REDACTED] is issued to E. G. HOLMAN, [REDACTED], Miami Beach, Florida, for use on a 1966 Lincoln Continental coupe.

EUGENE G. HOLMAN interviewed and advised that tag number [REDACTED] has been in his possession since April, 1967, and has been displayed on his Lincoln Continental coupe since that time. HOLMAN was not in New Orleans from December 17-19, 1967, nor was his automobile or the license tag [REDACTED]. HOLMAN knows of no one named RUNGLER.

W. H. RUNZLER was located at [REDACTED] Miami, Florida, and was interviewed at this location on May 16, 1968. RUNZLER advised that he was in New Orleans from December 17 - 19, 1967, and recalled that he was a guest at the Provincial Motel while staying in New Orleans. RUNZLER was unable to recall anything about any of the other guests staying at the motel at that time.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, RUNZLER stated that he recalled seeing no one at the Provincial Motel who resembled these photographs. RUNZLER could recall nothing of the vehicles being driven by other occupants of the motel.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 5/15/68  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed for the FBI Lab is one registration card of the Woodland Motor Court in name [REDACTED]

Local Thomasville, Georgia tourist court operator [REDACTED] initially contacted Thomasville Resident Agency 4/15/68, and advised a suspicious white male checked into [REDACTED], Thomasville, on 4/5/68 about 1:00 A.M. and departed following morning. White male driving 1966 white Ford Mustang bearing 1967 or 1968 Texas license [REDACTED]. White male described as about 32 years of age; 5'8", 160 pounds; muscular build and broad shoulders; sandy-colored hair. Subject's personal belongings only consisted of shaving kit and he left the following morning wearing the same clothes worn at time of entry. During registration this individual was very nervous and in attempting to reach assigned cabin, drove over sidewalk of motor court. Registrant did not appear to have been drinking, however.

[REDACTED] was subsequently shown Wanted Flyer of JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED] advised photo closely resembles suspicious person but is certain registrant had light-colored, sandy hair and that this was his natural-colored hair inasmuch as approximately one day's growth of beard was the same color.

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2 - Memphis  
2 - Atlanta  
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At 44-2386

██████ made available registration card completed by above individual at time of registration 4/5/68, and advised that all handwriting appearing on this card is that of registrant's, with exception of letters "MUS" appearing above make of car and notations at bottom of card reflecting charges.

The FBI Lab is requested to develop any latent impressions of value on enclosed card and compare with known prints of JAMES EARL RAY. Lab is also requested to examine handwriting appearing on this card in effort to determine if identical with RAY's.

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Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68, regarding alleged offer of \$100,000 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK), Jackson, Miss., to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING. JR.

Enclosed for Jacksonville are two copies each of Dallas airtel to Bureau, 6/6/67, Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 7/21/67 and Dallas airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68.

On 5/8/68, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Atlanta, Ga., advised [REDACTED] is no longer employed by this company, having left approximately December, 1967, to go to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was employed by the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated he recently learned that [REDACTED] is working in Panama City, Fla., selling a [REDACTED] which operates

- 3 - Bureau
  - 1 - Jackson (Info)
  - 2 - Jacksonville (Enc. 6)
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
  - 2 - Atlanta
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C. C. Bishop

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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AT 44-2386

He stated the name of the unit is the [REDACTED] and the company office is located in Reno, Nevada. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] is presently located with the [REDACTED] Houston, Texas.

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JACKSONVILLE

At Panama City, Florida:

Will locate [REDACTED] and interview for any information he may have obtained re alleged offer to kill KING since [REDACTED] release from jail on [REDACTED]. For info Jacksonville, the Jackson Office in July, 1967, advised the WKKKK were in bad financial straights, having a difficult time raising enough money to defend members of this organization after their arrest.

Information copy furnished Jackson inasmuch as present investigation being conducted that Division.



FBI

Date: 5/9/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN  
CR  
(OO:ME)

Re IO #4182 and WF #442-A concerning JAMES EARL RAY who is being sought in connection with captioned matter.

SA [REDACTED], who is a fingerprint expert, has furnished the following information which is being passed on to Tampa Agents for their confidential use should they have occasion to check out any individual suspected to be RAY:

SA [REDACTED] has examined the above IO and determined the following is an interpretation of the fingerprint patterns and the ridge counts and/or whorl tracings, (the ridge counts are close to the probable actual counts in Bureau files).

FINGER	PATTERN TYPE	RIDGE COUNT OR WHORL TRACING
#1 Right Thumb	Ulnar Loop	Ridge Count 16
#2 Right Index	Ulnar Loop	Ridge Count 13
#3 Right Middle	Ulnar Loop	Ridge Count 11
#4 Right Ring	Central Pocket Loop Whorl	Outer Tracing
#5 Right Little	Ulnar Loop	Ridge Count 12
#6 Left Thumb	Ulnar Loop	Ridge Count 12

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1 - Tampa  
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Approved:

Sent

Per

TP 157-3231

<u>FINGER</u>	<u>PATTERN TYPE</u>	<u>RIDGE COUNT OR WHORL TRACING</u>
#7 Left Index	Double Loop Whorl	Inner Tracing
#8 Left Middle	Ulnar Loop	Ridge Count 13
#9 Left Ring	Central Pocket Loop Whorl	Inner Tracing
#10 Left Little	Ulnar Loop	Ridge Count 16

It should be noted the Primary of 9/4 indicates the location of the whorl patterns which can only be in fingers #4, #7 and #9. Further note should be made that the best appearing fingerprint, for quick identification purposes, is that of finger #7. However, it should be further noted any examination of the fingers of a suspect will result in a reverse visual image of the impression.

It is suggested the Bureau may desire to suggest that other field offices circulate similar information to their agents which has been done in Tampa.

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FBI ST LOUIS

739PM URGENT 5-10-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR OO:ME

RE CG TEL TO SL MAY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SULLIVAN, MO., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED ON MAY TEN,

SIXTY EIGHT HE IS MARRIED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ABOUT TWO DAYS AFTER KING WAS MURDERED,

[REDACTED] MADE THE STATEMENT THAT KING'S MURDERER WAS OUT OF THE U.S.

[REDACTED] HAS TALKED WITH [REDACTED]

SEVERAL TIMES SINCE THEN AND [REDACTED] HAS STATED KING'S KILLER IS

PROBABLY IN ARGENTINA. [REDACTED] COULD NOT RECALL [REDACTED] MAKING

ANY STATEMENT ABOUT JAMES EARL RAY'S ESCAPE FROM MO. PENITENTIARY

BEING PLANNED BY THE KLAN. [REDACTED] HAS CONCLUDED [REDACTED] IS A

MEMBER OF THE KKK.

[REDACTED] REPORTED THE ABOVE INFORMATION FOR HIS BOSS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO SAW THE POSSIBILITY OF COLLECTING LOTS

OF MONEY IF, THROUGH [REDACTED] HE COULD OBTAIN THE DETAILS OF THE  
MURDER IN THIS CASE OR ASCERTAIN THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MURDERER.

[REDACTED] COULD NOT RECALL THAT [REDACTED] EVER INDICATED THE SOURCE  
OF HIS INFORMATION AND STATED IT COULD HAVE BEEN MERELY HIS OPINION.

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[REDACTED] INTRODUCED [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] AS A FRIEND [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED] TALKED WITH [REDACTED] PRIVATELY FOR ABOUT THIRTY MINUTED  
AND STATED HE GOT NO PERTINENT INFORMATION BUT CONCLUDED THAT [REDACTED]  
WAS PROBABLY A MEMBER OF THE KLAN.

[REDACTED], SULLIVAN, MO.  
[REDACTED], ADVISED ON MAR TEN, SIXTY  
EIGHT, HE IS A MEMBER OF THE KKK BUT KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THE ESCAPE  
OF RAY FROM MO. PENITENTIARY, THE MURDER OF KING, OR THE WHERE-  
ABOUTS OF THE MURDERER. HE NEVER HEARD OF RAY UNTIL AFTER HE HAD  
BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THIS CASE, AND HIS STATEMENTS HE HAS MADE  
REGARDING THE CASE ARE HIS PERSONAL OPINIONS. HE HAS HEARD NOTHING  
REGARDING THIS CASE THROUGH THE KLAN ORGANIZATION.

CHICAGO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL. P.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

~~GORR-TEXT LINE NINE THE FIRST [REDACTED] SHOULD BE OMITTED~~

END

HOLD FOR A MESSAGE

CAB

FBI WASH DC

F B I

Date: 5/15/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

Via AIRTEL

(Type in plaintext or code)

(Priority)

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies and for Memphis and Kansas City 2 copies and 1 copy, respectively, of an LHM captioned "JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER JR. - VICTIM; CR" and dated as above.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to furnish copies of enclosed LHM to Legat, Bern, Switzerland.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 6)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Kansas City (44-760) (Enc. 1) (AM)
- 1 - WFO

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AIRTEL

C. C. Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

May 15, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
ERIC STARVO GALT,  
W.C. HERRON,  
HARVEY LOWMYER,  
JAMES MC BRIDE,  
JAMES O'CONNER,  
JAMES WALTON,  
JAMES WALYON,  
JAMES WILLARD,  
"JIM" - FUGITIVE  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS

On May 14, 1968, an anonymous male who mentioned that he is a newspaperman telephonically advised the Washington Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, that he recently had a conversation with some people who believed they observed an individual who resembles the published photographs of James Earl Ray. These people believe they observed Ray in Geneva, Switzerland, approximately three weeks ago. The anonymous male stated the people who furnished him this information did not want their identities revealed nor did the caller wish to identify himself.

The anonymous male stated that he had been advised that during a Saturday night approximately three weeks ago his sources were at the Landoldt Restaurant, Geneva, Switzerland, where they observed an American male enter with a man and woman who appeared to be Swiss. The American was well dressed and had a Midwestern accent. He had the sharp nose and cleft chin as depicted in the photographs of James Earl Ray. His other physical characteristics matched those of Ray. Although he was well dressed, he was observed to use crude language which was mixed with vulgarities. The woman in the group was a blond, apparently dyed hair, and appeared to be in her forties. She was known to the head waiter of the restaurant and kissed him when she left with the above two men.

JAMES EARL RAY

The conversation of the three individuals was loud and the American talked frequently concerning sex matters and expressed an interest in obtaining the services of a prostitute. The woman offered to furnish him a transvestite, but he stated he wished a female.

The people in the restaurant seemed to make a great deal of effort to please the American. He was overheard ordering several expensive and exotic foods, some of which the restaurant sent out for. The impression was gained, however, that the people in the restaurant knew nothing of the American's background.

It is requested that efforts be made to determine whether the American mentioned above is identical with James Earl Ray.

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Date: 5/16/68

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

Re telephone call of [REDACTED] to Director's Office,  
6:06pm, 5/16/68.[REDACTED] call concerned an individual by the name of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (PH), whom [REDACTED] believes is identical with JAMES EARL RAY.  
[REDACTED] met this individual five or six months ago at the Mayflower  
Hotel, Washington, D.C.[REDACTED] advised WFO during the evening of 5/16/68 that he  
prefers to be interviewed re this matter during the A. M. of  
5/17/68.WFO will interview [REDACTED] A. M. of 5/17/68, display to him  
photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and establish whether or not [REDACTED]  
(PH) is identical with RAY. Bureau will be immediately advised of  
results of this interview.ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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- 3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
1 - WFO

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C. C. Bishop

Approved: NDP/Lac

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Special Agent in Charge

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 5/14/68, setting forth a letter written by [REDACTED] of Los Angeles, California. [REDACTED] suggested the possibility that [REDACTED] might have been implicated in the murder of Dr. KING.

Mobile files reflect a LHM submitted to the Bureau 11/12/64, reflecting that [REDACTED] moved to Tuskegee, Alabama, in late 1964. [REDACTED] It was set forth that [REDACTED] regarded [REDACTED] as a "mentally sick" person.

In this same file Los Angeles LHM dated 1/18/65, IA file 100-51442, set forth that [REDACTED] advised on 1/14/65, that [REDACTED] was considered untrustworthy by most all the various Negro organizations and groups in the Los Angeles area. [REDACTED]

This source said that many people acquainted with [REDACTED] questioned [REDACTED] mental capacity.

- (3) - Bureau
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Info)
- 1 - Louisville (Info)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-10678) (Info)
- 1 - Phoenix (Info)
- 2 - Mobile

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Special Agent in Charge

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In view of the above information, and inasmuch as referenced airtel does not indicate any real reason for [REDACTED] statement that the persons named by [REDACTED] might bear checking out in the assassination of Dr. KING, UACB the persons set out for interview by the Mobile Division are not being interviewed regarding MURKIN.

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FBI

Date: 5/16/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas airtel to Atlanta 4/22/68 and Atlanta airtel to Dallas 5/3/68.

[REDACTED] Fort Worth, stated that [REDACTED] moved into their trailer court about 4/15/68. She stated that they had been there prior to that date looking, but she had none until about two weeks later and she called the [REDACTED]. She stated it was her understanding with [REDACTED] parents who she believes are [REDACTED] who reside at [REDACTED] Fort Worth, Texas. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is employed at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] examined the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she had never seen anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY around the trailer court. She stated that [REDACTED] definitely did not resemble RAY in any way. She pointed out that [REDACTED] is a W/M, about 5'8", 210, large stomach, blue eyes, blue eyes, approximately 45 years of age. She said that the [REDACTED] have no children. She said the [REDACTED] appear to be very fine people in every respect.

[REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] had a white mustang and it does have Georgia license, but she does not recall the number.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
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[REDACTED] Corporation, Fort Worth, Texas, stated that its records reflect that [REDACTED] applied for a position at his plant 3/27/68. He was employed and entered on duty 4/22/68. He presently resides at [REDACTED]. His file reflects that [REDACTED] is married, no children, was a member of [REDACTED] and is a member of [REDACTED]. His record reflects that he was in the Army from 1944 to 1967 and for most of this time was in the Military Police Unit. The file reflects his description as W/M, born [REDACTED] 5'10", 200 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, scars - sharpnel wounds in left leg, discharged from Army [REDACTED], worked as a [REDACTED] guard for [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama from 12/67 to 3/68, person to be notified in event of emergency - [REDACTED] Fort Worth, Texas.

Inasmuch as it appears [REDACTED] is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, no further investigation is being conducted regarding STARK.

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Date: 5/17/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO-MEMPHIS

Re St. Louis teletype to Director, Memphis and Dallas,  
5/15/68.

RE: Telephone call made from pay telephone at  
LaFont's Sinclair Station, Highway 61,  
Portageville, Missouri, telephone No. DR 9-3502,  
to Fort Worth, Texas, telephone No. [REDACTED],  
made on 12/6/67.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

On 5/16/68, [REDACTED] Southwestern Bell Telephone  
Company (Protect Identity), stated that telephone No. [REDACTED]  
is an unlisted number and subscriber is TARSON ANDERSON, residence,  
[REDACTED] Fort Worth. TARSON is a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in Fort Worth, Texas, and has been employed there  
since 10/62.

On 5/16/68, MRS. TARSON ANDERSON, [REDACTED] advised  
that her former husband is GENE LA FONT, and he owns LaFont's  
Sinclair Station in Portageville, Missouri. She stated that

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - St. Louis (44-775)  
2 - Dallas  
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her two sons also live with their father and she receives a telephone call from them at least once each week. She examined a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she had never seen this individual.

No further investigation being conducted re this telephone call.

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Airtel

To: LEGAT, Mexico City - Enc. (4)  
SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reference is made to the receipt on 5-11-68, of fingerprints of an unknown deceased found on the beach in Acapulco, Mexico.

The submitted fingerprints are of no value for identification purposes.

On 5-13-68, the fingers of the body were examined by Fingerprint Examiner George J. Donebrake in Acapulco, and it was determined that this body could not be that of James Earl Ray, FBI #403942G.

This airtel confirms the verbal report made on 5-13-68.

The four cards bearing the submitted fingerprints are enclosed to LEGAT, Mexico City.

Laboratory reporting separate and will advise disposition of other submitted evidence.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Wick \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 5/17/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
Attn: FBI Laboratory  
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)(P)

MURKIN  
CR

OO: Memphis

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Re Detroit airtel to Bureau, dated 5/14/68.

On 5/10/68, [REDACTED] contacted SA C. [REDACTED], at Flagstaff, Arizona, and advised that she had received a telephone call from her husband who called from Grand Junction, Colorado, to advise her that he was returning to Phoenix, Arizona, and had contacted his former employer [REDACTED] Phoenix, and had been assured that he could return to work there. She advised that [REDACTED] stated he was going to do this and that on Friday May 17, 1968, he would come to Flagstaff from Phoenix to visit her.

[REDACTED] stated that she was calling to let the FBI know that her husband had "calmed down" and was returning and would be available if needed.

Unless advised to the contrary, Phoenix does not contemplate further interview with [REDACTED] at this time in view of his apparent mental condition as reflected in his military record.

4 - Bureau  
2 - Detroit (44-989)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Phoenix

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/18/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBUairtel to HO, 5/16/68.

RE: BEN RAYE

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

AT PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS

On 5/17/68, [REDACTED], Nueces County Deputy Sheriff, Port Aransas, advised as follows:

BEN RAY has resided in this area continuously for approximately one year. Since about September, 1967, he has been employed as a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Port Aransas.

BENNETT HAMER RAY was located on 5/17/68, at the Malibu Room and advised he receives mail at [REDACTED] Port Aransas. He displayed Uniformed Service Identification Card and other documents identifying him as RAY with photographs and right index fingerprint not identical with subject. Also, his fingerprints are not identical.

RAY is white male, born [REDACTED] 5'8", 140 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, served in U. S. Navy, 10/6/54, to 4/25/58, under Navy Serial # [REDACTED], scar on left forearm wheretattoo removed, 3" scar over left eye, 1" scar under left eye, 1" scar right side of face; claims no arrests.

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3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis.  
2 - Houston

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APPROVED: **55 MAY 28 1968**  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: May 18, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan *McGowan*

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent Joe C. Hester, Memphis Extra-Duty Supervisor, telephonically advised, this date, that the Chief of Police (COP), Memphis, Tennessee, has received an anonymous letter dated 5-14-68, from Montreal, Canada. The letter is very poorly written and it is hard to make out the entire contents, but in essence mentions Doctor King. Further, that the anonymous writer has become acquainted with an individual of Irish decendant (no name given) and over a case of beer recently determined from this Irish individual (1) that he was once in jail in Missouri, (2) that he had been in the Merchant Marines, (3) that he was once a bartender, (4) that he was an alcoholic and supposedly being presently treated for alcoholism, (5) and that he has fallen in love with a girl in Montreal and spends money freely on her.

The anonymous writer wants this information to be kept in strict confidence and if the COP is interested and wants to get in touch with him, he should write to the Editor of the "Gazette - News in Brief," (presumably a Montreal newspaper) "attention G." Writer states he will watch the Gazette and if the mention "attention G" appears, he will send another letter to the COP with information and the COP can use his own follow-up.

The writer further states he is off work on Wednesday and Thursday each week and has a holiday from June 1-15, and states he might meet with the COP if he is interested.

This letter was signed "Code letter G."

The COP, Memphis, has misplaced the envelope which this letter came in.

**ACTION:** The Memphis Office was advised to send the letter to the Bureau by airtel this date.

KLB:erg

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5-18-68

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SAC'S, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,  
LAS VEGAS, DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, ALBANY AND CHARLOTTE

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

RE LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

LATEST ARREST RECORD IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
JUNE TWENTYFOUR SIXTYSIX, UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE,  
INDIANA, [REDACTED] TRANSFERRED  
FROM FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA,  
EXPIRATION OF GOOD TIME [REDACTED]

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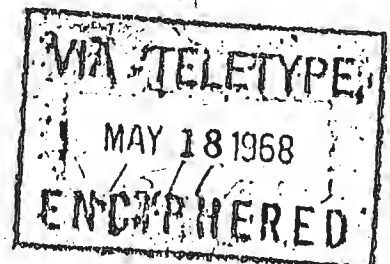
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12-25 PM URGENT 5-20-68 JMC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND WASHINGTON FIELD PLAINTEXT  
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU MAY ONE SEVEN LAST.

USPO MONEY ORDERS LOCATED AT FIDELITY UNION TRUST CO.,  
NEWARK, ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS-----

ONE. NUMBER ONE, NINE ONE SIX, TWO ONE ONE, ZERO  
SEVEN EIGHT, PURCHASED THREE EIGHT LAST AT SANTA WESTERN  
STATION, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

TWO. NUMBER FIVE, SIX ONE FIVE, SIX FIVE SEVEN, NINE  
TWO THREE. NOTE THE FIFTH NUMBER MIGHT BE AN EIGHT OR ZERO  
RATHER THAN A SIX. PURCHASED THREE TWENTY EIGHT LAST AT  
UNKNOWN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, POST OFFICE.

WFO OBTAIN ORIGINAL MONEY ORDERS AND FORWARD TO  
LABORATORY FOR HANDWRITING EXAMINATION.

THE INFORMATION RE THESE MONEY ORDERS WAS TELEPHONICALLY  
FURNISHED BUREAU, LOS ANGELES AND ATLANTA ON APRIL ONE FOUR LAST.  
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AND CONFIRMED BY NEWARK AIRTEL TO BUREAU FOUR TWENTY LAST  
WITH COPIES TO LOS ANGELES, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS.

NEWARK WILL FORWARD MICROFILM COPIES TO WFO FOR  
ASSISTANCE.

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HWL R RELAY

FBI WASH DC

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Date: 5/20/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-288861)  
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

Re Houston airtel to Bureau dated 5/3/68.

Telephone Calls by Subject RAY En route  
from Los Angeles to New Orleans

A call was placed from Orange, Texas, to Rosamond,  
California, number [REDACTED], on 12/16/67.

Above number is listed to Mrs. OPAL YORK, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Rosamond, California, on 5/14/68.

On 5/14/68, BETTY TENGILLEY, [REDACTED]  
Rosamond, advised that during mid-December, 1967, her father,  
WINDEL RICE, who formerly resided at Orange, Texas, called  
her at the home of Mrs. OPAL YORK, [REDACTED], her  
grandmother. She said her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs.  
WENDEL RICE, are presently visiting various relatives in the  
United States and have no permanent address.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Sacramento

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Special Agent in Charge

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A call was placed from Houston, Texas, to Bakersfield California, number [REDACTED], on 12/16/67.

Above number was disconnected on 2/15/68, and was formerly listed to C. E. HUGHETT, [REDACTED], Bakersfield.

On 5/16/68, Mrs. DON HUGHETT, [REDACTED] Oildale, California, advised that during December, 1967, [REDACTED] was occupied by FRANCINE METROVICH, [REDACTED] during 1967, and allowed her to obtain a telephone in his name.

[REDACTED]

Attempts to contact METROVICH, [REDACTED] Bakersfield, California, on 5/16/68, were negative.

On 5/16/68, C. E. HUGHETT, telephone number [REDACTED] advised that he dated FRANCINE METROVICH during the latter part of 1967, and allowed her to obtain a telephone in his name. He said he knows nothing specific re any particular telephone calls from Houston, Texas, but that he believes there were several long distance calls charged this telephone number [REDACTED] during the latter part of 1967. He added that he received a telephone bill of over \$100 during late 1967 or early 1968, and that METROVICH has never paid this bill resulting with problems with the telephone company.

SC 100-427

On 5/17/68, FRANCINE DOYLE, aka Francine Metrovich, [REDACTED] Bakersfield, California, said she could recall only one long distance telephone call during mid-December, 1967. She said this call was from a casual acquaintance FRED FREEDEL (phonetic) present whereabouts unknown, whom she had met three or four years ago and had not seen for several years. She said that the origin of this call was not known to her. She observed a photograph of Top Ten subject, JAMES EARL RAY and stated that she had never seen this young man before.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM: *RJ* SAC, Memphis (44-1987) p

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReBuAirtel to all SACs and LEGATs dated 5/7/68, and Miami Airtel to Memphis 5/16/68, copy enclosed to Bureau.

Paragraph #2 of reBuAirtel specifically states that should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report the office involved should do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis. Memphis is of the opinion that 22 sub-headings and 54 different inserts is sufficient basis to warrant submission of individual report. Material being returned to Miami for submission report.

A & D.

- 2 Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 2 Miami (44-1854)  
(1 - Package, Enc. 54) (RM)
- 1 Memphis

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*Enc. retained  
and Airtel in  
Room 2260 5/21/68*

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 5/20/68

ReBuAirtel to all SACs and LEGATs dated 5/7/68, and Portland letter 5/16/68, copy enclosed to Bureau.

Paragraph #2 of reBuAirtel specifically states that should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report the office involved should do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis. Memphis of opinion 40 different inserts of Portland sufficient basis for submission of individual report. Material being returned to Portland for submission report.

A & D.

10 (2) Bureau (Enc. 1)  
2 Portland (Enc. 600) (RM)  
1 Memphis

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

5/16/68

SAC, PORTLAND (157-380) (P)

MURKIN  
(OO:Memphis)  
BUfile 44-38861

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs and Legats, 5/7/68.

Transmitted herewith are 15 copies each of 40 inserts recording investigation conducted by the Portland Office from the inception of this investigation, 4/4/68, until close of business 5/13/68.

A separate insert is being made for each aspect of the investigation and appropriate caption is placed at the beginning of each insert.

Details concerning completely negative contacts are summarized, but complete details including names of voter registrars, police officials, informants, PCIs, dancing school proprietors, and all persons contacted in this investigation are contained in the file and sub-files of Portland 157-380. A check list has been maintained so that this data can be readily located if needed.

Should more detail be desired concerning the completely negative contacts, Memphis is requested to return the inserts to Portland so that additional pages may be added to the respective inserts.

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1-Portland

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SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY - DOCUMENT SECTION  
FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/20/68

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68.

On May 8, 1968, SA [REDACTED] displayed to Mr. ARTHUR LARIMER, Postmaster, U. S. Post Office, Sandusky, Ohio, the unsigned printed note and envelopes addressed to "Chief of Police, Memphis, Tenn.", and "Postmaster, Pelee Island, Ontario".

Mr. LARIMER advised that although the identity of the author was unknown to him he noted the apparent shaky printing, and suggested that it might be the effort of an elderly person. He suggested an inquiry at the old Soldiers and Sailors Home, Sandusky, might be productive.

On May 9, 1968, SA [REDACTED] contacted Mr. MICHAEL KRESTEL, Assistant Reeve, Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada, in the absence of the Reeve, Mr. CHARLES WALLACE, and the Constable, Mr. ZANE HOOKER. Mr. KRESTEL questioned the Postmaster, Mr. DONALD GOW, who advised that instant note, .35 change, and cover envelopes, were received at the post office on approximately April 24, 1968. He said that he opened the envelope addressed to him. He discovered the inner envelope already opened, which he believes may have been done accidentally by him in opening the outer envelope. He recalled the change and note, however, were lying loose in the outer envelope. He said he did not know what disposition to make of the contents and finally asked Mr. WALLACE, the Reeve, for advice. He stated it was the suggestion of Mr. WALLACE that these items be mailed to the FBI, Federal Building, Sandusky. He was unable to suggest any suspect as the author of instant note.

On May 9, 1968, [REDACTED] Old Soldiers and Sailors Home, Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, examined instant note and envelopes and advised SA [REDACTED] he suspected them to be the work of a resident,

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1 - Cleveland  
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[REDACTED] He said [REDACTED] is a prolific letter writer and a chronic complainer who frequently writes to the Governor and various agencies complaining about conditions at the home.

He advised that records indicate [REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] served in the U. S. Army, [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] until [REDACTED] when he received an honorable discharge at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, as a private, ASN [REDACTED]. He furnished [REDACTED] V A Claim Number as [REDACTED], and his Social Security Number as [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] arrived at the Home on [REDACTED]. He added that [REDACTED] would not be available for interview until May 10, 1968.

On May 10, 1968, SA [REDACTED] confronted [REDACTED] with instant note and envelopes. He admitted being the author. He said he could offer no logical reason for his writing the note and said he could only suggest that he must have been drinking at the time. He stated it was not his intention to burden or harass the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department, FBI, or any other law enforcement agency by his action.

He said his reason for enclosing \$.35 with the note was to include \$.10 for air mail postage from Pelee Island to Memphis, Tennessee; he said he visits Pelee Island a few times each summer and has bought postage at the post office there. He said he sent his note via Pelee Island simply to give the postmaster a little business.

He was admonished by SA [REDACTED] for the consequences of his action, the wasted time and money that could have been spent on other matters. He was also admonished by [REDACTED] and threatened with possible expulsion if he should repeat this misconduct.

[REDACTED] apologized for his action and promised to refrain from any such conduct in the future.

He admitted his note intended reference to the slaying of MARTIN LUTHER KING, however, he denied sympathy for the assassination. He said he has no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY or his whereabouts.

The following description was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name: [REDACTED]  
Residence: Old Soldiers and Sailors Home,  
Columbus Avenue,  
Sandusky, Ohio.  
Age: 68  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Place of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Sex: Male  
Race: White  
Height: 5'8"  
Weight: 150 pounds  
Hair: Gray  
Eyes: Brown  
Tattoos: [REDACTED] above an eagle with  
Social Security # [REDACTED]  
below on inner right forearm,  
seal of the United States on  
right shoulder, Indian head  
on left shoulder.

Family:  
Son: [REDACTED]

Son: [REDACTED]

Daughter: [REDACTED]

Copies are provided for the Document Section since the writer of the letter, forwarded to the Document Section in above referenced airtel, has been identified as [REDACTED] by his own admission.

It is to be noted that the FBI Laboratory in its examination in report dated May 8, 1968, was successful in discovering the name [REDACTED] through examination for indented writing.

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Inasmuch as the note in question contained no threat, no further action is contemplated by the Cleveland Office with respect to [REDACTED]

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F B I

Date: 5/20/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
C R  
(OO: ME)

Re: REDACTED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM  
PORTAGEVILLE, MISSOURI

Re St. Louis teletype to Bureau, 5/15/68.

The two telephones listed at Blytheville, Arkansas, were determined to be, one, a hospital, and the other an auto parts company and neither are being contacted.

At Helena, Arkansas, telephone REDACTED is listed to W. H. BRENNER, REDACTED, who advised that the only calls received from Portageville, Missouri, were from his wife's brother, GENE LA FONT, owner of Sinclair Service Station.

At West Memphis, Arkansas, telephone REDACTED is listed to Mrs. NONA LARKIN, REDACTED, who advised the only telephone calls which she recalled she had received from Portageville, Missouri, were from GENE LA FONTS, who owns a restaurant, service station and a car agency at Portageville.

At Jonesboro, Arkansas, telephone REDACTED is listed to GAYLEN ANN KIRBY, REDACTED, who advised that

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - St. Louis (44-7754) (Info.)  
2 - Little Rock  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_



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the only person she could recall receiving telephone calls from at Portageville, Missouri, was GENE LA FONTE, who operates a service station [REDACTED]

It was determined that Blytheville telephone number 763-9616 is a pay phone, this being the telephone to which the call to West Memphis, Arkansas, was allegedly charged.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
Latent Fingerprint Section

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: ME

re: [REDACTED]

With reference to investigation conducted on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] there are enclosed for Memphis the following inserts and 302s (nine copies each), arranged in logical sequence:

302 of Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] on 4/20/68

Insert of investigation by SA [REDACTED] on 4/20/68

302 of [REDACTED] on 4/20/68

302 of [REDACTED] on 4/20/68

Insert of investigation by SA [REDACTED] on 4/20/68.

302 of [REDACTED] on 4/20 and 21/68

302 of [REDACTED] on 4/22/68

302 of [REDACTED] on 4/22/68

302 of [REDACTED] on 4/22/68

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- 2 - Detroit (44-989)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 216)
- 2 - Phoenix

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302 of [REDACTED] on 4/22/68

Insert of investigation by SA [REDACTED]  
on 4/22/68

302 of [REDACTED] on 4/22/68

302 of [REDACTED] on 4/23/68

Insert of investigation by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], on 4/23/68

Insert of investigation by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on 4/23/68

Insert of investigation at Little Rock, etc.,  
on 4/23/68 etc.

302 of [REDACTED] on 4/24/68

302 of [REDACTED] on 4/24/68

302 of [REDACTED] on 4/24/68

Two 302s of [REDACTED] on 4/24/68

302 of [REDACTED] 4/24/68

Investigation by SA [REDACTED]  
on 4/25/68 on insert

Insert of investigation at St. Louis, Missouri,  
on 4/25/68

It will be noted that the foregoing enclosures do not include the Identification Records of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which were previously furnished directly to Memphis by the Identification Division.

Memphis and Detroit will note that remaining investigation concerning [REDACTED] is requested in PX airtel 5/6/68 and consists of efforts to identify [REDACTED] voice with that of the anonymous caller who first introduced [REDACTED] name into this investigation and in a request for comparison

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of [REDACTED] fingerprints with any unidentified latents available in this case. It is anticipated that Detroit, the Laboratory and the Latent Fingerprint Section will report on these efforts directly to Memphis.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is hereby requested to compare the fingerprints of [REDACTED] with any unidentified latents available in this case.

In the event the above fingerprint comparisons are negative, Phoenix does not contemplate further investigation regarding [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Phoenix (44-371)  
Memphis (44-1987)

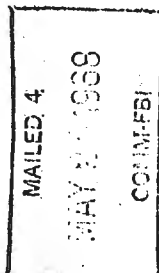
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Phoenix letter 5/10/68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported and  
remaining unidentified in this case are not identical with the  
fingerprints of [REDACTED]



1 - Detroit (44-669)

1 - Mr. Rosen

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI LOUISVLE

2:53 PM 5-20-68 URGENT BAW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KNOXVILLE (44-696),  
MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 2P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST AND LOUISVILLE  
TEL TO MEMPHIS MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE, C.M. BAYHI, AUDITOR, GREYHOUND BUS  
STATION, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, ADVISED TICKET NO. ONE THREE  
ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE FOUR TWO, DATED APRIL  
SEVEN, LAST, FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS TO EL PASO TO LOS ANGELES  
IN AMOUNT OF SEVENTY DOLLARS AND THIRTY FIVE CENTS WAS ISSUED  
BY AUGUSTA NICHOLS, DIE NO. THREE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. THE NUMBER  
ONE ON ABOVE IS A PRINTED NUMBER, THE REMAINDER OF THE NUMBERS  
APPEAR TO BE CARBON NUMBERS. TICKET WAS USED APRIL SEVEN, LAST,  
PASSENGER LEFT KNOXVILLE AT EIGHT FIFTEEN P.M. ON APRIL SEVEN, LAST  
AND ARRIVED NASHVILLE AT TWELVE TWENTY FIVE A.M., APRIL  
EIGHT, LAST. BUS DRIVER WAS JESSE G. BROWN, NASHVILLE.

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BUS LEFT NASHVILLE ONE THIRTY A.M., APRIL EIGHT, LAST,  
AND ARRIVED IN MEMPHIS AT SIX THIRTY FIVE A.M., SAME DATE.  
DRIVER OF BUS - BERNARD FOSTER, MEMPHIS.

TICKET IS STAMPED "PACKAGE CHECKED."

ORIGINAL FURNISHED IS BEING RETAINED BY LOUISVILLE.

KNOXVILLE, INTERVIEW AUGUSTA NICHOLS, OBTAIN DESCRIPTION  
OF PURCHASER OF TICKET, SHOW PHOTOGRAPHS.

MEMPHIS, INTERVIEW BUS DRIVERS, OBTAIN DESCRIPTION OF  
USER OF TICKET.

MEMPHIS, ADVISE LOUISVILLE OF DISPOSITION DESIRED OF  
TICKET.

AIR MAIL COPY BEING SENT TO EL PASO WITH COPY OF  
KNOXVILLE TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS, MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

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OTHER OFFICES TO BE ADVISED

END

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FBI ST LOUIS

950PM URGENT 5-20-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 4P

MURKIN SUMMARY

RE CAROL PEPPER;

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

REINTERVIEWED. FATHER, JERRY RAYNES SOLD TWO STORY RESIDENTIAL BLDG, SLMO. SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN, FOR TWENTY EIGHT HUNDRED TO THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS. SHE HAS, FROM TIME TO TIME DEPOSITED HIS MONEY IN HER ACCOUNT. HE PURCHASED PRESENT FARM NEAR CENTER MO., TWENTY SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS. IF SHE GAVE CHECK FOR NINETEEN HUNDRED SHE IS SURE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN RETURN OF HIS MONEY OR LOAN, AS SHE IS CERTAIN SHE BOUGHT NO PART OF FARM. SHE VISITS HIM EVERY WEEKEND IF POSSIBLE. TAKES GROCERIES. IS ONLY MEMBER OF FAMILY WHO LOOKS AFTER HIM IN ANY WAY. WHEN FATHER LIVED IN SL WAS EMPLOYED AT FILLING STATIONS AND AT ONE TIME HAD JUNK SHOP.

BEFORE MARRIAGE IN SIXTYONE, SHE WAS KNOWN AS CAROL RYAN AND LIVED WITH FATHER AT ONE SEVEN TWO SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH, SL. CLAIMS POOR MEMORY FOR DATES AND ADDRESSES. BROTHER BUZZ LIVED WITH PART TIME. SUBJECT NEVER LIVED WITH THEM. HAS HAZY MEMORY OF SUBJECTS RETURN FROM ARMY WHEN SHE WAS SMALL GIRL. UNABLE TO RECALL HAVING SEEN MORE THAN FEW TIMES IN SL OR ELSEWHERE. MAY 21 1968

DENIES ANY FINANCIAL DEALINGS ANY TIME WITH SUBJECT. NOT AWARE OF ANY BANK ACCOUNTS OF HIS. UNABLE TO RECALL EVERY RECEIVING CHECKS FROM HIM UNDER TRUE NAME OR ALIASES. UNABLE TO RECALL RECEIVING CHECK TO ALBERT PEPPER STATIONERY CO. IS POSITIVE THERE NEVER WAS SUCH CO. OR [REDACTED] UNKNOWN \* TO HER.

END PAGE ONE

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HER MATERIAL POSSESSIONS INCLUDING HOME RESULT OF FRUGAL LIVING.  
WORKED FROM MARRIAGE UNTIL MOVED TO PRESENT HOME.

NEVER HEARD OF JOHN RAYS TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO. NO KNOWLEDGE  
FATHER EVER GAVE JOHN MONEY TO HOLD.

RE JERRY RAYNES:

REINTERVIEWED. SOLD HOUSE IN SL SUMMER SIXTYSEVEN FOR THIRTY TWO  
HUNDRED. TURNED MONEY OVER TO CAROL PEPPER. NEVER LOANED SON JOHN RAY  
ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, BUT LOAND HIM SEVEN HUNDRED THRU CAROL. WAS  
VAGUE RE DATES AND SPECIFICS GENERALLY.

RE FELLOW PRISONER [REDACTED]

REINTERVIEWED. DENIED ANY CONTACT WITH OR KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS  
WHEREABOUTS AFTER MSP ESCAPE. POINTED OUT RAY WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF  
KNOWING OF HIS RELEASE. KNEW RAY HAD FOUR FOR THREE LOAN BUSINESS,  
MSP, AS RAY ASKED IF HE NEEDED ANY MONEY SEVERAL TIMES. RAY ONCE

[REDACTED] PAID OFF DEBT OF UN-NAMED INMATE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RAY MAY HAVE SUEED AMPHETAMINE BUT  
[REDACTED] NEVER KNEW HIM TO SELL OR DEAL IN THAT OR ANY NARCOTIC. IN  
HISESTIMATION RAYPROBABLY HAD NO MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS  
ON ESCAPE..

RAY WORKED WITH HUNDRED FIFTY INMATES IN BAKERY. [REDACTED] DOUBTS  
OVER SIX OF THEM EVER HELD CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM TOTALING OVER HALF  
HOURS OVER. -CLOSE MOUTHED. NO FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY DISPLAYED. NO TALK  
OF TRAVEL OUTSIDE U. S. MENTIONED WEST COAST TRIP ONCE. PLACE SPOKEN  
OF MOSTLY WAS ILLINOIS. NO CLOSE TIES TO FAMILY INDICATED.

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THREE

NINETY FIVE PERCENT OF TALK WAS ABOUT GETTING OUT LEGALLY OR IL-  
LEGALLY.. RECALLED ONE FRIDAY OR SATURDAY RAY STATED HE HAD BEEN GRANTED  
PERMISSION TO ACCOMPANY ATTORNEY TO MO. SUPREME COURT HEARING. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOLLOWING SUNDAY [REDACTED] HEARD INMATE NAME NOT KNOWN, COMPLAIN  
SOMEONE HAD STOLEN SET OF HIDDEN CIVILIAN CLOTHING. FEW HOURS LATER  
PRISON SCUTTLEBUT WAS SOMEONE HAD WALKED OUT. [REDACTED] CONJECTURED IF SUB-  
JECT HAD CHANGED TO CIVILIAN CLOTHES, MINGLED WITH WEEKEND VISITORS, AND  
IF GUARD ON DOUBLE GATE WAS NEW, RAY PROBABLY COULD HAVE ESCAPED IN THIS  
MANNER.

[REDACTED] POSITIVE RAY WOULD NEVER HAVE COME TO SL AS PD AND FBI NOTOR-  
IOUS FOR DEVELOPING NETWORK OF INFORMATION<sup>ITS</sup> FROM EXCONS. BELIEVES <sup>RAY</sup> [REDACTED]  
NOT GUILTY OF KING KILLING AS CRIME COMPLETELY FOREIGN TO PERSONALITY.  
DOES NOT BELIEVE RAY WOULD KILL EXCEPT TO AVOID RETURN TO PRISON.  
RE FELLOW PRISONER [REDACTED] INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CON-  
TINUING TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AS PRINCIPAL SUSPECT IN BR, BANK OF LEADVILLE,  
MO., MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY. SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSE NO SIGNIFICANT  
ACTIVITY.

MISC: [REDACTED] KNEW RAY ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DECORE  
ONLY AS HOSPITAL PATIENT. NOT AWARE OF WHEREABOUT. SUBJECT UNKNOWN.  
V. P. WEBBE, WHO RECEIVED CHECKS FROM ACCOUNT BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECTS  
IN FIFTY NINE, DETERMINED TO BE SL BONDSMAN, DECEASED JUNE SIXTY-  
SEVEN. NO RECORDS.

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PAGE FOUR

RESOLUTION LOCAL LOOK ALIKES, EXCON INTERVIEWS AND TOLL RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

'CORR OAGE XXX PAGE TWO LINE 24 AND 25 "OVER HALF OVER" SHOULD  
READ "OVER HALF-HOURS", PAGE THREE LINE L3XX 13 WORD INFORXXX  
INFORATIONS SHOULD READ INFORMANTS—

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PLAINTEXT

May 20, 1968

1 - Mr. McDonough

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MURKIN

BUREAU IS IN RECEIPT OF ANONYMOUS RELIGIOUS GREETING CARD  
ON WHICH WAS WRITTEN IN PEN, "MARTIN L. KING. RAY AT  
[REDACTED] MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE."

CALL AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

HANDLE.

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

1-47 PM URGENT 5/20/68 TL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ATLANTA

FROM SAC KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY EIGHTEEN LAST TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS  
RE [REDACTED] TELEPHONE CALLS MADE JUNE  
SIXTYSEVEN FROM PHONE OF [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES,  
CALIF., TO [REDACTED]

MAY TWENTY INSTANT, [REDACTED]  
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO., CHATTANOOGA,  
TENN., ADVISED ABOVE PHONE REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GA., NOV. TWENTYTHREE  
SIXTYSIX TO APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT WHEN DISCONNECTED.

[REDACTED] ELECTRIC POWER BOARD, CHATTANOOGA, ADVISED  
[REDACTED] RESIDED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GA., DEC. THREE SIXTYSIX TO PRESENT. FORMERLY  
RESIDED [REDACTED] DEC. TWENTYONE  
SIXTYFIVE TO DEC. SIX SIXTYSIX; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] JAN. TWENTYTWO SIXTYFIVE TO DEC. TWENTYONE.

SIXTYFIVE: AND [REDACTED] PRIOR  
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NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN CURRENT CHATTANOOGA CITY DIRECTORY  
LISTS [REDACTED] GA., AS OCCUPIED BY

[REDACTED] PHONE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WIFE [REDACTED], HAVE NO OCCUPATION  
LISTED. NO RECORD OF EIGHTER CHATTANOOGA CREDIT BUREAU.

ATLANTA, AT [REDACTED] GA., CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGA-  
TION RE [REDACTED]

MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED VIA AMSD.

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26 PM URGENT 5/20/68 PHM

DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS

OM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

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RE MEMPHIS TEL MAY SIXTEEN, LAST.

INFO RECEIVED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) SUBJECT  
RNERD ANYWHERE FROM ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS TO TWELVE  
DOLLARS PER MONTH WORKING IN PRISON BAKERY. ON PAGES SEVENTYNINE  
THROUGH EIGHTYFOUR OF KANSAS CITY REPORT SHOWS EARNINGS IN COLUMNS  
UNDER EARNINGS DR OR CR. OTHER MONIES DEPOSITED BY INMATES WERE  
UNDER CASH CREDIT COLUMN AND WITHDRAWALS BY INMATES UNDER  
WITHDRAWAL COLUMN. PRISONERS INTERVIEWED IN PAST ADVISED SUBJECT  
HAD MONEY IN PRISON BOTH BY SELLING BOOKS AND DRUGS. ALSO ONE  
PRISONER ADVISED RAY WOULD LOAN MONEY TO OTHER PRISONERS,  
GIVING BACK THREE DOLLARS FOR EVERY TWO DOLLARS LOANED. INMATE  
LEAVENWORTH, [REDACTED] ADVISED HE FELT RAY COULD MAKE  
AN AVERAGE OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH FROM DRUG SALES AND  
THAT THE GUARDS TAKE MONEY OUT OF PRISON FOR HIM FOR A PERCENTAGE.  
[REDACTED] WOULD NOT ELABORATE ON THIS.

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RECORDS, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, TOPEKA, KS., FAILED TO REVEAL ANY UNIDENTIFIED MALE DEATHS IN STATE OF KANSAS SINCE APRIL FIVE, LAST, HOWEVER, THEY ADVISE THAT THE COUNTIES HAVE UNTIL JUNE TEN, NEXT, TO SEND IN ANY DEATH CERTIFICATES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY. *(1000/10/11)*

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1121 AM URGENT 5/20/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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Mr. Casper	_____
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INMATE [REDACTED] MSP, REINTERVIEWED AND ADVISED THAT HE  
DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED HE IS SORRY HE EVER SAID ANYTHING  
TO THE FBI, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGAIN STATED THAT HE IS  
CERTAIN IT WAS THE SUMMER OF SIXTYSEVEN AND NOT ANY TIME PREVIOUS.

[REDACTED] CURRENTLY INCARCERATED USP-LEAVENWORTH,  
KS., ADVISED THAT SUBJECT'S CLOSEST FRIEND AT MSP WAS A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE HAS BEEN RELEASED AND IS CURRENTLY RESIDING AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ST. LOUIS, MO.

ST. LOUIS, INTERVIEW [REDACTED] FOR @DOZ: IQPMAY HAVE  
REGARDING SUBJECT.

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FBI ST LOUIS

333BXXXX 333 PM URGENT 5-20-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760), AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2-P

MURKIN.

REKCTEL, MAY SIXTEEN, LAST:

[REDACTED] FORMER INMATE, MSP, ADVISED WAS NOT  
ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY WHILE INCARCERATED MSP. ON BASIS  
OF NAME AND PHOTO HE BELIEVES RAY IS IDENTICAL TO AN INDIVIDUAL  
WHO WORKED WITH [REDACTED] FOR SHORT PERIOD IN LATE FIFTIES AT  
JOPLIN, MO. [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BUSINESS AND  
WOULD ALSO QUOTE FINGER UNQUOTE RESIDENCES AND BUSINESS  
ESTABLISHMENTS IN JOPLIN AREA. ON PRETEXT OF FREE INSPECTION OF  
PREMISES, RAY WOULD GAIN ENTRANCE TO CASE ESTABLISHMENT FOR  
POSSIBLE ROBBERY OR BURGLARY OR IF OWNER WAS GULLIBLE WOULD  
ATTEMPT TO SELL A [REDACTED] AS OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO  
[REDACTED] WORKING AT [REDACTED] ON

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[REDACTED] JOPLIN, MO. AND HANGS OUT AT EL [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] KNEW RAY ONLY THROUGH THEIR MUTUAL ASSOCIATION  
WITH [REDACTED], WHO IS W/M, AGE FORTYTWO. [REDACTED] WISHES HIS  
IDENTITY BE CONCEALED AS THE SOURCE OF ABOVE INFO.

KANSAS CITY AT JOPLIN: ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED]  
AND DETERMINE IF HE EMPLOYED RAY AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF HIS  
BACKGROUND.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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FBI MEMPHIS

521PM URGENT 5-20-68 DGB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND PHOENIX (44-371)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE PHOENIX AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN LAST REGARDING

PHOENIX WILL ARRANGE TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] UPON  
HIS RETURN TO PHOENIX OR FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA.

HE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED SPECIFICALLY TO DETERMINE IF HE  
MADE THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TO THE COCONINO COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN FLAGSTAFF ON APRIL TWENTY LAST. IF HE  
DENIES MAKING THIS PHONE CALL HE SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY  
INTERVIEWED CONCERNING INFORMATION FURNISHED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FLAGSTAFF PD, TO THE EFFECT THAT [REDACTED] HAD BEEN [REDACTED] MAY 21 1968  
FULLY INFORMED OF THE ASSASSINATION PLOT WHICH INVOLVED A  
GROUP OF EX CONS ALL KNOWN TO HIM. WILL ASCERTAIN WHY [REDACTED]  
DOES NOT BELIEVE RAY WAS THE ACTUAL KILLER.

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456 PM URGENT 5/20/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY.

TWO LARGE X-RAYS OF SUBJECT'S SINUSES SHOWING PROFILE OF  
TEETH SENT TO BUREAU AND RECORDS BUREAU VITAL STATISTICS  
REVAL NO UNIDENTIFIED WM DEATHS IN THE STATE OF KANSAS SINCE APRIL  
FIFTY, LAST.

EXPLANATION OF SUBJECT'S FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AT MSP  
SUBMITTED. ONE FORMER INMATE ADVISED GUARDS WOULD TAKE MONEY OUT  
FOR PRISONERS FOR A PRICE.

[REDACTED] ST. LOUIS, REPORTED TO BE ONE OF SUBJECT'S  
CLOSEST FRIENDS.

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INMATE [REDACTED] RE-INTERVIEWED, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FURNISHED THIS WITNESS  
ADDRESS. ST. LOUIS ADVISED.

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Date: 5/20/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
C R  
(OO: ME)

Re: UNIDENTIFIED DEAD

Re Bureau airtel to all offices, 5/9/68.

On May 17, 1968, Mrs. CORAL ALFORD, Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas, advised her department maintains a file in which it is required that a record be posted of all unidentified dead located in the State of Arkansas. During the calendar year 1968, the only person reported in this file was an infant.

All Special Agents are being requested to be alert for unidentified dead in the state.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Little Rock  
LJM/ds  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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645PM URGENT 5-20-68 WRH

TO DIRECTOR, PITTSBURGH AND MEMPHIS  
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893)

MURKIN

RE JAMES EARL RAY

[REDACTED], CINCINNATI, ADVISED TODAY  
HIS WIFE, [REDACTED] RECEIVED LETTER FROM HER MOTHER, [REDACTED] NO  
STREET NUMBER OR TELEPHONE, [REDACTED] IN WHICH MOTHER  
STATED [REDACTED], JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA,  
NO TELEPHONE, WHO IS SISTER OF [REDACTED] HAD PERFORMED SOME DOMESTIC  
WORK FOR "KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING."

[REDACTED] EXHIBITED LETTER WHICH DID NOT MENTION RAY BY NAME, BUT  
STATED RAY RECENTLY MOVED TO WITHIN A FEW BLOCKS OF [REDACTED] A SHORT  
TIME AGO, HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD, DRIVES A CADILLAC, LIVES WITH A  
WOMAN, NAME UNKNOWN, AND IS WELL SUPPLIED WITH MONEY.

APPARENTLY SUGGESTED TO [REDACTED] THAT PERSON BELIEVED TO BE RAY DOES

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CONSIDERABLE DRINKING AND WHILE UNDER INFLUENCE MADE STATEMENTS WHICH CONVINCED [REDACTED] OF HIS IDENTITY.

[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ARE RELATIVELY UNEDUCATED, BUT NOT GIVEN TO EXAGGERATION AND FOR THAT REASON PLACED SOME CREDENCE IN INFORMATION AND ACCORDINGLY ADVISED FBI.

PITTSBURGH WILL RESOLVE IDENTITY OF ABOVE INDIVIDUAL.

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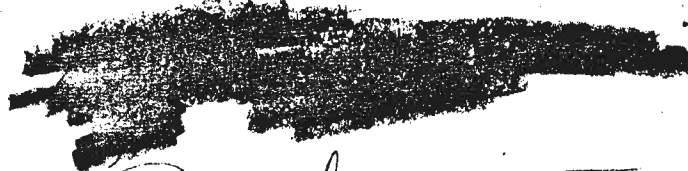
Shreveport La

I am Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
to let you know that  
I believe that Mr. James Earl  
Ray is Eric Starvo Galt  
is hiding out at [redacted]  
house in Dallas, Texas  
Have the F.B.I. to surround  
the house from front to  
back I certainly need your  
help I lost my uncle  
I will be looking to here  
from you Real soon  
don't call [redacted]  
at all because he might  
try to slip Galt hurry  
up and tend to this  
Right away please do not  
mention my name at all

CORRESPONDENCE

44-38861-5

is. is all from



send my Badge to  
be a secret F.B.I.  
and Nick But me a  
nickle Plated .38  
Revolver I will look to  
here from you  
also a wallet with Badge

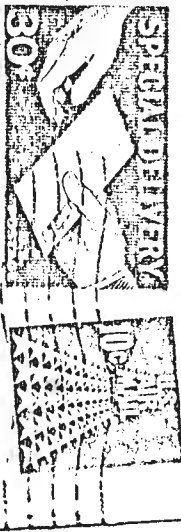
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It was post, then



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Michigan Edgar  
Washington D.C.

May 21, 1968

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To: SAC, New Orleans

1 - Mr. Bates

From: Director, FBI

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Enclosed are two copies of an undated letter received from [REDACTED] Shreveport, Louisiana, postmarked 5/16/68.

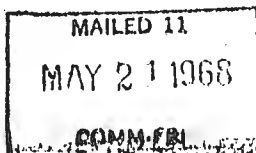
[REDACTED] infers that he has information that James Earl Ray is hiding out with one [REDACTED] in Dallas, Texas. Immediately interview [REDACTED] for details and take whatever action is appropriate based upon results of the interview. It appears from [REDACTED] letter, that he is possibly mentally disturbed.

Enclosures (2)

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 21, 1968

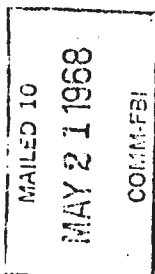
Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680517109 JK

Examination requested by: Atlanta  
Reference: Letter 5/15/68  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q341.



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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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JHM:AWQ (10)

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN  
CR

Date: May 21, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680517109 JK

Specimens received 5/17/68

Q341 Registration card of [REDACTED] in the name [REDACTED]

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q341 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known hand printing and handwriting appear on K171, K211 and K257.

Q341 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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Loach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Rush \_\_\_\_\_  
Saper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Goren \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Javel \_\_\_\_\_  
Kotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Lis, P. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
Walt \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 21, 1968

Date:

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680518001 JK

Examination requested by: San Diego  
Reference: Airtel 5/16/68  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination of the two submitted items.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to San Diego and Memphis dated 5/18/68.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - San Diego (44-387) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
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JHM:AW (10)

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 21, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN  
CR

Lab. No. D-680518001 JK

Specimens received 5/18/68

SPECIMEN	CHECK #	AMOUNT	DATE	PAYABLE TO	SIGNED	BANK
Q343	391	\$5000.00	5/14/68	C. C. Alley	[REDACTED]	Security First National Bank, Chula Vista, California

Q344 Deposit receipt dated 5/14/68 for \$5000.00, bearing the signature [REDACTED]

**Result of examination:**

Significant differences were noted as the result of comparing the [REDACTED] signatures on Q343 and Q344 with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, K171, K211 and K257, indicating that the questioned Marshall signatures were probably not prepared by Ray.

Because of variations within the limited questioned signatures a definite conclusion was not reached.

Q343 and Q344 are temporarily retained. Photographs were made.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Wick \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

JHM:AW (10)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐



1-Mr. Rosen (Attn: Mr. Long)  
1-Mr. Frazier  
1-Office, 7133

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

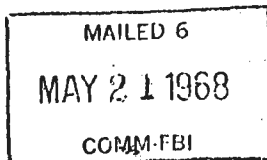
MURKIN

On 4-26-68 numerous items of evidence were returned by courier to your office for return to the Memphis Police Department in connection with this case.

Included in the boxes containing these items were certain items recovered by the Memphis Office. These items, for record purposes, are listed below and should be retained by your office:

Q65 - Q67 Three twenty-dollar bills  
Q71 Board from bathroom windowsill

K30 Soil sample from where gun and bedspread abandoned  
K44 - K49 Soil samples - Rebel Motel area  
K50-K59 Soil samples - 488 - 422 $\frac{1}{2}$  South Main Street



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Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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TELETYPE

URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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[REDACTED] REGARDING THIS CASE. COPY MAILED TO MEMPHIS.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re: Suspects [REDACTED]

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory are two hotel registration cards from the William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee re registration for [REDACTED], San Francisco, and [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] Kansas City, Kansas, for 4/4/68.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to determine if the handwriting and handprinting appearing on these registration cards are identical with the known handwriting and handprinting of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405 942 G.

The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to determine if there are any latent prints of an evidentiary value on these registration cards.

If prints of an evidentiary value are located, they should be compared with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405 942 G.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/17/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/24 - 5/16/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY aka - FUGITIVE, IO #4182, WF #442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (Deceased) - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/29/68  
at New Orleans

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## LEADS:

No leads are being set forth in this report as all are being handled by telephone and teletype during progress of this investigation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being provided to the Atlanta, Birmingham and Los Angeles Offices for information purposes and any possible assistance and in anticipation of subsequent investigation.

All criminal and appropriate security and racial informants in the New Orleans Division are being contacted on a continuing basis. To date no information has been developed through these contacts. Identities of informants and contacting Agents are not being set forth; but are being maintained in the New Orleans file in this matter.

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A review of unsolved Bank Robbery and Bank Burglary matters in the New Orleans Division revealed no unsolved cases in these categories since 4/23/67, in which latent fingerprints are suitable for comparison with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

Law enforcement agencies in La. have been contacted to determine the possibility that RAY may have been involved in a burglary or robbery not within FBI jurisdiction and may be of interest to local police departments. Law enforcement agencies within the New Orleans Division have been contacted and some advise they maintain no unknown latent fingerprint file; however, others do maintain such a record. However, the unknown latent fingerprints of these agencies, when compared with the known fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, were determined not to be identical. The identities of the individuals and law enforcement agencies contacted are not being set forth in this report, but are being made a matter of record and kept on file in the New Orleans Office.

Investigation has also been conducted by the New Orleans Office at all known "hippie" rooming houses in residential areas in Louisiana, as well as similar establishments, in an effort to obtain any information concerning RAY. This investigation has been unproductive and the identities of the persons contacted, as well as the location, is not being set forth in this report, but is being kept in the New Orleans file in this matter.

All Agents of the New Orleans Office, including Resident Agents, have been instructed to alert all local and state law enforcement agencies to be on the alert for any stolen or abandoned vehicle found in Louisiana bearing Georgia license plate. A review has also been conducted of new ITSMV cases since 3/23/68 wherein the subject was not identified and the car was stolen in Georgia, in an effort to determine if there was any connection with the theft of this car and JAMES EARL RAY. To date, this review has been unproductive.

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For the information of the Bureau, the names and addresses of persons appearing on the registration cards of the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, La., for the period of December 17-19, 1967, were obtained. A communication has been sent to Offices covering the residences of these individuals with leads to locate and interview these individuals for any information and exhibit a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

In an attempt to locate and identify JOE PARISH, who registered at the Provincial Motel during the pertinent period, [REDACTED] Belle Chasse, Louisiana, [REDACTED] (protect) advised on May 10, 1968, that [REDACTED] no individual by the name of JOE PARISH was [REDACTED] in Belle Chasse, Louisiana, area.

As indicated in the details of this report it is apparent that JAMES EARL RAY was in New Orleans, Louisiana, on the evening of March 21, 1968. In an effort to determine if RAY may have stayed in New Orleans on this evening, the following investigation was conducted:

Registration cards for motels and hotels located in the New Orleans French Quarter as well as motels located on Tulane Avenue, which is located adjacent to the downtown area and motels located along U. S. Highway 90 East, also known as Chef Menteur Highway, were checked for the period 3/17-24/68. No registration card for RAY under his true name or known aliases could be located. The identities of the persons contacted or motels or hotels, are not being set forth, but are being made a matter of record in the New Orleans file in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

## Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: NEW ORLEANS

## Date:

5/17/68

## Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 44-38861

## Title:

JAMES EARL RAY  
IO #4182, WF #442-A;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
(Deceased) - VICTIM

## Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

## Synopsis:

Employees of Provincial Motel Cafe, New Orleans, contacted and exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results. Relatives and acquaintances of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN interviewed. Some recall STEIN appearing in New Orleans in December, 1967, as well as observing an individual with STEIN who was introduced to them by STEIN variously as ERIC or GALT. STEIN indicated this person had driven him from Los Angeles to New Orleans. These persons state that GALT was uncommunicative and they had little contact with him. Investigation has determined that a cardboard box for daughter of MARIE STEIN was delivered to relative of STEINS in New Orleans sometime between 3/17 and 24/68, probably on 3/21/68. Relative who accepted box could not identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as person delivering box. Relatives and acquaintances of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN provided no information which could assist in location of JAMES EARL RAY. Motels and hotels in New Orleans French Quarter as well as other areas of New Orleans for the period of 3/17-24/68 were checked; however, no registration card for RAY under true name or known aliases were located. Investigation at rooming houses New Orleans negative. Manifests of passengers on Delta Airlines flight 106 for 4/5,6/68 examined; however, there was no record of RAY under his true name or known aliases. Members of crews of these flights exhibited photographs of RAY with negative results. Telephone calls to Lake Charles, La., on 12/17/67; to Shreveport, La., on 12/15/67 from Yuma, Arizona; to Greenwood, La., from Alpine, Texas, apparently have no relationship to subject. [REDACTED]

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██████████ stated he is unaware of any alleged assassination plot in Baton Rouge, La., area where businessmen had allegedly taken up a collection of money. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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CITY MAP OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AREA  
showing alleged points of contact by  
JAMES EARL RAY

1) Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street

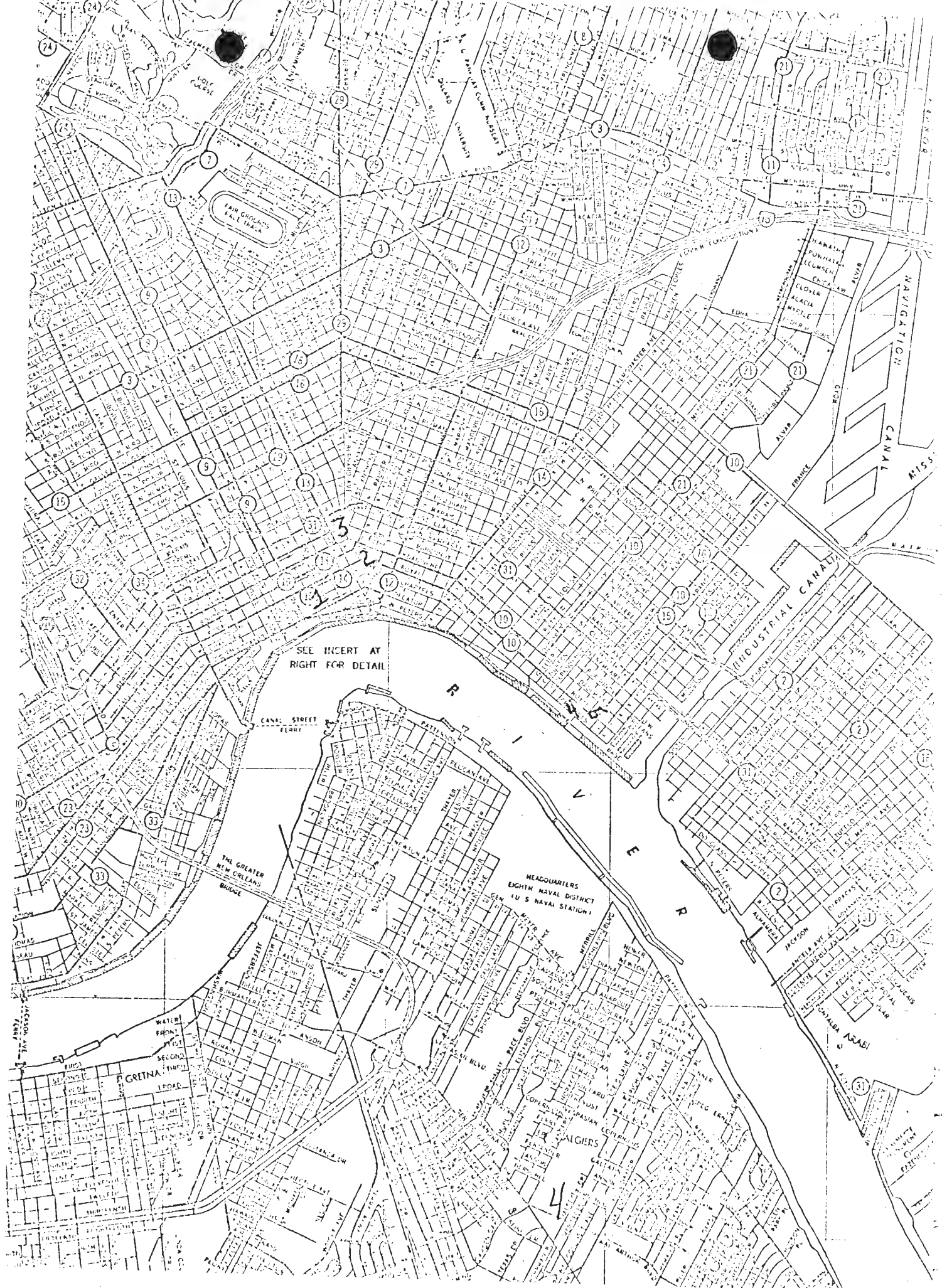
2) [REDACTED] Residence, [REDACTED]

3) Former Residence of [REDACTED]  
in December, 1967

4) [REDACTED] Residence, [REDACTED]

5) [REDACTED] Residence, [REDACTED]





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INVESTIGATION AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL,  
1024 CHARTRES STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,  
WHERE ERIC S. GALT STAYED FROM DECEMBER 17-19, 1967

Previous investigation has determined that the individuals whose identities are set forth in the following pages of this report were either working at the motel or a guest at the motel during the pertinent period.

Date May 14, 19681

GLORIA YOUNG, waitress, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall anyone using the name ERIC GALT.

She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize this individual as anyone she had seen at the cafe or anywhere else other than in the newspapers.

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Date May 14, 19681

BEVERLY WILLIAMS, waitress, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall anyone using the name ERIC GALT.

She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize this individual as anyone she had seen at the cafe or anywhere else other than in the newspapers.

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Date May 14, 19681

YVONNE RILEY, waitress, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall anyone using the name ERIC GALT.

She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize this individual as anyone she had seen at the cafe or anywhere else other than in the newspapers.

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Date May 14, 19681

EVELYN REVERTIGA, owner, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall any guests named ERIC GALT. She advised that she does not generally get to know the guests personally.

She was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize the photograph as resembling anyone she had seen in person or served in the cafe.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 10, 1968:

Mr. ROLAND CHIARA, apartment house owner, 716 Governor Nichols, advised that Mr. ARCHIE A. CASBARIAN no longer resides at this address but can be located at the Royal Orleans Hotel [REDACTED].

Mr. ARCHIE A. CASBARIAN, [REDACTED], Royal Orleans Hotel, advised that he recalls spending the night of December 19, 1967, at the Provincial Motel on [REDACTED] Chartres Street. Mr. CASBARIAN advised that he checked into the motel late at night, spent a few hours, and checked out early the next morning and does not recall talking to anyone during his stay. He advised that he does not recollect observing JAMES EARL RAY at the motel during the night of December 19, 1967. Mr. CASBARIAN further stated that he could furnish no information whatsoever regarding the subject at the Provincial Motel.

On the same date the following individuals advised that a search of the files of their respective agencies revealed no record identifiable with one JOE PARISH:

[REDACTED]  
New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau

[REDACTED]  
New Orleans Police Department

[REDACTED]  
New Orleans Police Department

The following investigation was conducted at Belle Chasse, Louisiana, on May 10, 1968:

[REDACTED] Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office, advised that he knows of no individual residing in the Belle Chasse area with the name of JOE PARISH.

A review of the Southern Bell Telephone Directory for New Orleans, Louisiana, and the 1968 Polks Directory for New Orleans Suburb revealed no listing for a JOE PARISH.

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INTERVIEWS WITH  
RELATIVES AND ACQUAINTANCES OF  
CHARLES J. STEIN AND MARIE MARTIN  
AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA



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[REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she is the wife of [REDACTED] who resides with her at the [REDACTED] address. [REDACTED] stated that she is the mother of MARIE MARTIN, who currently resides in Los Angeles, California.

[REDACTED] stated that she is aware that during recent months her daughter, MARIE MARTIN, has sent to New Orleans, on two different occasions, two boxes of clothing belonging to [REDACTED] eighteen year old daughter of MARIE MARTIN, and who resides part time with friends - [REDACTED] New Orleans, as well as with [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] residence.

In connection with the delivery of the two boxes of clothing, [REDACTED] advised as follows:

[REDACTED] received a telephone call from MARIE MARTIN sometime in early February, 1968, advising her that she was sending, with a friend, a box of clothing belonging to [REDACTED]. On a Sunday afternoon, at approximately 2:00 P.M., about a week or two prior to St. Patrick's Day, [REDACTED] was sitting on her front porch when she observed a small white vehicle go past her residence the wrong way on a one-way street. She stated that this car, after it had passed her residence, turned around in a driveway and then parked directly in front of her residence. [REDACTED] recognized the driver of this car to be her nephew, CHARLES STEIN, whom she had not seen for approximately three years, and who, for the past several years, has been a resident of Los Angeles, California. CHARLES STEIN alighted from the car and obtained a cardboard box from either inside the car or the trunk of the car, this point not specifically recalled by [REDACTED]. STEIN carried the box up to the front porch and placed it along side [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] invited STEIN and an individual, whom she observed to have remained in the right front side of the vehicle, into the house for a cup of coffee. STEIN thereupon called to his companion if he cared to come in for a cup of coffee and this individual stated he did not care to come in.

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by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/25/68

[REDACTED] is unable to furnish a description of the individual who remained in the car, other than his being a white male with dark hair. [REDACTED] recalled that this individual was sort of hunched up in the seat and looked as though he were somewhat cramped from a long drive. [REDACTED] did not observe this individual to turn his face in her direction.

STEIN advised that his companion was tired after a long trip and wanted to take a bath and that therefore he and his friend would go on, but that he, STEIN, would drop back. [REDACTED] stated that STEIN did not return and she has not seen him since that occasion. [REDACTED] stated that she subsequently made telephonic contact with [REDACTED] within a day or two after delivery of the box and advised her that the box of clothing which her mother had sent from Los Angeles, had arrived at the [REDACTED] residence.

In connection with the second box of clothing, [REDACTED] remembers that MARIE MARTIN telephonically contacted [REDACTED] and told her that she was sending a second box of clothing with a friend and that it would arrive in New Orleans, in a few days. [REDACTED] stated that she subsequently learned from her daughter-in-law, [REDACTED], who resides at [REDACTED] New Orleans, and which residence is just around the corner from the [REDACTED] residence, that the second box of clothing had been delivered to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was unable to recall any date that this second box arrived, but thinks that it was probably sometime around the middle of March, 1968. The second box was delivered to the [REDACTED] residence by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] and her husband, [REDACTED], son of [REDACTED] reside at [REDACTED] New Orleans, which is the residence of [REDACTED] daughter of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] understands from [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was not at home when the second box was delivered.

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[REDACTED] is a seaman who is currently employed by the [REDACTED] in New Orleans, and who is currently aboard the [REDACTED] which is on a trip to Hawaii, and Viet Nam.

[REDACTED] had been on an ocean trip from November, 1967, to March 2, 1968, and then departed on the current trip on March 5, 1968, from which he has not yet returned.

[REDACTED], by her own admission, possesses a poor recall as to dates.

[REDACTED] advised that she has the following relatives living in the New Orleans area:

[REDACTED], New Orleans, who is currently unemployed, but is a former [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the French Quarter (son);

[REDACTED], wife of [REDACTED] and who lives with her husband at the [REDACTED] address (daughter-in-law);

[REDACTED] (daughter), who is reportedly employed as a [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] in the French Quarter;

[REDACTED] (son-in-law), [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (sister);  
[REDACTED] is the mother of CHARLES STEIN.

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[REDACTED] advised after a review of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that to the best of her knowledge she had never seen this individual.

[REDACTED] said she is unable to furnish the names of any friends of CHARLES STEIN who currently reside in New Orleans.

[REDACTED] furnished her telephone number as [REDACTED]

Date 4/26/68

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[REDACTED] eighteen year old daughter of MARIE MARTIN, and granddaughter of [REDACTED] was interviewed at the residence and in the presence of [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana. [REDACTED] advised as follows:

[REDACTED] lived with her mother on [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, from a period of July, 1966, to August, 1966, and again from a period of February 16, 1967, to late April, 1967. During this last period of residence in Los Angeles, she lived with her mother on [REDACTED] Los Angeles. [REDACTED] has no recollection of exact addresses, but does recall that she and her mother lived in the first floor of an apartment house on [REDACTED], located near [REDACTED], and that they occupied a house on [REDACTED] during the last visit.

[REDACTED], who had intended to attend high school in Los Angeles, and did attend Marshall High School in Los Angeles, for one or two days, discovered that she did not like the high school or Los Angeles as a city, and thus the reason for her return to New Orleans.

[REDACTED] has, since her last return from Los Angeles, received two boxes of clothing and personal effects from her mother and which clothing and personal effects she had left behind when she departed for New Orleans. The first box was received by [REDACTED] about two weeks after December 11, 1967, which date [REDACTED] reentered high school in New Orleans, and thus the reason why she remembers the approximate time that she received the first box of clothing.

On March 16, 1968, [REDACTED] received a telephone call from her mother in Los Angeles, at which time her mother advised her that she was sending, with a friend, a second box of clothing and that the name of this friend is ERIC. The mother stated that the box probably would arrive in a couple of days. [REDACTED] remembers the exact date of this

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phone call because she recalls mentioning to her mother that her grandmother, [REDACTED], would be coming to dinner on St. Patrick's Day. [REDACTED] at this time, and also at the present time, is residing with friends at [REDACTED] New Orleans, and this is the location where she received the telephone call from her mother.

[REDACTED] actually received the second box on March 24, 1968, and further that she received this box from [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] had indicated that the box had been delivered to the residence of [REDACTED] and then subsequently brought to the [REDACTED] residence by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] remembers the date March 24, 1968, because she made a note in her diary under this date that she had received a box of clothing from her grandmother.

[REDACTED] recalls that both boxes had been wrapped in brown wrapping paper which she says has now been thrown away and that she seems to recall that the second box had been open, with the brown wrapping paper torn when she received it. The boxes were both cardboard and have since been disposed of.

[REDACTED] recalls that the first box contained a picture album of photographs that she had taken of scenic views and of friends in the Los Angeles area, as well as dresses, shoes, and perfumes.

[REDACTED] recalls that the second box, which she thinks was perhaps a box originally utilized for cartons of Kent cigarettes, contained some of her phonograph records, skirts, blouses, shoes, boots, and some old hair dressing which she said she threw away because it was not sufficiently fresh.

[REDACTED] while residing with her mother in Los Angeles, never heard the name ERIC GALT mentioned and upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY stated that she had never before seen this individual.

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[REDACTED] recalls seeing CHARLES STEIN on occasion in Los Angeles, but has not seen him since her last departure from California.





viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual who appeared at the door was older, possibly in his late forties or early fifties, and that she did not recognize the photographs of RAY at all as any person she had ever seen previously.

denied that she possessed any information concerning the telephone call that her husband had taken earlier in the evening concerning the delivery of the box of clothing.

stated her husband, is currently unemployed, but had previously been a . She denied that she had any idea where her husband or could be located and stated she did not know if they would return to the residence that evening or even if they would return the following day. steadfastly maintained that she did not possess any specific recall as to the month or date that the box of clothing was delivered by the male individual.

further maintained that she does not recall who picked the box of clothing up from the residence for delivery to daughter of MARIE MARTIN. advised that is currently employed as a at the in the French Quarter.

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[redacted] stated that he recalls receiving a telephone call sometime in the evening within the last two months from an unknown male. In explanation [redacted] stated he had just recently returned to New Orleans that day from a two-day hard driving road trip and that normally it took him a day or two to relax from such a trip and stated he was at the time of the phone call still "punchy." It is noted that [redacted] is a [redacted]

In further recollection concerning the telephone call [redacted] stated he could only recall the individual asking him for his address and that he was bringing a box. [redacted] was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he could not recall ever seeing such an individual.

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[redacted] wife of [redacted] stated that upon further recollection from her previous interview the night before, stated that both she and her husband, after receiving a telephone call from an unknown male, who advised he was bringing a box, stayed up until approximately 10:00 or 10:30 p.m. that evening and thereafter went to bed. Approximately one-half hour later she recalls someone knocking at the door and that her husband stated he did not wish to be bothered by any visitors and that thereafter she answered the door, accepted the box, which she described as an opened box similar to a canned goods box one would receive from a grocery store to carry home purchases. She stated she recalled asking the individual how MIMI was and could recall no further conversation. She stated she did not let him in the house or turn on any lights. She further recalled that at this time it was raining and windy. She stated that she felt the individual was approximately 5'7" to 5'8" tall and could not identify any photographs of RAY.

She further recalled that [redacted] mother of her husband, [redacted] came by their residence approximately two days later when she was bringing [redacted] daughter, [redacted], home from school; and, at this time, picked up the box and took it back to her, [redacted] residence. [redacted] stated she had no knowledge of RAY's previous trip to New Orleans with STEIN in December, 1967. She stated she did not see STEIN and if she knew of the trip it would have been by word of mouth from her sister-in-law, [redacted]

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HAROLD MONROE, Meteorologist, United States Weather Bureau, Federal Building, 701 Loyola Avenue, furnished a local climatological data sheet which reflects weather conditions for the month of March, 1968.

This sheet reflected that the only measurable rain fall occurring during the period from March 17, 1968, through March 24, 1968, occurred between 10:00 AM, March 21, 1968, and 12:00 noon, March 22, 1968.

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[redacted] residing [redacted], and employed at the [redacted] in the French Quarter, advised that she recalls approximately one month ago seeing a box sitting in the living room of her residence with some clothes and other items which she could not recall. She stated that she subsequently learned from her brother or sister-in-law that these were items of clothes for MIMI's daughter, [redacted].

[redacted] stated that this is the only box of clothing she saw or knew about. However, she recalls that in the middle or latter part of December, 1967, and places the date as December 18 because she does not work on Sundays or Tuesdays, which would be December 17 and 19 respectively, being at her cousin, [redacted] residence in the [redacted] block of [redacted]. She stated at this time she was there to see her other cousin, CHARLIE STEIN and recalls STEIN receiving a phone call from an unnamed individual which resulted in STEIN asking her the direction for this person to reach the [redacted] Street address. She does not recall now where STEIN stated this individual was located at the time of the call. She further recalls that this was in the vicinity of 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, and that she was anxious to leave for work. She stated she left the residence and while standing by the street in front of the residence a white male individual approached them and was introduced to her by CHARLIE STEIN. She recalled that she immediately left for her place of employment and did not take notice of the name of the individual or any particular descriptive data concerning him. [redacted] was unable to recognize any of the photographs of RAY as the individual to whom she was introduced by STEIN. She further recalled that her cousin, [redacted], was still at the residence when she, [redacted], left.

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[REDACTED] advised upon recollection that sometime approximately a month ago she brought [REDACTED] daughter, to the [REDACTED] residence and at this time picked up a box which was for [REDACTED] and took it back to her house on [REDACTED] Street. Approximately two days later she gave it to [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Gretna, Louisiana, telephone [redacted] advised she is a sister of CHARLES STEIN, and she formerly resided at [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana.

[redacted] stated that in December, 1967, the exact date unrecalled, her brother, CHARLES STEIN, came to stay with her. She advised STEIN stayed for three days and two nights. She advised STEIN came into New Orleans late one evening, and was to leave the following day, but his plans were changed, and he stayed one additional day.

She advised that STEIN came to New Orleans to pick up RITA STEIN's two children, and transport them back to Los Angeles, California. She advised that while in New Orleans, STEIN stayed at her residence on [redacted] Street.

She advised that she did not see the individual that brought STEIN to her residence, but she was later introduced to this individual, who was identified by STEIN, as ERIC GALT.

She advised she questioned STEIN about his travel to New Orleans, and was advised by STEIN that MARIE MARTIN had overheard an individual in California, state that he was going to New Orleans for a day on business, and MARIE approached this individual and arranged for STEIN to ride with him to New Orleans. STEIN advised [redacted] that he did not know this individual before this time.

[redacted] advised on the second day of STEIN's visit, he became worried that the individual who transported him to New Orleans, might leave him or forget where to pick him up, so STEIN called the Provincial Motel, and asked this individual to come to his sister's home, so he would be sure and know exactly where to pick him up. She stated about five minutes after this call, an individual driving a white Mustang pulled up in front of her residence. She stated that when this car pulled up, she and her brother, CHARLES STEIN, were standing on the porch. The driver of the white Mustang

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walked up to the front porch, and STEIN said "ERIC say hello to [REDACTED]". [REDACTED] advised that she acknowledged the introduction, but ERIC did not say anything. ERIC merely leaned against the post on the porch, and kept looking at the ground. She stated she talked to her brother for several moments, and then her brother asked if he was going to leave and ERIC replied "Well I don't know". She advised that she had to go shopping, so she left, and when she returned, in about an hour, ERIC had departed, and CHARLES was in her home watching television.

[REDACTED] advised the white Mustang, driven by ERIC GALT, bore a white license plate, state and number unknown. She described GALT as an extremely quiet individual, with no distinguishing characteristics, with the exception of a long skinny nose. She described GALT as a white male, 30 to 33, 5'10", medium build, light hair, and having a long skinny nose.

She stated that STEIN informed her that GALT did not permit him to spend any money on the trip, and GALT paid for everything, but his method of payment was not known to her.

[REDACTED] advised that she has not heard from or seen STEIN or GALT since that time, and does not know of any additional trips that GALT may have made to New Orleans since that time.

She advised that she did not see Galt, with the exception of the one encounter on the porch of her residence. She stated that when GALT came to pick up STEIN and the two children, he did not get out of the car, but merely pulled up in front of her residence, and honked the horn, and she told her brother, "CHARLIE, ERIC is here." She stated she did not leave the residence, and that CHARLES STEIN and the two children entered GALT's car, and they departed.

She advised that MARIE MARTIN has several relatives that live in the New Orleans area, one of which is her sister, [REDACTED], who lives on [REDACTED] Street, and also [REDACTED]. MARTIN has a daughter in New Orleans, named [REDACTED], whose residence she did not know.



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[REDACTED] and his mother [REDACTED], were interviewed in the New Orleans Office, on April 26, 1968, by SA [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] advised that he recalls last seeing his father on the Sunday, approximately one week before Christmas, 1967. He stated at this time he went to his aunt's residence, [REDACTED], in the [REDACTED] block of [REDACTED] Street. The only conversation he can recall having with his father concerning his trip from California, was that he asked his father how he arrived here and he was informed that he "got a ride." He further recalls at this time his father stating that he would be here for one or two days at most. [REDACTED] stated that the name of ERIC or GALT was never mentioned by his father to him, nor any other information concerning the individual who drove his father to New Orleans. He stated he next saw his father at the same address on the afternoon of the following day. On this occasion [REDACTED] stated there was no conversation by his father concerning the identity or any comments about the individual who brought his father to New Orleans. He does recall his father stating that he thought he would return to Los Angeles the following day.

[REDACTED] resides with his mother and has so [REDACTED] resided since he was seven months old.

[REDACTED] stated that she and her former husband, STEIN, CHARLES, SR., have been separated since [REDACTED] was seven months old, and that the son does not see the father normally more than once a year at most.

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ANTHONY CHARLES DE CARVELHO, [REDACTED], Louisiana, telephone number [REDACTED], advised that CHARLES STEIN, came to New Orleans the week before December 24, 1967. He advised sometime during this week, the exact date unrecalled, he found a note in his doorway from STEIN, which read, "Didn't find you at home. call me at [REDACTED]". He stated he immediately called [REDACTED] STEIN's sister, and then travelled to her home on [REDACTED] Street, to see CHARLES STEIN, who he has known for twenty years, and is a very close friend.

He stated when he arrived at [REDACTED] house, to see STEIN. STEIN was wearing a beard, and immediately began talking to him about his new philosophy, "Cosmic Philosophy", which involves believing in space ships, space people on earth, and attempts to get closer to the Creator. He stated they held several long discussions about this philosophy, and due to his curiosity, he kept interrupting and asked STEIN how STEIN got to New Orleans. STEIN stated "The Creator provided for him", and by this comment STEIN meant that he had travelled from Los Angeles to New Orleans with a man he identified as GALT. STEIN advised DE CARVELHO that GALT was travelling through New Orleans to go to Mississippi or Alabama on business, and dropped him off, and would pick him up on his way back to Los Angeles. DE CARVELHO advised that STEIN did not mention anything else about GALT's background, other than the fact that GALT paid for almost everything on the trip with the exception of several motel bills, that were paid for by STEIN. DE CARVELHO advised that STEIN had only about \$30.00 in his possession, and he offered to give STEIN a loan, but STEIN declined, stating that he was no longer interested in material wealth, only in the "Cosmic Philosophy".

STEIN advised DE CARVELHO that he was on the threshold of converting GALT to the "Cosmic Philosophy", but he had to overcome a mental block that GALT possessed, and he hoped to complete the conversion on the return trip to Los Angeles.

STEIN advised him that GALT was a poor driver, and on one occasion he fell asleep at the wheel, ran off the road, and almost ran off a cliff. STEIN advised DE CARVELHO there was

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no damage to the car, and unknown individuals pulled the car back onto the road, and they proceeded with their trip.

DE CARVELHO advised that STEIN remained in New Orleans only two days, and that he spent most of his time in the company of STEIN, as they were very close friends. He stated that GALT never came into [REDACTED] house, where STEIN was staying, and STEIN advised that GALT had gone somewhere about his business. DE CARVELHO stated this statement was STEIN's way of saying that he was not interested in talking about GALT, and possibly did not know where GALT was located.

DE CARVELHO advised the day that STEIN left New Orleans, he was at [REDACTED] house. When he arrived, an unknown individual was standing on the porch and as he approached the porch, STEIN stated to him, "This is GALT". He stated that this was very strange to him, as STEIN never referred to an individual by his last name. DE CARVELHO advised he held no conversation with GALT, and helped STEIN pack the trunk of the car. He advised that STEIN carried luggage for RITA STEIN's two children to the car, but they did not fit in the trunk of the car, due to some personal property of GALT's being located in the trunk. He advised this personal property of GALT's appeared to be a surveyor's transit, wrapped in a leather case, with a zipper that appeared to be somewhat similar to a golf bag. He stated that he advised GALT of the problem, and GALT walked to the trunk of the car, and rearranged it so that the luggage would fit.

He advised that he gave STEIN and GALT a map giving them directions as to how to get out of New Orleans, and they left New Orleans at approximately 2:30 p.m. He stated that while he was in the company of GALT, GALT did not say anything, and merely stood around with his head down.

He stated that the photograph of GALT that was taken in Los Angeles at the bartender school, did not resemble him, as he had a very shallow face, and the photograph that appeared on the IO and wanted flyer that was taken in 1960, were an excellent likeness of GALT, with the exception of the hair.

He described GALT as a white male, late twenties to early thirties, 5'10", 160 pounds, slim build, dark brown hair, light brown eyes, no distinguishing marks or characteristics, shallow face, and was dressed in a brown suit, with a sport shirt, and further described him as a "neat dresser".

He stated that STEIN mentioned to him, that GALT was a man of wealth or means, and either had a good job, or had inherited some money, but he did elaborate on this. He also stated that STEIN informed him that he and GALT stopped several time at unknown locations, between Los Angeles and New Orleans.

He stated by STEIN's very nature, STEIN would be reluctant to furnish the exact details of his trip and association with GALT to any law enforcement agency. He stated STEIN has a knack of associating with "characters". He also advised that STEIN was formerly married to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DE CARVELHO advised the following individuals were present at [REDACTED] residence when CHARLES STEIN departed from New Orleans to Los Angeles:

[REDACTED]  
CHARLES STEIN  
GALT  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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He stated all of these individuals should have seen GALT, but that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would possibly not admit they saw GALT, due to ignorance, and a desire not to become involved in the investigation. He advised that he had no additional information concerning GALT and STEIN, and he knows of no other trips of GALT and STEIN to New Orleans since December.

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Re: Telephone Call From Coin Booth  
Located at St. Francis Hotel,  
Los Angeles, California, on  
December 22, 1967, to New Orleans,  
Louisiana, Telephone Number 523-0930

On April 27, 1968, information was received from the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that it had been determined that on December 22, 1967, at 7:48 p.m., a telephone call from a coin booth located in the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, had been made to telephone number 523-0930, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Re: Telephone Calls From New Orleans  
or To New Orleans by RITA and CHARLES STEIN

On April 27, 1968, information was received from the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that it had been determined that during the past ninety days the following telephone calls from New Orleans, or to New Orleans were made by RITA and CHARLES STEIN:

March 12, 1968 - a collect call from New Orleans telephone [REDACTED]

March 21 and 23, 1968, collect calls from New Orleans telephone number [REDACTED]

April 4, 1968, a call from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans telephone number [REDACTED]

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Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Central District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone number 523-0930 is subscribed to by the Ivanhoe Piano Bar, 601 Bourbon Street.

Telephone number [REDACTED] is a private number subscribed to by [REDACTED]. This number was connected on October 12, 1967. [REDACTED] formerly had this number at [REDACTED].

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Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Gentilly District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone number [REDACTED] is subscribed to by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is employed as a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

Telephone number [REDACTED] is a private number subscribed to by [REDACTED]. This number was connected on November 29, 1967. Telephone records reflect that STEIN is employed at the [REDACTED] Westwego, Louisiana. This number was moved from [REDACTED] to the present address on March 20, 1968.

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[REDACTED] Gretna, Louisiana, advised she recalls receiving a phone call from RITA STEIN at the Ivanhoe Lounge, New Orleans, Louisiana. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that RITA called her to advise that her children and CHARLIE STEIN arrived back in California safely. She stated this was in relation to the trip taken by CHARLIE STEIN and JAMES EARL RAY in December, 1967.

[REDACTED] also advised that when she moved from her residence on [REDACTED] Street, which she thought was some time in March, 1968, she gave her mother her telephone number to have moved from the [REDACTED] Street address to her mother's address at [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana. She stated that the phone is still in her name and not her mother's.

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] advised that her current telephone number was formerly the telephone of her daughter, [redacted], nee [redacted], and was formerly located at [redacted] apartment at an unrecalled address on [redacted] Street. She advised that when [redacted] moved from her apartment on [redacted] Street to Gretna, Louisiana, she had the telephone moved to her address, [redacted], but the telephone is still listed in the name [redacted]. She advised that she cannot recall the exact date this telephone was moved into her residence but estimated that it was about one month ago.

[redacted] advised that she recalls telephoning her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee STEIN, in Los Angeles, California, several times during the month of March, but she cannot recall the exact dates of these calls or the purpose of these calls. She stated that she thought both of the calls she placed to California were collect, and she added the only individual she would call collect in California would be her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein.

[redacted] advised she also recalled receiving a telephone call from RITA ROSAS sometime in the first part of April, exact date unrecalled. She also stated that she could not recall the purpose of this call or the previous calls. She stated she could not recall any part of the conversations she had with her daughter. She stated she is in poor physical health, suffering from heart trouble and diabetes and has been in a coma on two occasions in the past. She advised she is sure that the name GALT was not a part of her conversations with her daughter as she had never heard of this individual prior to reading about him in the newspaper.

She advised her son, CHARLES STEIN, is "crazy but harmless." She stated she bases this opinion on the fact her son holds conversations with "space people" and on several occasions has asked her to look into the sky to observe a flying saucer that he was observing, but on each instance she could see nothing in the sky. [redacted] further advised that her son, CHARLES STEIN, talks to trees and holds conversations with trees stating that they are on this earth for a purpose.

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[REDACTED] advised that her son, CHARLES STEIN, has no dislike for Negroes and to her knowledge has never been a member of any hate group; and she is sure that he would do nothing to harm anyone including Negroes.

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[REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED] advised that he could not recall the exact date that this telephone was installed in his residence but estimated that it was approximately one month ago. He stated that he and his wife obtained this telephone from [REDACTED], nee [REDACTED] and the telephone is still listed in the name of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised that he recalls that his wife called her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein, in Los Angeles, California, several times during the month of March and also recalls RITA ROSAS telephoning her mother from Los Angeles sometime in the early part of April. He advised that he could not recall the purpose of these calls or any of the conversations but assumed they were strictly personal calls and family matters were discussed.

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[REDACTED]  
New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] stated he has resided at his present address in the [REDACTED] for approximately twelve years, and has had telephone number [REDACTED] during this entire time.

[REDACTED] stated that he does not have any friends or relatives residing in the Los Angeles, California, area, nor does he know anyone living in California. He stated that he has never heard of RITA RODE, RITA STEIN, or CHARLES STEIN. He added that he was familiar with the names of ERIC S. GALT and JAMES E. RAY. He said he had become familiar with these names from newspapers and television in connection with the Doctor KING murder. [REDACTED] viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and CHARLES STEIN and advised that he did not recognize STEIN but was familiar with JAMES EARL RAY's photograph from newspapers and television.

[REDACTED] furnished his telephone bill for the latter part of March and early April, 1968. This telephone bill reflected that there were only two long distance calls charged to his phone. These calls were listed as coming from Los Angeles, number 472-7709, on March 10 and April 2, 1968. [REDACTED] stated that these calls were telephone relays from his son, [REDACTED], who was stationed in Vietnam. He added that his son was due to return to New Orleans, on April 27, 1968. [REDACTED] added that he would know if anyone had placed any long distance telephone calls from his phone.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5'5"

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Weight	125 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Wears bifocals; front teeth are gold capped
Residence	[REDACTED]
Employment	[REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana; 21 years
Relatives	Wife: [REDACTED]
	Six children
Arrest record	None

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[REDACTED] came to the New Orleans Office on April 27, 1968 and furnished a page from her diary which she initialled and dated as well as striking out several words that she felt were of a personal nature.

[REDACTED] stated that the notation marked March 24 [REDACTED] the date that she recalled receiving a box of clothes from her grandmother, [REDACTED]. Further, that her grandmother had received this box of clothing from her daughter's residence, [REDACTED] approximately two days prior to that. [REDACTED] stated that she understood this was the box of clothing brought to the residence of [REDACTED], by an unknown white man at that time.

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[REDACTED], telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office of the FBI and advised she wished to point out to the FBI that she did not say most of the things which appeared in the newspaper articles on April 25 and 26, 1968. She stated she did not know anything about MARIE MARTIN, CHARLES STEIN and RITA STEIN being requested to register for GEORGE WALLACE on the California Presidential Primary Ballot and further stated she could not recall the exact date STEIN was in New Orleans. Therefore, it would have been impossible for her to furnish these dates to the newspaper. She also stated she did not characterize GALT as a big spender because she did not know him.

[REDACTED] said she was making the telephone call to set the record straight concerning her exact knowledge of STEIN's trip and to advise that the newspaper had distorted and added to her story.

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[REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she is the grandmother of KIM and SHARON ROSA, who are the children of RITA STEIN and [REDACTED] son, STAN ROSA, deceased.

[REDACTED] stated that the children are wards of the New Orleans Welfare Bureau and that RITA STEIN had taken them to California some time in the middle or late summer of 1967. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] after reading in the newspapers the considerable publicity that RITA had concerning the investigation of the man allegedly involved in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING that she was apprehensive and concerned for the welfare of her grandchildren.

As a result of this apprehension she telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Police Department on Friday, April 26, 1968 endeavoring to obtain their assistance in regaining custody of the children. [REDACTED] also advised she had contacted the New Orleans Welfare Department concerning this matter also.

[REDACTED] observed two photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she stated that she had never seen this individual before. She further advised that until she had read about her former daughter-in-law in the newspapers on April 25 and 26, 1968, that she was unaware of CHARLES STEIN'S trip to New Orleans in December, 1967.

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Miss MARY BREWER, Juvenile Court, Parish of Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] on April 30, 1968, that she holds a warrant for the return of custody of KIM ROSAS (born [REDACTED]) and CHERYL ROSAS (born [REDACTED]). Said warrant was issued by Judge LEO B. BLESSING on January 9, 1968. She stated this warrant was issued after the above-named children's paternal grandmother, [REDACTED], advised them that the aforementioned children had been kidnapped from the residence of their maternal grandmother in December, 1967, and taken to Los Angeles, California, by CHARLES STEIN.

Miss BREWER exhibited a letter dated February 27, 1968, from the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Social Services, regarding RITA ROSAS, ST Number [REDACTED]. The letter in part states Mrs. ROSAS brought the children to the Department of Public Social Services in Los Angeles on December 21, 1967, at which time she stated her brother, CHARLES STEIN, had brought the children from her mother's home in New Orleans on December 15, 1967. The name of the social worker for Los Angeles was given as M. SLEVIN, number 1316. The letter further stated that Mrs. ROSAS gave an address of [REDACTED] and further reflected that a landlord named DAVIS had told the social worker that RITA STEIN was a good mother, kept a clean house and was a good tenant.

It is further noted that Miss BREWER informed the above-stated children were wards of the Welfare Department [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Miss BREWER stated that in view of the aforementioned letter, she was instructed by the Welfare Department not to execute the warrant for the return of the ROSAS children and also because the expense to return them would be borne by the Parish of Orleans.

Miss BREWER stated she understood from [REDACTED], paternal grandmother of the children, had received a letter from

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the Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services within the past week in which they advised her they were unable to locate Mrs. RITA STEIN; further, that the Welfare Department advised Miss BREWER that she would wait until they had resolved the matter with the Los Angeles Bureau of Public Social Services before making a decision on executing the warrant for the return of the children.

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Birth place was listed as [redacted] on [redacted],  
[redacted] he was a white male, 5' 11" tall, 220 pounds,  
brown eyes, bald-headed, fair complexion and his occupa-  
tion was listed as salesman. [redacted]

STEIN was described as having been born [redacted] at [redacted] he was a white male, 33 years old, 5' 11" tall, 215 pounds, with brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion and employed as a salesman.

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[REDACTED]

CHARLES STEIN, [REDACTED] New Orleans,

[REDACTED] He was described as having been born [REDACTED] New Orleans, a white male, 5' 11½" tall, 210 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion and his occupation was listed as a doorman. [REDACTED]

CHARLES STEIN, [REDACTED], New Orleans

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STEIN was described as a white male, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] 5' 11" tall, 210 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion, self-employed. [REDACTED]

CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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STEIN was described as a white male, born [REDACTED] 5' 11" tall, 225 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion and his occupation was listed as a booking agent. [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 30,  
1968:

[REDACTED] Alcohol and Beverage  
Control Unit, New Orleans Police Department, advised that  
the entry dated March 2, 1955, for CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN  
[REDACTED] is  
in reference to STEIN's application for a liquor license.

[REDACTED] stated that STEIN operated  
Marie's Lounge, 529 Elysian Fields Avenue, from March to  
December, 1955. STEIN listed his address with the Alcohol  
and Beverage Control Unit as [REDACTED], New  
Orleans, Louisiana, and his date of birth as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that STEIN, on his  
application, listed one employee, a CHARLES DE CARVALLA,  
as bartender.

[REDACTED] stated that his records  
reflected that STEIN failed to renew his liquor license  
after December 31, 1955.

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CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Gretna, Louisiana:

[REDACTED] CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], gave an address of [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana. [REDACTED] STEIN is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	Six feet
Weight	223 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Occupation	listed occupation as booking agent.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] was interviewed and advised that she has made three trips to California in the past two years. She advised she made her first trip to California immediately following the death of her son-in-law, LINO ROSAS. She advised she stayed an unrecalled period of time and then returned to New Orleans for a short period of time, after which she again traveled to California.

She advised she made her last trip to California sometime in the Fall of 1967. She stated that on each trip to California she stayed with her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein, at their residence on [REDACTED].

She advised during her last visit to California she fell into a coma and as a result of this coma, her memory is extremely poor. She advised she recalled making three trips to California, but nothing else about the trips.

She stated that as far as she knew, LINO ROSAS sold used cars for a living and was not involved in the sale of narcotics. She said she did not see JAMES EARL RAY in California during any of these trips and knew nothing about the illegal narcotics traffic taking place from her daughter's home.

She advised she is going to travel to Los Angeles, California, on either May 4 or 5, 1968, to live with her daughter, RITA, until school is out, after which time she will return to New Orleans with RITA and RITA's children.

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[REDACTED] advised that LINO ROSAS died on August 30, 1966, and immediately following his death his wife, [REDACTED], traveled to Los Angeles, California, to stay with her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein. He advised she remained in California for an unrecalled period of time, after which she traveled back to New Orleans. After a short stay in New Orleans, [REDACTED], again traveled to California for an unrecalled period of time.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] last trip to California was made in either September or October, 1967. He stated [REDACTED] remained in California two months after this trip due to the fact she fell into a coma due to the strain of the trip. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] returned to New Orleans with two of her daughter's children sometime in December, 1967.

[REDACTED] stated he had never heard that LINO ROSAS was involved in the sale of narcotics and he did not feel CHARLES STEIN would be involved in the sale of narcotics.

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CHARLES de CARVELHO, [REDACTED], advised that when he observed the leather case in the trunk of the white Mustang driven by the individual introduced to him by CHARLIE STEIN as GALT, this observation took a total time of one minute or less. He stated this was a brown leather circular or oval case with a zipper. de CARVELHO stated he felt it was approximately the size of a golf bag. de CARVELHO stated it was not too heavy as he recalled GALT moved it easily in the trunk. de CARVELHO stated it was his impression and original thought that this case contained a surveyor's transit. de CARVELHO added that it conceivably could have been a camera tripod.

In addition to the above, de CARVELHO stated he noticed there was a brief case with rolled-up papers therein, possibly blueprints or like plans.

de CARVELHO stated that the total amount of time he saw this in a casual way precludes him from giving any more specific details regarding the true identity of whatever the object was.

de CARVELHO stated it was the impression that he received that STEIN, during the conversation with de CARVELHO, had said or implied that GALT was connected with an engineering or construction firm.

de CARVELHO stated it was also his impression STEIN was primarily interested in converting GALT to STEIN's cosmic philosophy. He further got the impression from talking to STEIN that GALT may possibly have been involved in politics in southern California. de CARVELHO stated that he did not know of any use of narcotics on the part of STEIN. de CARVELHO stated he thought STEIN may have smoked marijuana; however, added he had not actually seen this. de CARVELHO furnished the additional opinion that some of STEIN's friends may have

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been involved with narcotics and/or prostitution. In this latter regard, de CARVELHO stated he knew of no [REDACTED] activity on the part of STEIN.

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On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office of the FBI and provided the following information:

[REDACTED] by the name of [REDACTED], who may be able to provide information in regards to ERIC GALT and that he had persuaded [REDACTED] to be interviewed by the FBI. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] would only consent to being interviewed in his office and in his presence.

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[REDACTED] advised she is a very close friend of [REDACTED] nee [REDACTED] and she had seen GALT when GALT was in New Orleans during the month of December, 1967. She stated she is acquainted with the entire STEIN family and considers herself a close friend of all members of the family.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] the paternal grandmother of two sons of RITA ROSAS, nee Stein, somehow had RITA ROSAS' Social Security checks stopped and because of this, ROSAS had no money with which to support her four children. She stated because of this situation, RITA ROSAS' mother, [REDACTED] traveled to Los Angeles, California, in the Fall of 1967, exact date unrecalled, and returned to New Orleans with the two daughters of RITA ROSAS. She advised RITA ROSAS sent her two daughters with her mother, because she felt that [REDACTED] would not make any attempts to assume custody of the daughters, whereas she was certain that she would attempt to assume custody of her two sons.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] attempted to have the two children living with [REDACTED] declared wards of the State and placed in a juvenile home. She advised that these proceedings were instituted and the two children were even examined by a doctor from the New Orleans Welfare Board. [REDACTED] advised because of this situation she and [REDACTED] telephonically contacted RITA ROSAS and advised her that someone would have to return to New Orleans and take the children back to California or they would become wards of the State. She stated that ROSAS advised she could not make the trip as she did not have any money and she did not know what she would do about this situation.

[REDACTED] advised that several days later RITA ROSAS telephonically contacted [REDACTED] and advised her brother, CHARLES STEIN, had found a ride from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans and that he would pick up the children and

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return them to Los Angeles, California.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had informed her that STEIN's ride was to be with a man he had met several days before and that he knew nothing about him and this man was not a friend of the family.

[REDACTED] advised that shortly before Christmas, 1967, she received a telephone call from [REDACTED] stating that CHARLES STEIN had arrived in New Orleans and was staying at her residence. She advised she cannot recall the exact date that STEIN arrived in New Orleans, but after reading the newspapers she felt it was December 17, 1967. She advised that [REDACTED] informed her that STEIN was to return to Los Angeles with the two children the following day.

[REDACTED] stated she did not go to [REDACTED] house that evening, but the next evening she and [REDACTED] prepared a dinner for CHARLES STEIN. She stated she arrived at [REDACTED] house that evening at approximately 8:00 and shortly thereafter, their telephone rang and the caller was ERIC GALT. GALT explained on the telephone that he was lost and was trying to find [REDACTED] apartment and that he was telephoning from an unknown restaurant at the corner of Elysian Fields Avenue and Burgundy Street. [REDACTED] advised that GALT was given directions as to how to find [REDACTED] apartment and that CHARLES STEIN sent her to the front porch to watch for GALT's white Mustang. She advised after several moments she saw the white Mustang come down [REDACTED] Street and she hollered at this individual and he stopped, parked the car and walked back to this apartment. She advised that STEIN introduced her to this individual and called the individual ERIC GALT. She stated GALT did not acknowledge the introductions and did not say anything. She advised she was in his company about five minutes and she then left [REDACTED] apartment.

She advised the next afternoon she tried to start her car, but it would not start and she decided to walk to [REDACTED]

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apartment to use her car as she had to go to the bank and it was about 1:30 in the afternoon. She advised when she arrived at [REDACTED] apartment, she saw a United Cab parked near [REDACTED] residence and decided to take the cab to the bank, but she could not find the cab driver. In a few moments she observed CHARLES STEIN, RITA STEIN's two children, ERIC GALT and a small white male walking from LEE's apartment, carrying luggage and packages. She advised she recognized this unknown white male as CHARLES deCARVELHO and she approached them to say goodbye to CHARLES STEIN and the children. She stated she took a shopping bag from one of the children and placed it in the back seat of GALT's white Mustang and wished them on a safe trip. She then learned that deCARVELHO was the driver of the cab and she left with deCARVELHO in the cab to go to the bank after deCARVELHO had bid his farewell to CHARLES STEIN.

[REDACTED] advised that while she was in GALT's company GALT did not speak and merely stood around with his head hanging downwards. She described GALT as a neat dresser, but not wearing the current style of clothing. She stated the day GALT and STEIN left New Orleans, GALT was dressed in a grey suit with a white shirt and tie and appeared very neat.

She stated GALT seemed to be an average individual in his thirties with no outstanding or distinguishing characteristics with the exception of a long thin nose and a thin face.

She stated she did not recognize GALT from the photograph that was printed in the newspapers since his face was much thinner and his hair was shorter.

[REDACTED] advised that CHARLES STEIN is now a believer in the cosmic philosophy and "a true believer in God." She advised this is a complete change from the CHARLES STEIN she formerly knew and she held a long discussion with STEIN about this new philosophy on his trip to New Orleans. She was advised by STEIN that MARIE "MINNIE" MARTIN had



met an individual in a bar where she worked in Los Angeles and had heard this individual state he was coming to New Orleans on business and she arranged for STEIN to travel with this individual. She stated STEIN also informed her this individual, ERIC GALT, requested that he register for GEORGE WALLACE in California before they departed and STEIN did so. STEIN also informed her GALT paid for everything on the trip, including all food, gas and motel bills and, further, advised that STEIN showed her the twenty dollar bill he had in his possession when he left Los Angeles and still had in his possession when he arrived in New Orleans. She advised that she did not feel that [REDACTED] would lie to her about CHARLES STEIN's knowledge of or association with GALT and she believed both STEIN's and [REDACTED] statements that STEIN did not know GALT and had only met him several days before the trip.

She stated she did not feel that STEIN and GALT would have been involved in any illicit drug activity in California and based this statement on the fact that STEIN claimed to have known GALT only several days before the trip.

She stated she did not know if STEIN had fixed GALT up with any women while they were in New Orleans. She stated CHARLES STEIN asked her if she would like to go out with GALT and show him the town, but she declined. She advised STEIN did not press the issue and if he had, she would have gone out with GALT as a favor to STEIN. She stated STEIN has been out of touch with the people of New Orleans for several years and did not know if he would have been able to fix GALT up with anyone in New Orleans. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] again advised the individuals present when CHARLES STEIN departed from New Orleans were herself, ERIC GALT, RITA STEIN's two children, [REDACTED] and CHARLES deCARVELHO.

[REDACTED] advised she knew of no other trips made to New Orleans by GALT or STEIN and she did not know of any

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packages being delivered to relatives of MARIE MARTIN in New Orleans by GALT.

She stated she knew of no further information she could furnish concerning this matter and added she had not come forward sonner because of a request of [REDACTED] for her not to become involved as [REDACTED] did not feel she could furnish the FBI with any important information.

She stated if it should be necessary to recontact her, ( that [REDACTED] who was present during the interview, should be contacted at his office at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would contact her and make her available for interview.

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INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF JAMES EARL RAY  
MAY HAVE STAYED AT A MOTEL OR HOTEL  
IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, DURING  
THE PERIOD OF MARCH 17, 1968 - MARCH 24, 1968

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Registration cards for motels and hotels located in the New Orleans, Louisiana, French Quarter, as well as motels located along Tulane Avenue, which is adjacent to the downtown area of New Orleans and motels located along U. S. Highway 90 East, also known as the Chef Menteur Highway, were checked for the period March 17 through March 24, 1968. No registration card for JAMES EARL RAY under his true name or known aliases could be located. Individuals at these motels and hotels, upon observing photographs of RAY, could not recall RAY or anyone similar to RAY as having registered at their establishments.

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Re [REDACTED]

On April 30, 1968, information was received from the Los Angeles Office of the FBI that CHARLES STEIN had in his possession a 1963 New Orleans telephone book and on page 43 the name of [REDACTED] (street or avenue), [REDACTED] was noted.

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The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1 and 2, 1968:

On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED] New Orleans Police Department, and [REDACTED] New Orleans Police Department, both advised IC [REDACTED] that a review of their respective records contained no listing for a [REDACTED]

On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau, advised IC [REDACTED] that he located a credit report dated December 30, 1949, for a [REDACTED] New Orleans. It showed her occupation as being a [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED]. Her age then was listed as [REDACTED] and she was a Negro female. Her previous address was [REDACTED] and a notation appeared she was formerly from Gramercy, Louisiana. Her credit was listed as satisfactory.

On May 1, 1968, several attempts were made to contact [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], but with negative results.

On May 2, 1968, [REDACTED] was contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and she furnished the following information:

She advised that the names CHARLES and RITA STEIN were completely unknown to her. She viewed a photograph of CHARLES J. STEIN taken by the New Orleans Police Department on July 15, 1961, and upon viewing this photograph, again stated this person was totally unknown to her by either name or photograph.

She further advised that she has resided at her present address since 1950. She stated she works as a [REDACTED] and when not working, stays at home. She advised she has no daughter by the name of [REDACTED] nor any other relatives by this name. It was noted that she appeared to be approximately [REDACTED] years of age.

When confronted with the information to the effect that the name [REDACTED] appeared in a 1963 New Orleans telephone book belonging to CHARLES and/or RITA STEIN, she stated she could offer no explanation for this. She advised that her present telephone number is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that a nephew of hers by the name of [REDACTED], Negro male, 35-40 years of age, formerly lived next door to her at [REDACTED]; however, he moved to Los Angeles, California, approximately five years ago following the death of his parents. She described [REDACTED] as being somewhat on the strange side, who ran with persons of questionable reputation; however, she did not know any of these persons and stated she has had absolutely no contact whatsoever with [REDACTED] since he moved to Los Angeles, California. She stated she does not know his present address there.

[REDACTED] further advised that it was her opinion, although she could not substantiate this belief, that possibly [REDACTED] knew CHARLES and/or RITA STEIN and somehow this explained her name and telephone number appearing in the STEINs telephone book.

[REDACTED] again emphatically denied ever meeting, hearing about or knowing either CHARLES or RITA STEIN.

Several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to [REDACTED], but with negative results. She advised that the name JAMES EARL RAY and his photograph were totally unknown to her.

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INVESTIGATION AT ROOMING HOUSES  
LOCATED ON NAPOLEON AVENUE,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA



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[REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at New Orleans, Louisiana, on  
April 15, 1968:

The following apartment houses and rooming  
houses on Napoleon Avenue were checked for any indication  
of prior residency of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, and  
HARVEY LOWMEYER and all variations of these names with  
negative results:

JOHN VAN VRANCKEN APARTMENTS  
500 Napoleon Avenue

Mrs. HOWARD BADE's Apartments,  
619 and 617 Napoleon Avenue

Good Samaritan Home  
1002 Napoleon Avenue

1034 Napoleon Avenue

1122 Napoleon Avenue

Mrs. ROGER REED  
1107 Napoleon Avenue

Mrs. HYMAN MITHOFF  
1201 Napoleon Avenue

BILL GRAP  
1204 Napoleon Avenue

JOHN D. BLEICHNER  
1212 Napoleon Avenue

1215 Napoleon Avenue

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1223 Napoleon Avenue

Mrs. A. B. GRIFFIN  
1301 Napoleon Avenue and  
2508 Napoleon Avenue

1401 Napoleon Avenue

ALFRED BARNES, JR.  
Colonial Court Apartments  
1407 Napoleon Avenue

Bella Villa Apartments  
1507 Napoleon Avenue

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Re: (First Name Unknown) [REDACTED] (phonetic)

On April 22, 1968, information was received from the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that allegedly JAMES EARL RAY had a friend in New Orleans, Louisiana, (first name unknown) [REDACTED] (phonetic), who apparently was a fence and well connected with the hoodlum element. [REDACTED] allegedly in 1955 was 55 to 65 years old and might harbor RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED] advised the only individual who could be considered a fence with a name similar to [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]. He said he had heard of no fence named [REDACTED]. He advised that [REDACTED] is somewhat mentally unbalanced, possibly due to the use of narcotics, and spent some time in the Louisiana State Hospital. He advised that at one time [REDACTED] was probably a millionaire. He operated the [REDACTED] in the 1950's, on [REDACTED], and was associated at that time with safe burglars and holdup men to the degree that he probably assisted them in an indirect manner and reportedly bought stolen property. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] no longer has money and his present whereabouts and occupation are unknown. [REDACTED] said subject was unknown to him by name or aliases.

[REDACTED] inmate, Orleans Parish Prison, with prior convictions for safe burglary and robbery, advised he was among several individuals who were quite friendly with [REDACTED] however, he did not consider [REDACTED] a fence, although he would help anyone, even those in illegal activity, so long as they were not being sought by the law. [REDACTED] said he knows of no one in the New Orleans area by the name of [REDACTED] who has any association with criminal element and that [REDACTED] is the only one he can recall who has a similar name. He said [REDACTED] no longer has money, that he just "gave it away." He said [REDACTED] is probably living with his sister, whose husband is the [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]. He said he does not recall the sister's name. [REDACTED] observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised he has never observed nor heard of this individual. [REDACTED] said he believed he knew most of those engaged in criminal activity in Southern Louisiana and Southern Mississippi.

[REDACTED] Burglary Squad, New Orleans Police Department, advised he has never heard of

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a fence in New Orleans named [REDACTED]. He advised subject is not familiar by name, aliases or photographs.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] could provide no information concerning a fence named [REDACTED]. They advised subject is unknown to them. [REDACTED]

New Orleans Police Department, Bureau of Identification, records reflect [REDACTED] was fingerprinted [REDACTED], for gun permit. Records also show he was born [REDACTED], at New Orleans, Louisiana, is 6' tall, weighs 210 pounds, has brown hair and eyes. No criminal record was located. His fingerprint classification is 19 11 U OOM

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[REDACTED] voluntarily contacted the New Orleans Office after inquiry was made of relatives concerning his whereabouts.

He advised that prior to 1956 he had money and at that time sold the [REDACTED]. He said he hired many ex-convicts with the thought that he could help them by giving them a job, as most businesses would not hire them because of their records. He said, however, that not one turn out good and some of them stole as much as \$6,000 in six months from him.

[REDACTED] observed Identification Order of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised he does not recall this individual by photograph or names used. He said, however, that some of the facial features seem somewhat familiar, but the features are similar to those of numerous individuals.

He said he still associates with [REDACTED], FBI Number [REDACTED], who has in the past been incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; however, he does not know whether or not [REDACTED] knows

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RAY. He said [REDACTED] lives on [REDACTED] in Metairie, Louisiana, works for himself [REDACTED] and he would locate [REDACTED] and arrange to have him call the FBI, or would ascertain [REDACTED] street number.

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Re: Unidentified Male on Delta  
Airlines Flight 725, April 1, 1968,  
with Rifle Box Labeled "Mauser."

On April 22, 1968, information was received from the Richmond Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that information had been received from [REDACTED] that on April 1, 1968, he had flown to Atlanta, Georgia, on Delta Flight 725. During this flight [REDACTED] observed a box labeled "Mauser" carried aboard and stored in the cockpit until the termination of the flight and that Captain PEARL and First Officer JONES are based in New Orleans.

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DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 725  
CN APRIL 1, 1968

The following investigation was conducted on  
April 23, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

ROBERT CAMERON, Flight Schedules, Delta Airlines,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that the following was the  
crew of Delta Flight 725 on April 1, 1968:

J. H. FLEET, Captain, [REDACTED] Prairieville,  
Louisiana, who is currently out of town and will return on  
April 24, 1968:

M. K. JONES, First Officer, [REDACTED]  
Metairie, Louisiana.

MAX K. JONES, [REDACTED] Metairie,  
Louisiana, advised as follows:

He was assigned as First Officer on Delta Airlines  
Flight 725 on April 1, 1968. He said the flight originated  
from Newark, New Jersey, and travelled to New Orleans, Louisiana,  
with stops at Washington, Atlanta, Georgia, and Birmingham,  
Alabama. He said that he was on board this flight during the  
entire trip. He said that during this flight, he remembers  
that a stewardess brought a box containing a gun to the cabin  
of the plane. He said that he can only remember this box as  
being large enough in size to carry a rifle. He said he does  
not know the name of the stewardess who brought the box to the  
cabin nor does he remember when she brought it to the cabin or  
when it was removed from the cabin. He said that it is normal  
policy for Delta to put any weapons carried by passengers in the  
pilot's cabin. He was exhibited several photographs of JAMES  
EARL RAY and stated that he does not believe he ever saw this  
person before.



Date April 25, 19681

Captain JOHN A.R. PEART, Delta Airlines, was interviewed at New Orleans International Airport, and furnished the following information:

He recalls that approximately two to three weeks ago, exact date and flight unknown, that one of the stewardesses on board this particular flight, placed a weapon in the cockpit for safekeeping during this particular flight. Captain PEART commented that he believed this weapon was a shotgun, enwrapped in some type of a box. He stated he did not recall any specific markings or names on the box, and paid little attention to the incident, since it is routine to have various weapons placed in the cockpit during flights. Captain PEART further advised that he did not recall the name of the stewardess who placed the weapon in the cockpit, inasmuch as he is not certain of the particular flight involved or date.

Captain PEART was shown five photographs, including one of the subject, which he could not identify as anyone he had seen aboard his aircraft over the past several weeks. He further indicated that most of his time is spent in the cockpit and as such, he would have little opportunity to observe the passengers.

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/25/68

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Re: Delta Airlines Flight Number 106  
Which Leaves New Orleans, Louisiana,  
for Frankfort, Germany, with Stops at  
Atlanta, Georgia, and Washington, D. C.

On April 22, 1968, information was received from  
the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
that, according to Delta Airline officials at Atlanta,  
Georgia, the crews for Delta Airlines Flight Number 106  
for April 5 and 6, 1968, are based in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at New Orleans International Airport, Kenner, Louisiana:

Mr. ROBERT SPEAKS, Supervisor, Ticket Counter, Delta Airlines, advised that seats on Delta Flight Number 106 for April 5 and 6, 1968, are assigned according to the customer's preference and availability prior to boarding the craft; however, no record is maintained by the airline as to particular seat assignment. He explained that the customer chooses a seat number from a chart of the aircraft when checking in prior to departure, and this seat number is placed on the customer's ticket folder.

Mr. SPEAKS furnished a copy of the manifest for the above flights, indicating passengers who boarded these flights at New Orleans International Airport. A review of these manifests failed to reveal the subject under his true name or known aliases as being a passenger on either of these flights.

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DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 106  
ON APRIL 5 AND 6, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at New Orleans, Louisiana, on  
April 23, 1968:

ROBERT CAMERON, Flight Schedules, Delta Airlines,  
New Orleans, advised as follows:

The following is the list of crew members, including  
stewardesses, on Flight 106 on April 5, 1968:

D. T. MOHRMANN, Captain, [REDACTED]  
Metairie, Louisiana

S. JURGELSKY, First Officer, [REDACTED]  
Metairie, Louisiana

B. W. COSTILON, Flight Engineer, [REDACTED]  
Metairie, Louisiana

LENEA BAKER, [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana,  
Stewardess

MAY FORD, Stewardess, [REDACTED] Metairie,  
Louisiana

MOLLY NELSON, Stewardess, [REDACTED], New  
Orleans, Louisiana

ISABEL SHEPHERD, Stewardess, [REDACTED]  
Metairie, Louisiana

He advised that the following is the list of crew  
members including stewardesses, of Delta Airlines Flight 106,  
on April 6, 1968:

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J. H. HANNESS, Captain, [REDACTED]  
Metairie, Louisiana

R. F. LOERY, First Officer, [REDACTED]  
Metairie, Louisiana

J. UNVERZAGT, Flight Engineer, [REDACTED]  
Kenner, Louisiana

JAN HERSCHEDE, Stewardess, [REDACTED]  
Metairie, Louisiana

PHYLLIS TATE, Stewardess, [REDACTED] New  
Orleans, Louisiana

SANDRA SULLIVAN, Stewardess, [REDACTED]  
Metairie, Louisiana

RITA RENKOFF, Stewardess, [REDACTED]  
Metairie, Louisiana

He stated that the following were working the flight and would not be home until later this evening or on April 24, 1968:

JAN HERSCHEDE, SANDRA SULLIVAN, J. H. PEART, and  
MAY FOND

BOBBY W. CUSTLOW, [REDACTED], Metairie,  
Louisiana, advised as follows:

He was flight engineer for Delta Airlines Flight 106 on April 5, 1968. He was exhibited several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he has not seen this man before.

LEABEL SHEPHERD, [REDACTED], Metairie,  
Louisiana, advised as follows:

She was a stewardess aboard Delta Airlines Flight 106 on April 5, 1968. She was exhibited several photographs of

JAMES EARL RAY and advised she has not seen this man before.

JAMES H. HARKNESS, [REDACTED], Metairie, Louisiana, advised as follows:

He was captain of Delta Airlines Flight 106 on April 6, 1968. He was exhibited several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he has not seen this man before.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 23, 1968:

RE: DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 106 ON APRIL 6, 1968

RITA REHKOPF, [REDACTED], Metairie,  
Louisiana, advised as follows:

She was a stewardess aboard Delta Flight 106 on April 6, 1968. She was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he appears similar to a passenger who sat in the last three rows on the right as one faces the front of the plane. She said this flight originated in New Orleans and was en route to Frankfurt, Germany, with stops at Atlanta, Georgia, and Washington, D.C. She said that she does not remember where this person got off the plane but she thinks he boarded the plane in New Orleans. She described this man as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	40-42 years old
Height	5' 11"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Dark; slightly curly, combed back
Clothing	Wearing casual clothes

She said she is unable to further describe this individual.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April  
23, 1968:

RE: DELTA FLIGHT 106 ON APRIL 6, 1968

ROBERT R. LOWRY, [REDACTED], Metairie,  
Louisiana, advised as follows:

He was co-pilot of Delta Flight 106 on April 6, 1968. He was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and

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he advised that he has never seen this person before other than his photograph in the newspapers.

PHYLLIS TATE, [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana, advised as follows:

She was a stewardess on Delta Flight 106 on April 6, 1968.

She was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she has never seen this person before.

JANET HERSCHEDE, [REDACTED], Metairie, Louisiana, was unavailable for interview.

SANDRA SULLIVAN, [REDACTED], Metairie, Louisiana, was unavailable for interview.

RE: DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 106 on APRIL 5, 1968

D. T. MOHRMANN, [REDACTED], Metairie, Louisiana, advised as follows:

He was Captain of Delta Flight 106 on April 5, 1968. He was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that he never saw this person before except that he recalls seeing his photograph in the newspapers.

STANLEY JURGELSHY, [REDACTED], Metairie, Louisiana, advised as follows:

He was co-pilot of Delta Flight 106 on April 5, 1968. He was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he never saw this person before except that he recalls seeing his photograph in the newspapers.

MOLLY NELSON, [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana, advised as follows:

She was a stewardess on Delta Flight 106 on April 5, 1968. She was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she has never seen this person before.



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LANEA BAKER, [REDACTED], New Orleans,  
Louisiana, was unavailable for interview.

MAY FORD, [REDACTED] Metairie,  
Louisiana, was unavailable for interview.

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The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans International Airport at Kenner, Louisiana, on April 24, 1968 by SA [REDACTED]

The following stewardesses of Delta Flight 106, of April 5, 1968, were shown five photographs, including one of the subject and could not identify the subject as being a passenger on that particular flight: Miss LANEA BAKER, Miss MAY FORD.

Mr. JOHN G. UNVERZACT, crew member, Delta Flight 106, April 6, 1968, was shown five photographs, including one of the subject, and was unable to identify the subject as any individual who was on board Flight 106.

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[REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted at Metairie, Louisiana, on April 25, 1968; by Special Agent [REDACTED]

The following stewardesses of Delta Airlines Flight 106 on April 6, 1968, were shown five photographs, including that of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, which they could not identify as any individual they had observed on that flight:

Miss JAN HERSCHEDE, [REDACTED]

Miss SANDRA SULLIVAN, [REDACTED]

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Re: Telephone Call to Lake Charles,  
Louisiana, Telephone Number 318, 477-0616

On April 26, 1968, the Houston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation provided information that a telephone call was made on the evening of December 17, 1967, from a pay telephone booth located in an area described by CHARLES STEIN to telephone number 318, 477-0616, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Date 4/26/681

Mrs. MARGIE GRIFFITH, Manager, Hertz Rent-A-Car, Municipal Airport, Lake Charles, Louisiana, advised she keeps a log of all incoming and outgoing telephone calls in her office. She advised of the following:

A review of her telephone log for the period December 15-17, 1967, failed to show any calls to or from Houston, Texas. It is possible that she or Mrs. PEGGY SYLVIA, who also worked in the office during the period of December 15-17, 1967, might have missed logging some calls. A review of records of her office for the period December 15-17, 1967, showed cars checked in and checked out of her office only to persons of local companies whom she knows. None of the cars checked in or out during this period were in the names of any strangers.

Mrs. GRIFFITH examined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She stated the photographs were not those of anyone to whom she had ever rented or had returned one of their cars.

Mrs. GRIFFITH added that the area telephone code for Lake Charles, Louisiana, is 318. She added that her company is the subscriber to Lake Charles telephone number 477-0616 and has had this number for over three years.

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/26/68

Date 4/26/681

PEGGY SYLVIA, Assistant Manager, Hertz Rent-A-Car, Lake Charles Municipal Airport, was shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY.

She stated the photos were not familiar to her as being that of anyone to whom she has rented or who has returned a Hertz car to her.

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On 4/26/68 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/26/68

Date 5/2/681

Mrs. MARGIE E. GRIFFITH, Manager, Hertz Rent-A-Car, Lake Charles Municipal Airport, advised her records show part-time employee BRENDA CONOVER, [REDACTED], Lake Charles, was on duty at 7:49 PM, December 17, 1967. She stated BRENDA attends McNeese State College, Lake Charles, and is out of town on a school trip until the morning of May 2, 1968.

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On 4/30/68 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/2/68

Date 5/2/681

Miss BRENDA CONOVER, [REDACTED] Lake Charles, Louisiana, advised she is employed part-time at the Hertz Rent-A-Car Office at Lake Charles Municipal Airport. She stated the manager checked the records and determined that she was working on the night of December 17, 1967.

She stated that she does not recall having received a telephone call from Houston, Texas, at 7:49 PM on December 17, 1967, and she checked the office telephone log and found that no such call was recorded on that date.

Miss CONOVER examined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 409 942G. She stated that the photographs did not look like anyone she has ever seen.

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On 5/2/68 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 157-10573

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/2/68



NO 157-10673

Re Telephone Call from Yuma, Arizona,  
December 15, 1967, to Shreveport, Louisiana,  
telephone number 318, 746-9200

On April 29, 1968, the Phoenix Office of the FBI  
advised that on December 15, 1967, a telephone call had been  
made from a pay telephone at Yuma, Arizona, to Shreveport,  
Louisiana, telephone number 318, 746-9200.

PAY PHONE CALL FROM YUMA,  
ARIZONA, DECEMBER 15, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Bossier City, Louisiana, on April 29, 1968:

A check of the current city directory for Bossier City, Louisiana, determined that phone number 746-9200 was listed to the Curtis Park Bar in Bossier City.

BIRDIE STRINGFELLOW, bartender, Curtis Park Bar, 2152 East Texas, was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she had never seen this individual before. STRINGFELLOW stated that the phone number 746-9200 is the number of the pay phone located in the bar. She stated that she was not working at the bar during the period December 15, 1967, and that the manager would have to be contacted for the employees of that period.

GLADYS ULLRICH, owner, Curtis Park Bar, was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised she had never seen this individual before. She stated that during the period December 15, 1967, she was working nights as a bartender THELMA RUSSELL. She stated she did not know the current address for RUSSELL but believed she was residing somewhere in Bossier City. ULLRICH advised that the day bartender during that time was a JERILE GARRETT who is currently residing at [REDACTED] in Bossier City. She stated that the clientele of the bar consisted mainly of transients and that she would have no idea who might have received a call from Yuma, Arizona, on December 15, 1967. She stated that her husband, HANNO ULLRICH, also worked the bar on occasions and that he might have further information.

HANNO ULLRICH, owner, Curtis Park Bar, was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he had never seen this individual before. He stated he had no idea who might have called the bar from Yuma, Arizona, on December 15, 1967. ULLRICH stated he did not know a current address for THELMA RUSSELL who was formerly the night bartender but that possibly ANN HULLAND who worked at the Bossier Bottle Shop might know a current address.

ANN HULLAND, [REDACTED], advised that she was a steady customer at the Curtis Park Bar and that she knew THELMA RUSSELL. She stated RUSSELL was residing as of a week ago somewhere on [REDACTED] in Bossier City. She stated she did not know the house number; however, RUSSELL drove an old gray colored Plymouth. A photograph of RAY was displayed to HULLAND and she stated she had never seen this person before.

LINDA BONNER, [REDACTED], advised that she had resided at that address for several years and did not know THELMA RUSSELL.

MYRTIS FREEMAN, [REDACTED], advised that she had been residing at that address for about 13 years, but she did not know a THELMA RUSSELL.

Several attempts were made to contact JERILE GARRETT at [REDACTED] with negative results.

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TOLL TELEPHONE CALL FROM YUMA, ARIZONA, DECEMBER 15, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Bossier City,  
Louisiana:

On April 30, 1968, JERILE JARRETT, [REDACTED] advised that she was the day bartender at the Curtis Park Bar in Bossier City, during the period of December 15, 1967. She was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she had never seen this individual before. She stated that the customers at the bar often answer the pay phone and that it could have been any number of persons that might have received the call from Yuma on December 15, 1967. She stated that she had never overheard anyone in the bar mention having acquaintances in Yuma, Arizona. JARRETT stated that in view of the fact that the phone call was received at the bar in the evening, that possibly the night bartender, THELMA RUSSELL might be able to provide information. She stated that she did not have an address for RUSSELL, but believed she lives somewhere on [REDACTED].

After several contacts, THELMA RUSSELL was located at [REDACTED] and advised that she had received a telephone call from her boy friend on December 15, 1967, from Yuma, Arizona. She advised that he is a trucker and had carried a shipment to California and had stopped in Yuma to telephone her. RUSSELL stated that she did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as anyone that she had ever seen before.

NO 157-10673 [REDACTED]

Re: Call Made From Coin Telephone,  
Alpine, Texas, on December 16, 1967,  
to Telephone Number 938-5638,  
Greenwood, Louisiana

On May 1, 1968, the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised that on December 16, 1967, a telephone call had been made at 12:43 a.m., from a coin telephone located at Alpine, Texas, to telephone number [REDACTED], Greenwood, Louisiana.

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NO 157-10673 - [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED], at Shreveport, Louisiana:

On May 2, 1968, a review of the current Shreveport, Louisiana, City Directory, revealed that R. L. HAMMETT and wife CATHERINE reside at [REDACTED] Greenwood, Louisiana. City directory shows HAMMETT's employment as [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] Shreveport, Louisiana.

[REDACTED]

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R. L. HAMMETT, [REDACTED] advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED]. Mr. HAMMETT stated that he was unable to recall who placed the call to his home from Alpine, Texas, on December 16, 1967. Mr. HAMMETT stated, however, that his father was quite sick about that time and he was receiving telephone calls from his uncle, ED HUNSUCKER, from various parts of Texas. HAMMETT stated that ED HUNSUCKER is a truck driver for [REDACTED], Houston, Texas, and as such travels quite extensively throughout the state of Texas. Mr. HAMMETT stated that it must have been Mr. HUNSUCKER making the call to inquire as to his father's health condition. HAMMETT viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated this individual completely unknown to him.

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On 5/2/68 at Greenwood, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/2/68

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On May 7, 1968, information was received from the Houston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that EDWARD L. HUNSUCKER, [REDACTED] Baytown, Texas, had advised on May 3, 1968, that he may have made a long distance telephone call from a telephone booth on Interstate Highway 10 in East Texas on December 16, 1967. HUNSUCKER further advised that during mid-December, 1967, his nephew, R. L. HAMMETT, of Greenwood, Louisiana, was seriously ill and, therefore, HUNSUCKER made several long distance calls to the HAMMETT residence.

HUNSUCKER advised he is a truck driver and travels throughout the country and often makes calls from roadside telephone booths. HUNSUCKER advised that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to him by name, aliases and photograph.



NO 157-10673 [REDACTED]

Re: WANDA's Seven Seas Restaurant  
New Orleans, Louisiana

On April 30, 1968, information was received from the Jackson Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that a person closely resembling photographs of JAMES EARL RAY had been observed in Wanda's Seven Seas Restaurant, New Orleans, Louisiana, in December, 1967. On this particular occasion a minor brawl resulted and several arrests were made as a result of a dog being brought in by one of the customers. It was not recalled whether the individual resembling RAY was one of those arrested.

The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans, Louisiana, by SA [REDACTED] on April 30, 1968, and May 1, 1968:

A review of New Orleans City and Suburban Directories and current New Orleans Telephone Book failed to contain a listing for a Wanda's Seven Seas Restaurant in New Orleans; however, listed was a Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, 608 Iberville.

WANDA LORMAND, owner, Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, 608 Iberville, advised that she recalls no disturbance at her place of business during December, 1967 involving an argument over a dog brought into her bar. She also advised she does not recall any arrests being made at her bar during the past six months. She viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but with negative results.

ANN UHLICH, [REDACTED], and who is employed as a night barmaid at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, advised that she does not recall any disturbance at that bar in December, 1967 involving an argument over a dog brought into the bar. She advised that sometime during December, four or five persons were arrested outside the bar one night for fighting. However, she stated she could recall no specific details regarding this incident. She advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he was unknown to her by either name or photograph.

BONNIE (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), who declined to furnish her last name or address and who is employed as a barmaid at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that she is certain this person has never been served at that bar. She also advised she does not recall any incident occurring during December, 1967 in which arrests were made following an argument involving a dog brought into the bar.

BILL KILEEN, Manager, Marian's Bar, 615 Iberville, was contacted and subject's photograph displayed. KILEEN advised photographs of RAY unknown to him, and he is certain this person had never been observed by him either at his own bar or at any of the other bars he frequents on Iberville Street.

DANA BARGER, who frequents on a regular basis Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, and who is currently employed at [REDACTED], advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he is certain he has never observed this person at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar.

CHARLES TAYLOR, also known as Cookie, who frequents Wanda's Seven Seas Bar on a daily basis and who resides at [REDACTED], advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he is certain he had never observed RAY at either Wanda's Seven Seas Bar or at any of the other bars he frequents in the 600 block of Iberville Street.

[REDACTED] New Orleans Police Department, advised that he can recall no incident involving several arrests at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar in December, 1967. He advised he would discuss the matter with other detectives, and if any persons contacted could recall the incident he would immediately advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [REDACTED] further advised that the New Orleans Police Department maintains on a daily basis a master list of all complaints received and arrests made in the New Orleans area. This list would contain the address at which an arrest was made or from which a complaint was received, the date this occurred, and the New Orleans police item regarding the incident. He advised that these usually number several hundred each day, and for the month of December, 1967 would total approximately five thousand. He advised he would have one of his detectives check this list for any arrests made during December, 1967 at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar.

[REDACTED], New Orleans Police Department, advised that a check by him of the master list of all complaints and arrests made by the New Orleans Police Department during December, 1967 showed that on Sunday, December 17, 1967, at 9:53 PM, four persons had been arrested for fighting outside Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, 608 Iberville. This information was listed under Item #12 544-67. [REDACTED] further advised that the arrest involved three white males and one Negro male who were all released the same day on bond. None of the arrested persons were photographed or fingerprinted.

A check of records at the Record Room, New Orleans Police Department, under Item #L 12 554-67, showed that the following persons were arrested on December 17, 1963, at 9:53 PM outside of Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, 608 Iberville:

ROBERT TRILLET

White male

Born [REDACTED]

At [REDACTED]

New Orleans Address [REDACTED]

RONALD TAPLETTE

Negro male

Born [REDACTED]

At [REDACTED]

New Orleans Address [REDACTED]

THOMAS LEE LEWIS

White male

Born [REDACTED]

At [REDACTED]

New Orleans Address [REDACTED]

WILLART NETTERVILLE

White male

Born [REDACTED]

At [REDACTED]

New Orleans Address [REDACTED]

It was also noted under this item number that the arresting officers were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] New Orleans Police Department, advised that he recalls making an arrest in mid December, 1967 outside Wanda's Seven Seas Bar. He advised that a fight occurred between a white and Negro male outside the bar and that two other white males attempted to interfere. All these persons were arrested and charged with fighting, and in addition one of the white men was charged with firing a pen gun and resisting arrest. [REDACTED] viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but with negative results. However, he advised he is certain none of the persons arrested by him on that date was RAY or even resembled him.

[REDACTED] New Orleans Police Department, advised that he recalls making an arrest in December, 1967 involving three white males and one Negro male who were charged with fighting outside of Wanda's Seven Seas Bar. He advised that he could not specifically recall what these persons looked like and after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY stated he is fairly certain none of the persons resembled RAY. He also advised that he regularly works in the area of town where Wanda's Seven Seas Bar is located and is certain he has never observed RAY in that part of town.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] New Orleans Police Department, who work in the French Quarter area of New Orleans, [REDACTED]

were contacted and furnished their observations on available photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. Both these detectives advised subject's photographs were unknown to them and they stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that if any positive information developed indicating RAY at any time had been to any of these places they would immediately contact SA [REDACTED]

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Re: Investigation Concerning  
[REDACTED] who Alleged  
KING Assassination Plot in Baton  
Rouge, Louisiana, area in  
Summer of 1967  
[REDACTED]

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Fla.

On May 6, 1968, information was received from the  
Springfield Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that  
[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] alleged that he  
had previously been informed during the Summer of 1967, by  
[REDACTED] of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that a group of  
businessmen in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, area had taken up  
a collection to obtain money to have KING assassinated.  
[REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence, [REDACTED], Metairie, Louisiana, on May 9, 1968. [REDACTED] who stated his business address is [REDACTED] Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, advised as follows:

[REDACTED] is a native of [REDACTED] Louisiana, and is currently associated in a business partnership with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], Louisiana. Denham Springs is located nine miles distant from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

[REDACTED] is well acquainted in [REDACTED] and knows nearly all of the businessmen in that community, including those who are reportedly members of the Ku Klux Klan and who are considered to be strong segregationists.

[REDACTED] was in [REDACTED] in the Summer of 1967, at which time there was considerable racial strife taking place, including marches by Negro groups and opposition being presented to these marches by those individuals with strong segregation beliefs. [REDACTED] stated that he himself is a liberal in his view towards Negroes and that he did not participate in any of the activities that took place in [REDACTED] in the Summer of 1967. He stated, however, that he did frequently converse with individuals whom he considered to be members of the Ku Klux Klan. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that at no time during this period did any information come to his attention that there were businessmen in [REDACTED] Louisiana, or in Baton Rouge,

Louisiana, who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., assassinated. [REDACTED] does not recall of having heard the name of KING even mentioned during the Summer of 1967, nor does he recall any information which would indicate there was a plot to kill any particular Negro or any individual of any race for that matter.

[REDACTED] is against violence and if any information such as a plot to kill anyone had come to his attention, he would promptly notify an appropriate law enforcement agency.

During the Fall of 1967, [REDACTED] recalls that an individual subsequently known to him as [REDACTED] appeared at the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] making claims to [REDACTED] that he could obtain considerable financing from a [REDACTED] family in Miami, Florida. [REDACTED] became interested in [REDACTED] proposition and ordered [REDACTED] to accompany [REDACTED] to Miami, Florida, which he did and at which time he and [REDACTED] met with a [REDACTED]. It developed, however, that [REDACTED] did not previously know the [REDACTED] family and further that [REDACTED] actually had no contacts or was not in a position to obtain financing for [REDACTED].

It was during the trip to Miami, Florida, that [REDACTED] realized that [REDACTED] had an apparent mental problem. [REDACTED] recalled that while staying in motels in Florida, [REDACTED] at times became most irrational and envisioned that he was being followed by Federal Agents.

After the Florida trip, [REDACTED] continued to hang around [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Louisiana, at which time [REDACTED] wife was also present. In [REDACTED] opinion, [REDACTED] wife is also an irrational person.



On one occasion, [REDACTED], who was doing some work for [REDACTED], took [REDACTED] personally owned vehicle with the permission of [REDACTED] on a business trip. [REDACTED] wife accompanied [REDACTED] on this trip and they did not return as scheduled. The vehicle was subsequently located in Mississippi in an abandoned position. Also at this same time, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] discovered that [REDACTED] had stolen some property from the company, such as a portable electric typewriter, a brief case full of valuable engineering fittings, a telephone credit card and other miscellaneous items. Also taken from the [REDACTED] vehicle was a .38 Police Special Revolver which was a sentimental keepsake which had been given to [REDACTED] by his father.

The theft of these items was reported to law enforcement agencies but [REDACTED] subsequently decided not to press charges. The revolver has never been recovered by [REDACTED] and he does not presently know its whereabouts.

[REDACTED] heard from some unrecalled source several months ago that [REDACTED] either was or is presently confined to a mental institution. He has not seen [REDACTED] since late Fall of 1967.

[REDACTED] was a braggart by nature, frequently announced his animosity towards Negroes but was never known to [REDACTED] to have specifically mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING or any other particular Negro. [REDACTED] frequently bragged that he had contacts with the underworld but never specifically mentioned anyone by name.

[REDACTED] concluded that he is at a loss to explain why it is alleged that he possessed information concerning a plot to raise money to kill MARTIN KING. He stated that he wanted to cooperate fully with the FBI, which agency he admires considerably and that if any further recollection

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concerning the Summer of 1967 in [REDACTED] came to him, he would promptly advise the New Orleans Office.

[REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a white male, six feet two inches tall, 36 years of age and possessing blonde wavy hair. During the Summer of 1967, [REDACTED] personally owned a 1967 Oldsmobile, white over black, bearing Texas license [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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PASSPORT APPLICATION REVIEW PROJECT

WFO is continuing review of passport applications at Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS). All available WFO personnel, commensurate with fulfilling other Bureau responsibilities, has been detailed to this project.

Upon instituting this project there were approximately 2,153,000 passport applications in file since 3/1/67. Applications are received at the rate of about 20,000 per day. As of 5 p.m., this date, about 12 % of this project has been completed. Approximately 3 % of this project is being completed each work day and it is estimated that approximately six weeks will be required to complete this project.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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ReNKteletype 5/20/68.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Lab are two United States Postal Money Orders bearing signature ERIC S. GALT.

Number one Money Order # 1,916,211,078, dated 3/8/68, in amount of \$15.00 purchased Los Angeles, California, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Number two Money Order # 5,615,057,923, dated 3/28/68, purchased Atlanta, Georgia, in amount of \$7.50, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Money orders furnished to SA [redacted] on 5/22/68, by [redacted] Money Order Branch, Government Accounting Office, Washington, D.C.

Laboratory requested to compare signature on money orders with known handwriting of RAY to determine if identical.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/20/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/17/68 - 5/17/68</b>
TITLE & CASE <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO #4182 WF #442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [redacted]</b>	TYPED BY <b>cap</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CR - CONSPIRACY; BFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

## REFERENCES:

Report of SA [redacted] at Birmingham,  
dated 4/17/68, and numerous communications  
and reports.

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## LEAD:

## BIRMINGHAM:

## AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

Will continue efforts to locate fugitive RAY.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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## Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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By	100 - CRU	

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

No leads are being set forth in this report as all have been handled by telephone or teletype during the period covered in this report.

One extra copy is being furnished to the Memphis Office marked "Hold" for the U. S. Attorney, Memphis, which may be released only upon Bureau authority.

The voluminous negative information is not being reported herein as it would serve no useful purpose. However, in separate volumans of the Birmingham file related to this matter, all such investigation is recorded including elimination of numerous "look-alikes" and suspects.

In accordance with Bureau instructions each informant including CI's and PCI's as well as logical racial informants and sources of information have all been contacted personally during the period covered herein and each such individual has been supplied a copy of the Identification Order for RAY together with exhibition of several views of his photographs. This has resulted negatively to date.

The confidential source whose interview is set forth in this report at length who was a former inmate of subject RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary is [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Alabama, and is presently employed at [redacted] Alabama. He is being contacted on a regular basis and it is believed that should he receive a call from subject RAY that he will notify the Birmingham Office immediately. It was deemed advisable not to

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disclose his identity in this report since he is apprehensive of possible retaliation by former inmates should it become known that he is being contacted by FBI Agents. Contacts with him have been had after his regular work-day hours in order that he not be compromised.

In connection with the information furnished in the body of this report regarding the possibility that subject RAY may have known that there were "beer joints" near Birmingham, the following is noted:

The location of the "beer joints" described is in close proximity to the terminus of the navigable Warrior River upon which large tow barges operate to port Birmingham and Cordova, Alabama. The Warrior River is navigable from these locations through the length of Alabama to Mobile thence by Inter-coastal canal to New Orleans and from there up the Mississippi River. Birmingham contemplates additional investigation on the possibility that RAY during the period 1958 to 1960 may have, in fact, been employed as a deck hand or cook on one of the barge lines operated on the Mississippi-Warrior system.

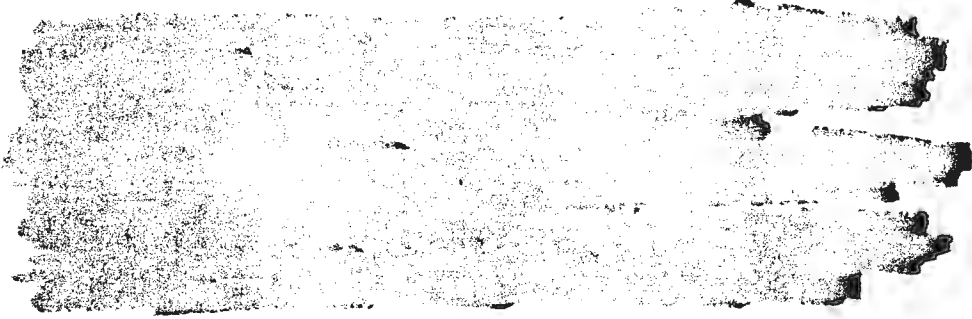
In connection with the information furnished by [redacted] it was thought advisable to [redacted] determine whether there might be any possibility of his having been contacted [redacted] by subject RAY.

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Information of this report are being furnished the auxiliary offices indicated due to their investigation conducted in this matter and possible future reports for additional investigation.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 15, 1968

[redacted] Alabama, furnished the following:

She is married to [redacted] a former inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. [redacted] stated her husband never identified JAMES EARL RAY as a person known to him after or during the time when RAY's photograph and name were appearing frequently on TV and in newspapers and also stated her husband had never commented anything about RAY until about May 3, 1968, when [redacted] was first contacted by the FBI in an effort to locate her husband. Her husband then told her that the FBI was seeking him concerning a man he had known in the penitentiary who had carried hot water to the prisoners' cells.

[redacted] stated that neither she nor her husband, to her knowledge, has ever received any telephone calls from any unknown men who were attempting to contact her husband and who could be identical with JAMES EARL RAY. She stated she has never been contacted at her residence by anyone resembling RAY who was looking for her husband. She was unable to identify any photograph of RAY as a person ever seen by her at any time.

She stated that from June, 1967, until January, 1968, she and her family had not resided at [redacted] but had resided in a rural area outside of [redacted]. During the same time, however, they had kept the same telephone number they had had prior to moving from [redacted]. In January, 1968, they moved back into the house at [redacted].

On 5/8/68 at [redacted] Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/14/68

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In connection with the information [redacted] that JAMES EARL RAY had identified several bars and night clubs in Northwest Jefferson County, Alabama, the following investigation was conducted on May 8, 1968, by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]:

GLADYS KEY, who was formerly known as GLADYS HAYWOOD, wife of C. C. HAYWOOD, and also known as "XAVA" HAYWOOD, stated she operated, along with her former husband, C. C. HAYWOOD, the Riverview Night Club from July, 1958, until 1964. This place is located on the Warrior River in northwest Jefferson County. Mrs. KEY stated she could not recall any former customer during the period 1958 - 1960 who was identical with JAMES EARL RAY. She further advised that the photographs of RAY were not identical with any person she recalls seeing at the Riverview Night Club from 1958 to 1960 or at her present bar from April, 1967, to the present time.

Mrs. KEY is presently operating the "Little Warrior River Cafe," which is located one-half mile from the Riverview. Mrs. KEY's employee, MARLENE KILCOPE, also was unable to identify the photograph of RAY as a customer she has ever seen in the Little Warrior River Cafe.

Mr. C. C. HAYWOOD, owner of the Riverview Night Club since 1958, advised he was unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a customer who came to his place either in 1958 to 1960 or since April, 1967. The photographs of RAY were also shown to HAYWOOD's barmaid, Mrs. ELLEN SICKLES, and to Mrs. C. C. (PHYLLIS) HAYWOOD, who were unable to identify photographs of RAY as anyone they had seen in the Riverview.

MAMIE MITCHELL, Manager of Rose's Place on Old U. S. Highway 78, Route One, Dora, Alabama, advised she has operated this "beer joint" since 1963. In 1958 it was known as "Johnny's Place" and in 1960 it was known as "Parker's Place." When MITCHELL took over in 1963, she named it "Mamie's Place" and changed the name to "Rose's" in 1964. Mrs. MITCHELL was unable to identify a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she has ever seen in her bar.

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ED POLLIS, operator of the Allstate Cafe, U. S. Highway 78, advised he and his brother, HAROLD POLLIS, had been operating the Allstate Night Club and Allstate Cafe as two separate businesses since 1957. POLLIS stated he could not identify any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person he had ever seen at the Allstate Cafe either during the period 1958-1960 or since April, 1967. HAROLD POLLIS was also unable to identify subject RAY after viewing the photographs.

ELEANOR POLLIS, wife of ED POLLIS and who works as a waitress at the Allstate Cafe, identified the 1967 and 1968 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she has seen at the Allstate Cafe. She stated that quite frankly she is unable to furnish any other information whatsoever about the person she identified as RAY, as to description, time seen at the cafe, automobile used, or anything else. She was quite definite in that she had seen RAY at the cafe.

MYRTLE NELSON, cook at the Allstate Cafe, identified the 1967 and 1968 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she had seen in the Allstate Cafe as a customer. She stated, however, she could not furnish any other information whatsoever concerning this person.

Both Mrs. POLLIS and MYRTLE NELSON stated they would give the matter considerable thought in an effort to recall any other information concerning the individual they identified.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 5/20/68

Office: BIRMINGHAM

Field Office File #: 44-1740

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -  
VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID  
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Proprietor of the "Gun Rack", Birmingham, a store dealing in the sale of firearms, is of opinion that subject spent considerable time examining high power rifles in his place on 3/27/68, which was two days prior to his appearance at the Aeromarine Supply Company where murder weapon was purchased. Record located of bank draft purchased by subject, as CALT, on 9/28/67, in amount \$337.24, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, for photographic equipment. Son of seller of Mustang to subject believed photograph of subject identical to purchaser. Same opinion of photograph expressed by operator and cook at the Economy Rooming House, Highland Avenue, Birmingham, where subject resided from 8/26/67 to 10/7/67. [REDACTED], Alabama, who was well acquainted with subject RAY while both confined in Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, recalled that RAY was considerably upset during demonstrations led by KING and about the Fall of 1963 RAY made the statement that he was going to kill KING when he got out and was under the impression that some organization would pay \$10,000.00 for KING's murder. [REDACTED] also identified several former and present inmates who knew subject. Similar information received from another former inmate, who is now a parolee from Missouri State Penitentiary, residing [REDACTED], but who denied his identity not be made known. RAY eliminated as possible suspect in any bank robbery committed in Birmingham Office territory. Since

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Submission of last report and since issuance of Identification Order and wanted flyer for RAY's apprehension, extensive investigation has continued in Birmingham territory without securing any additional information as to his whereabouts, although numerous "look-a-likes" and suspects eliminated. This investigation included personal contacts and delivery of Identification Orders to all employees in the following business categories: outlets of salacious books, rooming houses, hotels and motels, bus stations, railroads, airline facilities, car rental agencies, public luggage lockers, laundries and dry cleaners, "lonely heart" type organizations, and bank safe deposit box departments. Classified ads of used cars for sale which appeared in Birmingham newspapers during pertinent period, 3/21-4/2/68, were reviewed and 486 cars advertised eliminated as having been sold to subject. Subject's photographs published in periodical distributed to all service stations in state. No record located of subject having applied for employment at any country club. No record of any unidentified deceased male who might be subject located. Check of marriage and divorce records of all counties in Birmingham territory negative. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The following signed statement was furnished by CLYDE R. MANASCO, [redacted], Birmingham, Alabama, clerk at the Gun Rack located at 1507 S.W. 31st Street, Birmingham, Alabama:

"Birmingham, Alabama  
April 18, 1968

"I, CLYDE MANASCO, having viewed seven photographs exhibited to me by Special Agent [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have selected the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT as appearing similar to the man who came to The Gun Rack Store, Birmingham, Alabama, where I am employed, and made inquiry regarding high-powered rifles and scopes. I believe the date the man appeared at The Gun Rack was March 27, 1968. The photograph of a man identified as ERIC STARVO GALT appears identical to this man with the exception in the photograph ERIC STARVO GALT's face appears slightly broader than I recall the man who was in The Gun Rack.

"I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ CLYDE R. MANASCO

"Witnessed:

Special Agent [redacted] (/s/), FBI, Birmingham, Ala.  
April 18, 1968"

In addition to information furnished in the signed statement, Mr. MANASCO advised that as he had previously stated, the man who was in The Gun Rack making inquiry regarding high-powered rifles had light brown hair.

Photographs exhibited to Mr. MANASCO were as follows:

[redacted] Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

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[REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, photograph taken April 21, 1962;

[REDACTED] Birmingham FBI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Birmingham FBI [REDACTED]

ERIC STARVO GALT, true name JAMES EARL RAY;

[REDACTED] Birmingham FBI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Birmingham FBI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Atlanta Police Department  
[REDACTED] photograph taken October 20, 1967.



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QUINTON B. DAVIS, [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, owner of The Gun Rack, 1507 31st Street, S.W., Birmingham, Alabama, viewed the following photographs:

[REDACTED] Jefferson County Sheriff's Office  
[REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, photograph taken April 21, 1962;

[REDACTED] Birmingham FBI [REDACTED];

[REDACTED] Birmingham FBI [REDACTED];

ERIC STARVO GALT, true name JAMES EARL RAY;

[REDACTED] Birmingham FBI [REDACTED];

[REDACTED] Birmingham FBI [REDACTED];

[REDACTED] Atlanta Police Department  
[REDACTED] photograph taken October 20, 1967.

Mr. DAVIS advised, after viewing the above photographs on April 18, 1968, that he could not make a positive statement as to whether the photograph of any of the above individuals was identical to the photograph of the individual who had been in The Gun Rack making inquiry regarding the high-powered rifle and had specifically made inquiry regarding a Model 264 Browning automatic rifle.

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JOHN MICHAEL KOPP, [REDACTED],  
Birmingham, Alabama, employed as the manager of the Firearms  
Department, Long Lewis Hardware Store, Bessemer, Alabama,  
viewed photographs of the following individuals on April 18,  
1968:

[REDACTED] Jefferson County Sheriff's Office,  
# [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, photograph taken April 21, 1962;

[REDACTED] Birmingham FBI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Birmingham FBI [REDACTED]

ERIC STARVO GALT, true name JAMES EARL RAY;

[REDACTED] Birmingham FBI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Birmingham FBI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Atlanta Police Department  
[REDACTED] photograph taken October 20, 1967.

After viewing photographs of the above individuals,  
Mr. KOPP advised that he could not identify photograph of  
either of the above individuals as being the photograph of  
the customer who was in Long Lewis Hardware on March 29, 1968  
making inquiry concerning purchasing a high-powered rifle.

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Date April 17, 1968

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A review of records of the Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, disclosed that on September 28, 1967, ERIC S. GALT purchased a bank draft #000127PS, from the Exchange Security Bank's Five Points South Branch Office.

This draft was dated September 28, 1967, made payable to Superior Bank Film Company, in the amount of \$337.24, and was drawn on the City National Bank of New York, New York, and authorized signature contained thereon was ROBERT S. GALT. This draft did not contain any endorsement.

In the event the above document is to be introduced in court, a subpoena duces tecum should be addressed to BOB GALT, Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.

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Date April 17, 19681

WAYNE RUSSELL, Assistant Auditor, Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that when a customer purchases a bank draft, the customer will fill out a requisition form or application, or may submit to the teller a piece of paper containing necessary information for the preparation of a bank draft, and that this will be submitted to a teller, who will then type out the original and two copies of the bank draft, and will then have one of the bank officers sign the draft as the authorized signer.

The original draft and one copy will be returned to the customer and the second copy will be retained by the bank for their records. The application or requisition form or piece of paper handed to the teller will then be destroyed at the end of the day.

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Date 4/18/68

WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, SR., [REDACTED] after viewing a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, said that there was a resemblance between this man and the ERIC STARVO GALT who purchased PAISLEY's 1966 white Mustang in August, 1967. PAISLEY said he could not make a positive identification and added that the man in the photograph has a fatter face than the ERIC STARVO GALT who bought the Mustang.

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Mrs. WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, SR., [REDACTED], after viewing photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, said she could not be sure if this is the man she observed buy a white 1966 Mustang from her husband in August, 1967. She stated that her recollection of this man is admittedly vague as she paid no attention to him, but, as best she could recall, the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT did resemble the purchaser, except that the man in the photograph has a fuller face than the purchaser and the hair in the photograph is too dark. She said the mouth and the nose in the photograph definitely remind her of the purchaser.

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WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR., [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Birmingham, after viewing photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, advised that the photographs showing GALT's eyes as being shut resembles the person known to PAISLEY as ERIC STARVO GALT, who purchased a 1966 white Mustang from PAISLEY's father in August, 1967. PAISLEY commented that it appeared GALT had put on some weight since PAISLEY had last seen him in August, 1967, as GALT's face in the photograph appears fatter than what PAISLEY recalls. After studying the photographs of GALT for several minutes, PAISLEY commented that the more he looked at the photographs the more he believed that they were identical with the ERIC STARVO GALT who purchased the Mustang.

PAISLEY added that he did not wish to make a positive identification at this time based on the photographs, and stated he could probably make a more definite identification if he could see GALT in person.

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Date 4/22/68

Mrs. J. D. (ELIZABETH) WEEKS, [REDACTED] was interviewed at her place of employment, [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, and stated that she is the sister of MARLIN C. MYERS, who owns the Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. WEEKS stated that she took dance lessons between September 12, 1967, and October 3, 1967, at the Friendship Club, Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on Tuesday evenings between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Mrs. WEEKS advised that her brother and sister-in-law were the instructors at these dance lessons. Mrs. WEEKS advised that the only reason she recalls an individual named ERIC GALT attending dance lessons at the Friendship Club, is that her sister, EORIS LADNER, told her his name. Mrs. WEEKS advised from what she can recall of this individual, he spoke very little and did not mingle with the other students. Mrs. WEEKS advised she never saw this individual in an automobile and does not recall if she ever saw him smoking.

Mrs. WEEKS described this individual as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Early 30's
Hair:	Brown, crew-cut
Height:	6'
Weight:	185 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Medium

Mrs. WEEKS advised she could not furnish any additional information concerning this individual.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/19/68

MARLIN C. MYERS, Owner, Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, stated he is positive ERIC GALT took dance lessons at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1964, under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

MYERS stated Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, did not have any employees and the turnover in dance instructors was very rapid. MYERS furnished the following names of dance instructors who possibly were at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, during 1964, but cannot furnish their addresses:

FRANK DESIMONE, New Orleans, Louisiana

JANET KISER, possibly married to DESIMONE

MARCUS FELOS, address unknown

SANDRA BANKSON, Telephone No. [REDACTED]

MYERS stated that FRANK DESIMONE would possibly be able to furnish current addresses for the above dance instructors and names and addresses of other dance instructors.

MYERS stated the only student he can recall is one ORLENA MILLER, [REDACTED] Louisiana, and is a very good friend of JIMM GARRISON.

MYERS stated that all dance instructors were paid by checks drawn on the Whitney Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana.

MYERS stated that Mrs. LOUELLA LUTZ would possibly have records for Continental Dance Studios, containing names and addresses of all dance instructors, employed at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, during 1964.

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In connection with the above information furnished by Mr. MARLIN C. MYERS, Continental Dance Studios, Birmingham, to the effect that he believed subject, who was then known as GALT, had taken dance lessons at the Continental Dance Studio, New Orleans, Louisiana, during 1964, it is pointed out that extensive investigation conducted at New Orleans revealed no such record of attendance by GALT during 1964 or during any other year.

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Date 5/8/68

[redacted] advised that he was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in [redacted] and was released on [redacted]. He stated that he knew JAMES EARL RAY while he was in prison and first met him sometime in [redacted]. He stated that he had been in groups where RAY was talking on several occasions and had talked to him personally a few times.

[redacted] stated that RAY made the statement that he was glad when JOHN F. KENNEDY was killed, and had made some statements at this time to the effect "That is one 'Nigger'-loving S.O.B. that got shot." He stated that RAY did not like Negroes and that during the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was leading some of his demonstrations and this information was being published in the newspapers, RAY used to curse KING and the Negroes. The news of the demonstrations and marches used to aggravate him considerably. He stated that RAY made the statement that KENNEDY was ruining the country and especially in the racial field, and that MARTIN LUTHER KING could get the Federal Government to do anything he wanted them to.

[redacted] further advised that he had heard some prison rumors that RAY was supposed to have killed three Negroes while he was in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

[redacted] advised that sometime in the Fall of 1963, RAY made the statement that he was going to get MARTIN LUTHER KING when he got out. He stated that he heard him say something about COOLEY (phonetic) or COOLEY'S organization would pay \$10,000.00 to have KING dead. He stated that he could furnish no further information concerning this and RAY did not mention it again in his presence.

[redacted] further advised that RAY seemed to have a sufficient supply of money and that he gambled with the other convicts continuously in the prison yard. The convicts used chips made from bottle caps or gambled for cigarettes and they would settle their gambling losses at the end of the month. He stated that RAY indicated at one time that he got

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a check or money regularly from some source on the outside. He stated that RAY did drink some and he had detected alcohol on his breath on different occasions. The convicts made whiskey in the prison and some of the guards sold whiskey to the convicts also. He stated there was a lot of narcotics passed around in the prison and the guards would bring some of it in and some of it was being brought in by visitors. He never had any personal knowledge that RAY used narcotics. He was unable to name any specific guard that sold contraband to the convicts; however, he did say that one guard was caught selling contraband to the convicts in 1962 or 1963 and was fired. He stated that RAY did talk to one particular guard a lot; however, he does not remember the guard's name.

[redacted] stated that he has not seen RAY since he left prison and has no idea where he might have gone. He stated that RAY had talked about tunnelling out of prison and going to Virginia and hiding in a cave. He heard RAY say that he had a large supply of guns before he was in prison and heard him mention a submachine gun. The only foreign country he ever heard RAY mention was Liberia, Africa, and RAY stated that he had a brother-in-law working there and that he was making a lot of money.

[redacted] advised that RAY was not too friendly; however, he would talk in groups. RAY told [redacted] that he had been in Birmingham, Alabama. [redacted] He never discussed his past life in [redacted] presence and [redacted] has no idea where RAY is from or anything about his family.

His close associates in prison were:

[redacted] (phonetic)

[redacted] is believed to be from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and [redacted] believes he is still in prison. [redacted] talked about Mexico a lot and could speak Spanish. RAY stated one time that he was going to visit a friend of his and [redacted] (this friend's name unknown) who was released from prison [redacted] and it is believed that he is [redacted] Missouri.

"TICK" WILSON, who was killed while in Missouri State Prison.

[redacted] who is from the Kansas City area and is believed to be still in prison as he was serving a [redacted] sentence.

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[REDACTED] was serving [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] from [REDACTED] Missouri.

[REDACTED] was shown a copy of I.O. 4182 and he stated that the center picture looks exactly like he remembered him in prison and the other pictures resemble him also.

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Date May 8, 1968

Alabama, was reinterviewed and furnished the following information:

He was recently interviewed and furnished all the information to his knowledge as to his association with JAMES EARL RAY. As to the information he furnished concerning the fact that he heard RAY remark that the Cooley organization would pay \$10,000 to get MARTIN LUTHER KING killed, and he was going to kill KING upon his release, he said there were at least three persons whom he can recall who were present on this date and heard RAY make this statement. He said they were [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted] (phonetic), and [redacted] (phonetic). He said he believes these three persons are still in prison in Missouri. He said this statement was made by RAY during the latter part of 1963. He said he would testify to this information.

He said he has no idea as to the identity of the Cooley organization and has never heard this organization mentioned by anyone other than RAY on this one occasion.

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Date May 15, 1968

[redacted] Alabama, was interviewed at [redacted] and furnished the following:

[redacted] entered the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, [redacted] after having been convicted in Kansas City, Missouri, [redacted] and receiving a [redacted] sentence. He stayed "inside the walls" at Jefferson City until [redacted]

During his incarceration, [redacted] became acquainted with one [redacted] (phonetic). [redacted] had told that [redacted] had some relatives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and [redacted] was serving a [redacted] sentence after being convicted in Kansas City, Missouri, for [redacted]. [redacted] had also claimed to [redacted] that when he was arrested by the Kansas City Police Department he, [redacted], had in his possession the name of a notorious Kansas City gangster, which had been given to [redacted] by a New Orleans friend. [redacted] did not identify either of these two names, but claimed he was questioned "thoroughly" by the Kansas City Police Department about this name [redacted] had in his possession.

[redacted] claimed he and [redacted] became good friends during this time and sometime in [redacted] [redacted] through [redacted] met JAMES EARL RAY, another inmate at the penitentiary. This meeting took place in the prison yard at a time shortly after the assassination of President KENNEDY. At the time of the meeting, RAY was involved in a poker game and [redacted] told [redacted] that he, [redacted], was a personal friend of RAY's, who was doing twenty years for robbery. [redacted] introduced RAY to [redacted] as "JAMES RAY" and told [redacted] that everyone called him "RAY." Later, at an unrecalled time, [redacted] told [redacted] that he, [redacted], had known "RAY"

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in Atlanta, Georgia, and that they [redacted] and RAY) had committed a robbery in Atlanta together. [redacted] claimed [redacted] had told him that [redacted] and RAY had robbed a oil company about midnight after having watched it for about a week. [redacted] also told [redacted] that [redacted] wife and three children were then, 1963 or early 1964.

[redacted] also recalled that [redacted] had told him he was serving a sentence for [redacted] and [redacted] had both been in the same jail at Kansas City, Missouri, at the same time but were in different tanks and did not actually meet until they got to prison.

[redacted] stated he was present during about three or four conversations between [redacted] and RAY, but that [redacted] and RAY never had any detailed conversation of any kind. [redacted] recalls in one of these conversations in late 1963 RAY said to [redacted] that he, RAY, was going to escape from the "pen" and that RAY knew a "guy named COOLEY" who could hide RAY where no one could find him. [redacted] claimed that RAY also stated that COOLEY would pay \$10,000 to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. In other conversations, [redacted] recalled RAY talking about tunnelling out of the penitentiary, if he had to, and going to Liberia where RAY claimed he had a brother-in-law living, who was "making good money." [redacted] recalls that at another time, in discussing the assassination of President KENNEDY, [redacted] stated he did not believe anyone should kill the President, to which RAY said that he, RAY, would have done it himself if he had had the chance, and that KENNEDY "was nothing but a damn Catholic." According to [redacted], RAY often expressed his hatred for Catholics and Negroes.

[redacted] also recalls RAY claiming he knew where a cave was located in Virginia, where RAY could hide upon his escape. [redacted] believes that one of the prisoners who overheard some of these conversations was [redacted]



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[redacted] claims that [redacted] told [redacted] on more than one occasion that RAY had killed three Negroes in the penitentiary with a "shiv" (knife). [redacted] claimed he did not know the details concerning these alleged killings.

[redacted] believes he once [redacted] [redacted] recalls RAY stating that Birmingham was a good town to steal in and that RAY had once stole a car in Birmingham before he was arrested in Kansas City. [redacted] was of the opinion that RAY, at the time he met him, was living in "C" Hall and was working in the license plate plant. [redacted] further stated he believed RAY was left-handed, smoked Winston cigarettes, walked pigeon-toed, and had a Zippo lighter with the initials "J.R." scratched on it.

[redacted] claims he knows of no lottery or gambling operation conducted by [redacted] in which RAY took an active part.

[redacted] stated he would cooperate with the FBI in any way possible and was doing so, not for any reward, but because he felt he should.

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Confidential source, whose reliability has not been established, advised that he was received in the Missouri State Penitentiary during \_\_\_\_\_, and was immediately placed in quarantine for a thirty-day observation period which is required of all new prisoners and thereafter he was assigned to \_\_\_\_\_, and scheduled to work in the \_\_\_\_\_. In this connection, the source stated that there is only one inmate to a cell and that the Missouri State Penitentiary has five halls within the prison wall which house prisoners.

\_\_\_\_\_ first became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY, \_\_\_\_\_ worked daily in J Hall as a "Walk Boy." The source explained that the duties of JAMES EARL RAY as a "Walk Boy" were to take orders for cigarettes, gum, candy, etc., which could be purchased within the prison and to bring hot water for shaving and instant coffee to the inmates. The source added that JAMES EARL RAY was the only "Walk Boy" in J Hall and further that he was free to contact any inmate and could move throughout the hall freely. He pointed out that this was RAY's only duty in the hall and that he could remain inside during working hours, having no other assignments.

\_\_\_\_\_ RAY mentioned beer joints like the All State Tavern, another beer joint which \_\_\_\_\_ was Rose's Place and Riverview Cafe.

RAY said that he had visited or stayed in the Birmingham, Alabama, area in the past; however, RAY never mentioned any associates, acquaintances, friends, relatives or employments in the State of Alabama.

[REDACTED]

The source said that RAY never discussed his family nor did he ever indicate from which part of the United States he came from, but the source believed that RAY was from the southern part of the United States only because RAY never indicated where he was from.

[REDACTED]

The source said that RAY was a very quiet individual, soft spoken, calm, clean, never laughed or enjoyed a good story, solemn face, and remained to himself most of the time. The source advised that he would often see RAY in the prison yard and on occasion attempted to strike up a conversation with RAY, but he never appeared interested so the source gave up trying to make conversation with RAY.

The source said that the only topic which would arouse RAY's interest was the subject of money. The source

stated that on one occasion during a conversation with RAY, RAY said "One of these days if I ever get out of here I am going to make myself a bunch of money." When source asked how he intended doing this, RAY replied he had contacts and there are more ways of making money than robbing banks. Source then asked RAY what his plan was, to which RAY replied "The Businessmen's Association has offered \$100,000.00 for killing MARTIN LUTHER KING and he's five years past due." The source stated he then asked RAY what the Businessmen's Association was, to which RAY replied "I don't know but I will find out." The source added that this was the first and last time RAY ever mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING nor did he ever again mention the Businessmen's Association in his presence.

The source said that RAY told him that he always worked alone and therefore limited the possibility of being caught and said "I have got a place picked out where I can hide," never mentioning where the place was located.

The source stated there was a prison cigarette lottery going on almost daily in J Hall and that RAY was involved in this lottery, delivering wagering tickets as well as picking these up and would deliver the winnings to inmates each night. He said there were two separate lotteries in J Hall. One lottery was run by two inmates named [redacted] and another individual from St. Louis, Missouri, name unknown. The source described this individual as a [redacted]

[redacted] The source said the other lottery in J Hall was run by an individual nicknamed [redacted] who was doing a [redacted] sentence and described him as a white male, [redacted] occupied either cell [redacted] or [redacted] in J Hall, [redacted]

The source said that he did not like [redacted] wagering odds so he always placed his wagers with the individual nicknamed [redacted]. The source stated that [redacted]

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RAY would always handle the wagers since he could talk to any inmates in the cellblock and was reimbursed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for this service. Source estimated that there were approximately two dozen lotteries being operated in the Missouri State Penitentiary, which consisted of five separate halls housing the prisoners.

The source advised that he never saw RAY run narcotics or handle contraband at any time and on one occasion RAY showed him his arms to prove that he had never been addicted to narcotics. The source added that he never observed RAY with any large sums of money.

The source advised that there was an organization being operated at the Missouri State Penitentiary by the inmates and this organization was called "Cooley's Organization." The source said that this was a protection and enforcer organization and that while en route to the Missouri State Penitentiary he first became aware that such an organization existed. The source advised that he [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] became acquainted with a prisoner, whom he described as a "four time loser." The source said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had previously served time at Missouri State Penitentiary and was being returned to this penitentiary. The source said that when [REDACTED] learned that he also was en route to the Missouri State Penitentiary, [REDACTED] advised him to join the Cooley's Organization at the Missouri State Penitentiary since he would need to get along with other prisoners and be being a member of this organization, he would obtain "special favors." The source said that [REDACTED] informed him that the Cooley's Organization would settle any grievances he may have while at Missouri State Penitentiary against other prisoners and that this was a very powerful organization, having influence with guards and could even, for a price, arrange "a murder."

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The source advised that after his release from quarantine, he again observed [redacted] who was then working in the mess hall at the Missouri State Penitentiary. The source advised that he then approached [redacted] and told [redacted] that he desired to join the Cooley's Organization and at this time gave him a \$10.00 canteen book, pointing out that the membership fee to join the Cooley's Organization was \$10.00 and that this membership fee would make an inmate a paid up member as long as he was in prison. The source advised that [redacted] told him that he would obtain his membership for him.

[redacted] always felt that RAY was a member of the Cooley's Organization since he was so trusted. However, RAY never said to him that he was a member nor did he ever ask him.

The source said that his membership card was type written with his name on it and had the heading "Membership Cooley's Club." The source said that this membership card was like a credit card and it could get an inmate credit on purchases of candy and other sundries but could not be used for credit purposes on lotteries.

The source advised that he had two or three differences with prisoners over wagers while in J Hall and upon getting no satisfaction, he personally contacted [redacted] in the mess hall at which time he displayed to [redacted] his membership card and filed his grievance with [redacted]. The source stated that [redacted] informed him that he would handle this complaint; however, the fee for handling his grievance was 50% of what was due a prisoner.

The source stated that [redacted] was later transferred from the mess hall to the Church Farm, which is located outside the prison wall at Missouri State Penitentiary. The source said that prior to [redacted] departure, [redacted]

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contacted him and instructed him who to see in the future to take complaints should he have any additional grievances. At this point, the source pointed out that most grievances would be placed either at the mess hall or the prison yard, noting that only during these periods of time all the inmates from different halls could talk with each other. The source added that he was unable to furnish any description of name of the individual he was instructed to contact in the mess hall after the departure of [REDACTED] since he had no further complaints [REDACTED]

The source stated that the Cooley's Organization was operating when he arrived at the Missouri State Penitentiary and was still doing business when he departed and he felt that this operation had been started and maintained by old cons who are now trustees and who reside in A Hall, which is the trustees' barracks. He added that he personally feared the power of the Cooley's Organization as did other inmates and in his opinion, he personally felt they could render retaliation regarding him if they became aware that he gave information concerning their organization.

The source said that during the time RAY was assigned to J Hall, he had attempted an escape which was unsuccessful and thereafter he never saw RAY again since RAY was not returned to J Hall [REDACTED]. He said that [REDACTED] he did hear that RAY successfully escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary by hiding himself in a bread truck.

The source was asked if there ever circulated at Missouri State Penitentiary a rumor concerning the killing of three Negro inmates and if RAY's name was ever mentioned as a suspect or being involved in these killings. The source said that he did learn that when prison authorities first tried to integrate the prisoners, four white men with pillowcases over their heads waited

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for five Negro prisoners to enter the shower room on one occasion and stabbed three of the Negroes to death, wounded a fourth and the fifth escaped. He said that at no time did he hear any rumor that RAY was involved in these killings.

The source said that the inmates located in J Hall at the time he was also lodged there and who could possibly furnish additional information concerning RAY were [redacted] cell [redacted] and [redacted] cell [redacted]

Source advised that another inmate, name unknown, who occupied cell [redacted] was a lottery player. Another inmate, name unknown, nicknamed [redacted] was a [redacted]

This source was displayed numerous photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that all photographs bear a close resemblance to RAY; however, he specifically identified the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the time he was incarcerated. The source said that he would have no difficulty in identifying RAY should he ever see him again, even if he attempted to disguise his identity; giving as his reasons that RAY was definitely "slough-footed" and his toes pointed out noticeably when he walked causing his heels and soles to wear down on the outside edges. He has a prominent cleft on his chin, which is noticeable and remarked that RAY liked his booze and that he had the impression from talking with him that he was a heavy drinker. The source also added that in his opinion from his knowledge of RAY in prison that he thought RAY had a normal sex life.

The source advised that the only other person that he knew that RAY might have been closely associated when in prison was a full-blooded Indian prisoner who was the barber in J Hall but whose name he could not recall. The source stated that he definitely had not been contacted by RAY since he has been released from prison, which was [redacted], and stated that he would notify the Birmingham FBI Office if RAY ever attempted to contact him in any way or manner in the future.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/20/68

Mr. PETER CHERPES, Owner, Economy Rooming House, 2806 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, was given two photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and after carefully studying these photographs for several minutes, stated, "I believe this is ERIC GALT who resided at my rooming house. The photographs bear a very close resemblance to him; however, I can't be sure until I seen him in person."

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Date 4/20/68

Mr. HERBERT KELLY advised that he is employed as a cook at the Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, and that he was employed at this house during the period August 26, 1967, through October 7, 1967.

Mr. KELLY advised that during this period of time he prepared and served the morning and evening meals and was acquainted with most of the tenants. He said that he did remember a guest by the name of ERIC GALT who resided at the Economy Rooming House and particularly recalled that he occupied Room 14, and was always late for breakfast.

Mr. KELLY was given two photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and after carefully studying these photographs for several minutes, stated, "I believe these photographs of GALT are identical with the ERIC GALT who resided at this rooming house. These pictures bear a very close resemblance to him."

Mr. KELLY stated that he would not make a positive identification pointing out that he desired to view GALT in person before making such an identification.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 10, 1968

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PETER CHERPES, Owner of the Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, which photograph had been taken during the residence of RAY in Los Angeles, California, during late 1967 and early 1968. CHERPES, without hesitation, definitely identified this photograph as being a photograph of a person known to CHERPES as ERIC S. GALT, who resided at CHERPES' rooming house from August 26, 1967, through approximately October 7, 1967. CHERPES said this photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was the best likeness of the man known to CHERPES as ERIC S. GALT that CHERPES had seen to date.

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by SA'S [REDACTED] & [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FERRELL Date dictated 5/8/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 10, 19681

HERBERT KELLY, who is employed as a cook at the Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, and who served meals to ERIC S. GALT during the residence of GALT at the Economy Rooming House, was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, which had been taken during the residence of RAY in Los Angeles, California, during late 1967 and early 1968. KELLY definitely identified this photograph as being a photograph of the person known to him as ERIC S. GALT. KELLY also said this photograph was the best likeness of GALT that KELLY had seen to date.

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Outlets of Salacious Books

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

During investigation it had been determined that subject RAY had on more than one occasion while residing in California written to publishing houses dealing in salacious and sex books. In view of that characteristic of RAY, all newsstands and book shops serving as local outlets of that type of material were canvassed and identification orders left with the proprietors. No one during this survey recalled having seen RAY in their establishments but each promised to notify the FBI at Birmingham should he be observed in the future.

Bank Robberies and Bank Burglaries

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

Based on a suggestion from the Bureau, all pending unsolved bank robbery files in the Birmingham Office have been reviewed on the possibility that subject RAY may have participated in such activity. Based on this review, RAY has definitely been eliminated as being a suspect in any such bank robbery.

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Files pertaining to unsolved bank burglaries in the Birmingham territory were likewise reviewed but same reflected no witnesses to such bank burglaries and no latent fingerprints which might be compared with the prints of RAY.

Rooming Houses

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED]

Although as has previously been reported by the Birmingham Office that all rooming houses were canvassed with the photograph of the individual then identified as GALT, each of these establishments were recontacted during the periods April 25-29 and May 3-7, 1968, and identification orders supplied to the proprietors. The proprietors were also questioned concerning the possibility of subject under the name RAY or additional aliases then known as having been a tenant in the past, especially during the pertinent periods when his whereabouts were not known. The number of such rooming houses was quite extensive and included all which advertised in the daily press, under the classified section of the telephone directory, or by sign advertisements. No identification of RAY having resided in any such place resulted other than as has been previously reported, his residence at the Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, from August 26 - October 7, 1967. The above also included checks at charity type shelter homes and institutions. It also included all YMCA operated establishments.

Marriage and Divorce Records

The records of the Probate Court in each of the 31 counties comprising the territory of the Birmingham Office were searched pertaining to any marriage or divorce record of subject RAY under his true name or any known aliases. This resulted negatively but was considered advisable in view of his veiled reference on one occasion that he had a divorced wife living "over the mountain" near Birmingham.

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Possible Local Robberies

Immediately after identification of RAY as being involved in this matter, the Robbery Squad of the Birmingham Police Department was furnished with photographs of him and also pertinent dates during which he was known to have resided in Birmingham, i.e. August 26 - October 7, 1967. Members of the Robbery Squad have exhibited his photograph to holdup victims occurring in Birmingham during that period without identification.

At the present time, this facet of the investigation is being extended to include robbery squads of the police departments in the six Resident Agencies of the Birmingham Office and to the cities of road trip territories.

Unidentified Deceased Males C.

Immediately after the identification of RAY as the subject of this investigation, contact was had with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, and with the Office of the Coroner, which official works closely with the Sheriff's Office. The Coroner was requested to advise the Birmingham Office should any unidentified deceased male be examined by his office. As yet there have been no such instances coming to the attention of the Coroner.

Based on information contained in Bureau communication, dated May 9, 1968, regarding this matter, similar inquiries and stop notices are being placed at the present time with coroners and sheriff's offices in the counties of the six Resident Agencies and to road trip territories of the Birmingham Office.



Possible Employment of Ray  
By Country Clubs

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

In a communication from the Bureau, dated May 10, 1968, it was pointed out that while residing in the Los Angeles area during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departure therefrom in March, 1968, RAY had been determined to have made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment, especially as a bartender, since he is known to have pursued a course in bartending while residing in Los Angeles.

All country clubs in the immediate area of Birmingham were contacted on May 16, 1968, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. Photographs exhibited, and records of applications and employees checked with negative results. This matter is now receiving attention by the Resident Agencies in Birmingham Office territory in connection with country clubs located in those areas.

Hotels and Motels

On the dates April 25, 26 and 29, 1968, SAs [redacted] and [redacted] conducted the following investigation:

After the identification of RAY, his photographs and identification orders were exhibited to all hotels and motels in the Birmingham-Bessemer, Alabama, area, although employees of those establishments had previously been contacted and shown photographs during the period that subject's name was believed to be GALT. Records of

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these establishments were checked thoroughly under the name of RAY and his other aliases during any period he was known to have been in the Birmingham area, but no such record of residence could be located. Exhibition of his photograph was extended to include all employees on all three shifts of each hotel and motel. No employees could make any identification.

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#### Bus Stations

All employees on each shift at the terminals of bus lines serving Birmingham were again contacted on April 25 and 26, 1968, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and identification orders pertaining to RAY were supplied to the employees without effecting an identification.

#### Railroads

After issuance of the identification order for the arrest of subject RAY, employees of the city ticket offices and the respective terminals of railroads serving the city of Birmingham were contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and copies of the identification orders furnished to said employees. No one recalled having seen RAY in the capacity of a passenger on any railway line.

Airlines

Although all city offices and Municipal Airport stations of each airline serving Birmingham had been previously contacted regarding subject then known as GALT, they were again canvassed on April 25, 1968, by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and identification orders issued for RAY were exhibited and left with personnel of each city office and airport station of each airline. No identification was effected.

Car Rental Agencies

On April 25, 1968, all automobile rental agencies in Birmingham were recontacted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] after the establishment of RAY being the subject in this matter, their records checked and identification orders supplied to each shift of such rental agencies. This resulted negatively as to any identification of RAY utilizing such a method of transportation during the pertinent period.

Luggage Storage

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on May 1, 1968:

Through the cooperation of the managers of the luggage storage departments of the bus stations, railway stations, shopping centers, and the Birmingham Municipal Airport, all luggage which had been allowed to remain over the prescribed period of storage was examined. No item which could be attributed to RAY was noted.

Laundries and Dry Cleaning Establishments

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED]

Since it had been determined from investigation that the subject previously known as GALT frequently utilized branch offices of laundries and dry-cleaning establishments, usually on a weekly basis, all main offices and the 261 branch offices in residential neighborhoods were recontacted after issuance of the identification order for RAY. No employees other than have been previously reported could identify RAY as being a patron of their establishment. Identification orders were left with each proprietor.

Parolees from Missouri State Penitentiary

~~REDACTED~~ U. S. Probation Officer, was contacted by SA ~~REDACTED~~ to determine whether their files contained records of any parolees from the Missouri State Penitentiary residing in the Northern District of Alabama, who may have been confined in the Missouri institution during the same period of confinement of RAY. Based on available records, ~~REDACTED~~ was unable to identify any such state parolees who might be under federal supervision at this time.

~~REDACTED~~ Alabama State Parole and Probation Officer, ~~REDACTED~~ Jefferson County Court House, was contacted for the same purpose and suggested that Mr. L. B. STEPHENS, Parole Executive, Alabama State Office Building, Montgomery, Alabama, would have a ready reference of all Missouri State Penitentiary parolees presently under state supervision in Alabama. He stated that Mr. STEPHENS keeps these records under an interstate compact with the various states. Appropriate communication was dispatched to the Mobile Office for contact with Mr. STEPHENS.

Safe Deposit Boxes

In a communication dated May 6, 1968, the Bureau pointed out that it may have been possible for subject RAY while fleeing on the day after the murder from Memphis, Tennessee, to his next known location in Atlanta, Georgia, to have visited a bank and gained access to a safe deposit box previously rented. The pertinent date was considered to be April 5, 1968.

Through the cooperation of the following bank officials extended to SA [redacted] during the period May 8-16, 1968, they caused records of the 24,380 safe deposit boxes to be checked for the pertinent date of entry, April 5, 1968:

[redacted] Birmingham  
Trust National Bank, Main Office,  
and its 17 branch offices

[redacted]  
First National Bank of Birmingham,  
and its 25 branch offices

[redacted]  
Exchange Security Bank, and its 12  
branch offices

[redacted]  
National Bank of Birmingham, and its  
four branch offices

[redacted]  
Central Bank and Trust Company, and  
its five branch offices

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**American National Bank**

Identification orders were exhibited and delivered to the manager of each of the safe deposit departments of each of the banks without any recognition of RAY as having been a past customer or as having access to any safe deposit box on the date April 5, 1968. Each of the bank officials, after having caused a check to be made of their entry cards for the pertinent date, advised that no customer who might conceivably be identical with RAY entered a box on that date.



Laundry Mark 20-R-3

After receipt of information to the effect that among recovered effects abandoned by subject, there was a linen laundry mark, 20-R-3, thereon, [REDACTED] on April 30, 1968, determined from laundries in the Birmingham area that although some utilized the Thermo-Seal machine, none were located who have in the past identified linens in their laundries by the mark 20-R-3.

VIRGIL ESCO, Plant Manager, Mayfield Cleaners, 219 South 20th Street, advised that they have in the past used the mark 20-R-; however, he found this to be a white and pink stripe and a cloth mark. Therefore, it is not identical with the mark 20-R-3 which was found on the linens in instant investigation.

Used Cars Advertised

On the possibility that subject RAY, who has been known to have purchased a used vehicle in the past, may have again done so through the medium of classified advertisements in the daily press, a review of all such ads was made by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which ads appeared in the "Birmingham Post-Herald" (morning) and the "Birmingham News" (evening) for a period which was deemed to be pertinent, i.e. March 21 - April 2, 1968.

After such reviews, the owners of all such cars who had placed ads were contacted and this amounted to 486 automobiles; the period during which the previous owners were contacted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was from May 7-17, 1968. In each instance, the purchaser of the vehicle was satisfactorily determined not to be identical with subject RAY.

News Media and Publications

During the period covered by this report, constant liaison has been maintained with the daily press and television stations in the Birmingham area. These outlets all have publicized the photographs of RAY effectively. The weekly "Birmingham World", which has extensive circularization among the Negro citizens of Birmingham, has also given prominent space to the publication of subject's photographs and news items.

In addition to the above, SA [redacted] through arrangements effected with Mr. SAM C. SPOTTEY, Executive Secretary, The Alabama Service Station Association, 1102 South 20th Street, Birmingham, caused a full page write-up and photographs of RAY to be published on page 5 of the April issue of the magazine published by that association. This publication reaches all service stations in the State of Alabama.

"Look Alikes" and Miscellaneous Suspects

Based on widespread coverage through news media, etc., numerous reports have been received during the period covered by this report wherein citizens have reported individuals resembling RAY. Without exception each of these instances received immediate attention by Agents of the Birmingham Office and all such cases resulted in the positive elimination of the suspected individuals. Records of these instances are maintained in a separate section of the Birmingham file in this matter.

Check of Motor Vehicles Stolen in Alabama

By communication dated April 26, 1968, the Bureau made available a list of motor vehicles stolen in Alabama as compiled from information retained at NCIC. The Mobile Office, under date of May 6, 1968, transmitted to the Birmingham Office a list of those vehicles stolen in the Birmingham territory during the pertinent period. At the present time the Birmingham Office is engaged in determining whether subject RAY may have been responsible for the theft of one of these vehicles.

In addition thereto, the Birmingham Police Department, when previously contacted, advised that the Auto Theft Squad of that department will without exception compare any latent fingerprints on any vehicle stolen in the State of Georgia and recovered at Birmingham. Special attention has been afforded by the Birmingham Police Department to any car reported stolen in Georgia immediately prior to or shortly after the date, April 6, 1968.

In addition to the above, each Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle (ITSMV) case, which had been pending in the Birmingham Office involving an unknown subject either stealing a car in the Birmingham territory and abandoning same in Atlanta territory or vice versa, has been reviewed and special attention given to any witnesses to the theft or recovery of such vehicle. To date, no such witness has identified RAY as being a possible suspect in any of those cases.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] in an effort to identify the operator of an automobile displaying Alabama license tag [REDACTED] at Chicago, Illinois, on April 19, 1968.

In the late evening of April 19, 1968, [REDACTED] Alabama State Trooper, Florence, Alabama, advised his office at Florence and Decatur, Alabama, had no record of the above license plate, and stated the registration pertaining to this tag could be obtained from the Probate Judge's Office, Moulton, Alabama, on April 22, 1968.

On April 22, 1968, records of the Probate Judge's Office, Moulton, Alabama, reflected the following information relating to this license plate. It was issued to EDGAR F. BORDEN, Moulton, Alabama, for a 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle, [REDACTED] on March 12, 1968.

Mrs. JUANITA JACKSON issued the plate, and Mrs. JACKSON stated she did not recall what the person buying this tag looked like. After viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, she stated she had no recollection of ever having seen an individual resembling RAY.

Considerable investigation was conducted April 22 through April 24, 1968, in an unsuccessful effort to identify EDGAR F. BORDEN.

On April 24, 1968, TOM PETTUS, County, Attorney, advised he handled a divorce for EDGAR T. BORDEN from Cook County, Illinois, in 1957, and PETTUS' records showed that EDGAR T. BORDEN, wife WALCIE BORDEN, had a son named EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN.

Mrs. WALCIE JOHNSON was located on [REDACTED], Moulton, Alabama, and advised she had a son, EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN, who was in Alabama in March 1968 and purchased a license plate for his Chevrolet Chevelle automobile at that time. She said this son was now in the process of moving

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from [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], San Angelo, Texas, in care of ERWIN BORDEN. She  
described EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN as follows:

Age	25
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5' 5" or 6"
Weight	132
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Married

"Lonely Heart" Type Organizations

The following investigation was conducted by SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

A review of the Birmingham telephone and city directories was made on May 14, 1968, for any "lonely heart" type organizations, with negative results. The only exceptions noted were the listings for Electra-Date Corporation, and Computa-Date Corporation, Homewood, Alabama, a Birmingham suburb.

On May 14, 1968, BILLY SELLERS, President, Electra-Date Corporation, #9 N.W. 23rd Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, checked his records through the use of a computer, for any record of JAMES EARL RAY, under his true name or known aliases, without affecting any identification. [REDACTED]

SELLERS said he would carefully scrutinize all subsequent applications, and should he receive any for anyone having the same description, likes, dislikes and preferences as does JAMES EARL RAY, SELLERS would immediately notify the FBI.

On May 14, 1968, RICHARD SAUNDERS, owner of Computa-Date Corporation, Homewood, Alabama, advised his business is engaged in providing dates for both males and females, through an electronic computer system. He added he presently has 28 offices in the Southeastern section of the United States, which includes the states of Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, and Mississippi. He searched his records through the use of his computer, for any record of JAMES EARL RAY, under his true name or known aliases, with negative results. SAUNDERS said he would immediately notify the FBI should he receive any application from anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY, in any manner, or which application would be of interest to the FBI.

FBI

Date: 4/26/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via

AIRTEL

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Memphis Office is submitting as attachment herewith an Airtel which it feels should be sent to all offices and Legats in connection with captioned case. If Bureau approves, it is requested that the Bureau make the dissemination.

3 BUREAU (Enc. 1)  
1 MEMPHIS

RGJ:BN  
(4)

ENCLOSURE

*revised memo to R. H. Wick  
5-3-68, EJM/co  
Airtel all SPES & LEGATS  
5-3-68, EJM/co*

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44-38861-3768

4 APR 27 1968

C. C. Bishop

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

PROPOSED AIRTEL

TO ALL OFFICES AND LEGATS

RE: MURKIN

The Bureau has designated Memphis as Office of Origin in connection with captioned case. Accordingly, the Memphis Office is setting forth certain instructions which it feels are absolutely necessary in order that this case can be appropriately administered and followed:

(1) Of importance in all investigation conducted herein is the prime goal of locating and apprehending the fugitive. This requires imagination, ingenuity, and logical investigation directed toward this goal.

(2) Major offices wherein the bulk of pertinent investigation has been or is being conducted should prepare and submit their own individual reports. These offices to date are Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield.

(3) Each office originating leads shall insure that leads set out are appropriately handled. In the event leads are eliminated as non-productive within a given office, the Memphis Office does not need the negative results. These should be appropriately indexed and filed. A prime illustration of this type is, of course, the numerous look-alikes each office has been receiving and eliminating. It is felt that elimination shall be based at least on physical description of suspect at variance with that of subject, location of suspect on pertinent

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Special Agent in Charge

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

PROPOSED AIRTEL

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dates, elimination by fingerprints against latents in instant case, no known use of any aliases in instant case by suspect, and no known involvement in conspiracy.

(4) All offices in submitting <sup>RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION</sup> reports should submit positive and pertinent information in suitable form for insertion in reports prepared by Memphis.

(5) Summary report in preparation by Memphis which will assist all offices in conducting logical investigation.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/2/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 4/30/68 and WFO airtel to Director,  
4/11/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is a copy of re WFO airtel.

RE ~~REDACTED~~  
BOMBING SUSPECT

Investigation by Atlanta and Baltimore have es-  
tablished ~~REDACTED~~ whereabouts during pertinent period of  
instant matter, and in view of this, no additional invest-  
igation is being conducted concerning him at this time.

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3 - Bureau (Registered Mail)  
2 - Memphis (Enc. 1)  
1 - Baltimore  
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W. C. Bishop.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 5/3/68

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(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-555) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re Cleveland teletype to Director, 4/27/68 and Chicago teletype to Director, FBI, 5/1/68.

All investigation was conducted on May 2, 1968, by SA [redacted] at Lima, Ohio, and by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] at Findlay, Ohio. The following information is being furnished to offices, who according to referenced Chicago teletype, 5/1/68, are attempting to locate [redacted], looking towards his elimination in involvement in MURKIN.

AT LIMA, OHIO

[redacted] Health Department, Allen County, Lima, Ohio, advised birth certificate reflects [redacted] born [redacted] at Lima, Ohio; father, [redacted] mother, [redacted] birth record was registered on [redacted]

AT [redacted] OHIO

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- 3 - Bureau
- 3 - Chicago
- 2 - Memphis
- 2 - San Francisco
- 2 - Seattle
- 2 - Cleveland

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12 MAY 4 1968

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59 MAY 20 1968  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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CV 44-565

[REDACTED] Credit Bureau  
[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] and had been known to  
her files since 1961 and there was a notation that he had been  
divorced from a [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] No other  
information.

[REDACTED] advised she divorced  
[REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and had only seen him about once  
a year since when he had come to see their child. She stated  
he re-married and she believed he left a second wife. She  
stated the last she knew he was driving an old Lincoln Continental.

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She stated that on no occasion had she ever heard him mention the Nazi Party, attending any special meetings, of any kind, nor had she ever heard him mention Dr. KING. She had no idea as to the whereabouts of subject, but advised his mother, [REDACTED] and a sister, [REDACTED] lived in Findlay.

[REDACTED] advised that talked to her son's wife, [REDACTED] in Chicago, by telephone, and that [REDACTED] who is also known as [REDACTED] lives at [REDACTED] Chicago, telephone [REDACTED]. She stated [REDACTED] is employed at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Chicago, telephone [REDACTED]. She advised when talking to [REDACTED] told her [REDACTED] had left and gone to Seattle, Washington, where he lived in some motel, but that he reportedly had checked out of this hotel; also that she believed he had been working at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had no idea as to the present whereabouts of her son, [REDACTED], and advised that the person he would get in touch with would be his wife, [REDACTED]. She advised that her son had left the Findlay Area a year ago and she had not seen him in four or five months. She advised that her son did at one time go with a young man named [REDACTED] but she did not know the whereabouts of this [REDACTED]. She said that in her opinion, her son needed psychiatric treatment, and has been known to tell tall stories when he has been drinking. Further, she stated she recalled hearing that her son had at one time telephoned the FBI in Chicago, within the last few years, but she thought it had something to do with Communism. She advised that her son does have two or three weapons; that he liked to hunt and fish; but, she has never known him to carry a weapon on his person. She stated that it no time had she ever heard her son mention Nazism or talk about Dr. KING. She stated it was her belief that at the time he may have called the FBI in Chicago, he may have been drinking at some bar in Chicago with some friends. She advised that although he was not mentally unbalanced, he did frequently during his marriages just take up and leave when he felt like it.

She stated she would immediately contact the FBI if she receives any information as to his whereabouts.

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[REDACTED] subject's sister, who resides with her mother, could furnish no additional information.

[REDACTED] his mother said that he had a brother, [REDACTED] in Fremont, Ohio, and a stepbrother, [REDACTED] in Chicago. She said she believed this [REDACTED] his half-brother, lived on [REDACTED] back of [REDACTED]

#### LEADS

#### CHICAGO:

##### AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] aka., [REDACTED] it being noted she is the person whom [REDACTED] will possibly be getting in touch with.

Will, if not already done, locate and interview [REDACTED] step-brother, who resides on [REDACTED] back of [REDACTED] for any information he may have as to whereabouts of [REDACTED]

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 3 1968

TELETYPE

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FBI SANANTON

554 PM URGENT 5/3/68 EGL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY AND HOUSTON (44-1509)  
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

RE HOUSTON TEL TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST.

RECORDS, TEXAS STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL, AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON

[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DISCLOSED HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE STATE  
HOSPITAL [REDACTED] RELEASED [REDACTED]

READMITTED [REDACTED] AND RELEASED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS NOT BEEN READMITTED SINCE THAT DATE. [REDACTED]

DIAGNOSED AS SOCIOPATHIC DISTURBANCE ALCOHOLISM; ONLY RELATIVE

IN SIXTY WAS LISTED AS [REDACTED] SISTER, RESIDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOUSTON, TEXAS. NO ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION IN [REDACTED] FILE REFLECTING [REDACTED] CURRENT

LOCATION AND NO INFORMATION IN FILE RELATIVE TO [REDACTED] BEING

APPROACHED TO KILL PRESIDENT OR MARTIN LUTHER KING. 10 MAY 22 1968

AIRMAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

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FBI WASH DC

MAY 23 1968

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI

Date: 5/7/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE: \_\_\_\_\_

Re Chicago teletypes to Bureau dated 4/25 and 5/2/68, Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/26/68, and Springfield teletype to Chicago and Dallas dated 5/3/68.

A summary of investigation conducted at Dallas is set out as follows:

On 5/6/68, \_\_\_\_\_ was located at his place of employment, \_\_\_\_\_ Dallas. Records of that company as furnished by \_\_\_\_\_ reflected that \_\_\_\_\_ had been employed by that company as a printer since 4/18/68, with his residence shown as \_\_\_\_\_ Dallas. Personnel records of the above company also reflected that \_\_\_\_\_ sustained an injury while on duty on 4/22/68, and at that time he gave the above address.

On 5/6/68, \_\_\_\_\_ was interviewed at \_\_\_\_\_ and stated that he left Chicago, Illinois, on 3/31/68, by way of Greyhound Bus, directly to Dallas, Texas, with an approximate 2-hour layover at St. Louis, Missouri, on the same date. He stated that he arrived Dallas early on the morning of 4/1/68, and immediately contacted a friend of his

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Chicago (44-1114) (Info)
- 1 - Springfield (44-561) (Info)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 3 - Dallas (2 - 44-2649)  
(1 - 157-1019)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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by the name of [REDACTED] who lives at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that before leaving Chicago he lived at [REDACTED] and worked for the [REDACTED]. He stated that while in Chicago he was a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and plans to continue his membership with the ANP by paying his dues to the ANP headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. [REDACTED] further stated that he does not plan to contact any of the ANP members in Dallas, Texas, since he is becoming inactive in the ANP inasmuch as he is getting married shortly to a Dallas girl by the name of [REDACTED] who works at [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas.

[REDACTED] then stated that on 4/1/68, he obtained a [REDACTED] job through his friend [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas. He stated that he worked continuously at [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] until approximately 4/12/68, at which time he left that company because he did not like [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he then began working for [REDACTED] on 4/18/68, and has been so employed to the present date.

[REDACTED] then stated that in regard to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, he does not recall ever making any threats against the life of KING, however, since he is a member of the ANP, he does not agree at all with the policies followed by KING or his successors. He stated, however, that as a member of the ANP he does not believe in violence and the present policy of the ANP is against physical violence.

[REDACTED] is described as white male; born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] 5'10"; 145 pounds, Selective Service No. [REDACTED]; blue eyes, blond hair.

[REDACTED] stated that since he is getting married in the near future, he plans to stay in the Dallas area and purchase a home and become inactive in the ANP.

He further stated that [REDACTED] or his foreman, [REDACTED] could vouch for his whereabouts from 4/1 to 12/68.

On 5/6/68, [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] (supra), advised SA [REDACTED] that his payroll records reflect that [REDACTED] was employed

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by that company as a [REDACTED] from  
4/1/68 through 4/12/68. [REDACTED] stated that in addition  
to his pay roll records he recalls [REDACTED] working during that  
period with his friend, [REDACTED]

FD-302s regarding above interviews follow to Memphis.

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Date: 5/8/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN

ReBuairtel 5/7/68, concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] still has [REDACTED], but [REDACTED] is not [REDACTED] in usual sense. It has only one office, which is in same apartment building where [REDACTED] resides. It is not known to have any employees other than [REDACTED]. It is believed that any calls made from the phone in the company office would have been made by [REDACTED]. Further, while [REDACTED] out of town company office was closed. Denver does not believe checks will involve expenditure of considerable Agent time, but will evaluate the situation more closely [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3 Bureau  
1-Denver  
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AT to SV + DN  
5/22/68  
RFB:erg

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Approved: [Signature]

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Special Agent in Charge

Per

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI LOS ANG.

7:30PM URGENT 5-8-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), INDIANAPOLIS, AND DALLAS  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

REBUTEL TO LOS ANGELES APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST, LOS ANGELES  
TEL TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST.

REBUTEL ADVISED [REDACTED] MENTAL CASE, HAD BEEN  
ATTEMPTING TO HAVE AUDIENCE WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING IN ATLANTA IN  
NOVEMBER LAST. [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY THREATENED NEIGHBORS IN PAST  
WITH SHOTGUN. BUREAU INSTRUCTED ALTHOUGH RAY HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED  
AS ASSAILANT, INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF  
[REDACTED] IMPLICATED AS CONSPIRATOR.

LOS ANGELES FILES REFLECT IN SEPTEMBER LAST, SON [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] STATED FATHER HAD WRITTEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND POPE  
NUMEROUS OCCASIONS OPPOSING WAR IN VIETNAM AND HAD BEEN ARRESTED  
FOR PULLING GUN ON POLICE OFFICERS. FORMER WIFE CONSIDERS [REDACTED]  
ALCOHOLIC IN ADDITION TO MENTAL PROBLEMS.

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SECRET SERVICE, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED SEPTEMBER LAST [REDACTED] INVESTIGATED FOR WRITING LETTER TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON STATING HE WAS "IN GRAVE DANGER", AND OPPOSING WAR IN VIETNAM. [REDACTED] INCARCERATED TWICE CAMARILLO STATE HOSPITAL AS SCHIZOPHRENIC PARANOID. [REDACTED] ARRESTED [REDACTED] FOR THREATENING NEIGHBOR WITH GUN AND [REDACTED] FOR DRUNK DRIVING, WHEN HE HAD UNLOADED SHOTGUN IN CAR.

SON, [REDACTED] GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, STATED APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST FATHER HAD BEEN TRAVELING THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES SINCE LATE SIXTY SEVEN. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, BUT FATHER HAD CALLED HIM COLLECT IN MARCH OR APRIL FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION.

[REDACTED] ADVISED MAY EIGHT INSTANT THAT FATHER WOULD HAVE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ASSASSINATION AS VERY SYMPATHETIC TO NEGRO CAUSE.

INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED [REDACTED] WAS IN ATLANTA JANUARY FIFTEEN LAST. CREDIT INVESTIGATOR ADVISED [REDACTED] BOUGHT GASOLINE ON UNION OIL CREDIT CARD MARCH EIGHT OR NINE LAST FOR NINETEEN SIXTY, FOUR PONTIAC, CALIFORNIA LICENSE [REDACTED] REGISTERED TO [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES.

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[REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] ADDRESS, ADVISED  
MAY SEVEN LAST [REDACTED] HER STEPFATHER, WHO HAD BEEN IN TEXAS, AND  
HAD SOLD PONTIAC POSSIBLY IN HOUSTON. [REDACTED] AND WIFE RESIDING FOR TWO  
WEEKS AT [REDACTED] INDIANAPOLIS,  
INDIANA.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
INDIANAPOLIS INTERVIEW [REDACTED] DETERMINE  
WHEREABOUTS PONTIAC SOLD IN TEXAS AND IF THEY KNOW [REDACTED]  
FURNISH RESULTS LOS ANGELES AND APPROPRIATE TEXAS OFFICE TO LOCATE  
AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

DALLAS CHECK CREDIT, CRIMINAL AND GENERAL DELIVERY AT  
ARLINGTON TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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FBI WASH DC

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Date: 5/7/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: *W* SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CR

Re SAtel, 5/3/68.

Re ~~██████████~~

Retel advised that ~~██████████~~ only known relative according to Texas State Mental Hospital records, Houston, Texas was a ~~██████████~~ sister, residing at ~~██████████~~ Houston. The following checks were made in an effort to locate ~~██████████~~

Houston City Directory  
 Houston Cross Reference  
 Telephone directory  
 Houston Credit Bureau  
 Harris County Sheriff's Office  
 Houston Police Department

All of the above were negative as to the name ~~██████████~~ and the address ~~██████████~~. There is no ~~██████████~~ Houston, Texas; however, there is ~~██████████~~ and ~~██████████~~ Physical check of the area revealed no such number as ~~██████████~~

3 - Bureau  
 1 - Kansas City (Info)  
 1 - Memphis (Info)  
 1 - San Antonio (Info)  
 1 - Houston  
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E. U. Bishop

54 MAY 27 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/6/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
RE: MURKIN

RE WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON

On 5/3/68, WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON was contacted at this residence located at [redacted] Los Angeles, California. He stated that he was in Kansas City, Kansas, at the time of the MARTIN LUTHER KING murder.

JAMISON, since his release from jail after serving one year in jail for throwing two Molotov cocktails through the front window of a bookstore, has stayed away from members of the John Birch Society and now operates the "Gospel Wings" located at 903 Burlington Avenue, Los Angeles, California. JAMISON stated that he is now only interested in his religion, and his work as an evangelist. JAMISON holds revivals and open air meetings in the Los Angeles, California, area.

JAMISON was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that he has never seen RAY, and if he did he would immediately notify the FBI.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Los Angeles

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge



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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
RE: MURKIN

It is requested that the three rifles which were hand carried to the Identification Division at SOG on 4/8/68, by SA [redacted] be returned to Birmingham, for delivery to the Aeromarine Supply Company, from whom they were borrowed for fingerprint examination. For the same purpose, it is requested that the Remington Model 700 .243 caliber rifle, nine boxes of ammunition, and a set of rings and bases for a Redfield scope be returned to Birmingham.

C. C. Bishop

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2 MAY 10 1968

- 3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Birmingham

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

5/17/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Birmingham (44-1740)  
Memphis (44-1987)

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 3777

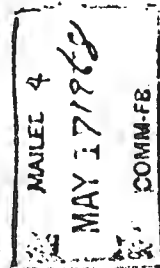
MURKIN

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Re Birmingham airtel 5/9/68, requesting return of certain evidence.

The three rifles, which were delivered to Identification Division on 4/8/68, together with the Remington Model 760 .243 caliber rifle, the rifle box, nine boxes of ammunition, and a set of rings and bases for a Redfield scope are being returned under separate cover to the Birmingham Division.

It should be noted that two latent fingerprints and one latent palm print were developed on the Browning rifle, Model #370035, and three latent fingerprints were developed on one of the boxes of ammunition. These latent prints remain unidentified. Photographs and negatives of these latent prints were prepared and are available for comparison purposes.



1 - Mr. Rosen

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NOTE: Co-ordinated with SA Robert A. Frazier of Laboratory and SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] of General Investigative Division.

Route through General Investigative and Laboratory Divisions for their approval.

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI

Date: May 10, 1968

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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OO: ME

Reference Jackson airtel to Bureau, dated May 3, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT [REDACTED]

On 5/9/68, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] was not available at that time and was [REDACTED] at Lexington, Kentucky.

On May 10, 1968, [REDACTED] advised he was [REDACTED] in Grenada, Mississippi. He recalled that Reverend KING was due to march on about September 19, 1966. Local Grenada, Mississippi, attorney ROBERTSON HORTON, furnished him information at that time concerning

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- 2 - Jackson (157-9586)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Louisville

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Special Agent in Charge

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two white men, not further identified, who claimed they planned to assassinate KING on this occasion and wanted to retain attorney HORTON to defend them. [REDACTED] stated that attorney HORTON died 6/9/67 in Grenada, Mississippi (allegedly committed suicide).

He described former attorney HORTON as an alcoholic, having very little law practice but believed the attorney to have actually been approached by the above two unidentified man.

[REDACTED] further advised that he has no additional information concerning the above incident.

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68.

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] WHO ALLEGED KING ASSASSINATION PLOT IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, AREA SUMMER OF 1967.

Investigation was conducted at Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La., during the period of 5/7 - 9/68, to locate [REDACTED] was located and interviewed on 5/9/68, in New Orleans, La., at which time he furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] is a native of [REDACTED], and is currently associated in a business partnership with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] located nine miles distant from Baton Rouge, La.

[REDACTED] is well acquainted in Denham Springs and knows nearly all of the businessmen in that community including those who are reportedly members of the Ku Klux Klan and who are considered to be strong segregationists.

[REDACTED] was in Denham Springs in the Summer of 1967, at which time there was considerable racial strife taking place, including marches by Negro groups and opposition

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being presented to these marches by those individuals with strong segregation beliefs. [REDACTED] stated that he himself is a liberal in his view towards Negroes and that he did not participate in any of the activities that took place in Denham Springs in the Summer of 1967. He stated, however, that he did frequently converse with individuals whom he considered to be members of the Ku Klux Klan [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that at no time during this period did any information come to his attention that there were businessmen in Denham Springs, La., or in Baton Rouge, La., who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., assassinated. [REDACTED] does not recall of having heard the name of KING even mentioned during the Summer of 1967, nor does he recall any information which would indicate there was a plot to kill any particular Negro or any individual of any race for that matter.

[REDACTED] is against violence and if any information such as a plot to kill anyone had come to his attention, he would promptly notify an appropriate law enforcement agency.

During the Fall of 1967, [REDACTED] recalls that an individual subsequently known to him as [REDACTED] appeared [REDACTED] in Denham Springs making claims to [REDACTED] that he could obtain considerable financing from a [REDACTED] family in Miami, Fla. [REDACTED] became interested in [REDACTED] proposition and ordered [REDACTED] to accompany [REDACTED] to Miami, Fla., which he did and at which time he and [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED]. It developed, however, that [REDACTED] did not previously know the [REDACTED] family and further that [REDACTED] actually had no contacts or was not in a position to obtain financing for [REDACTED]

It was during the trip to Miami, Fla., that [REDACTED] realized that [REDACTED] had an apparent mental problem.

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[redacted] recalled that while staying in motels in Fla, [redacted] at times became most irrational and envisioned that he was being followed by Federal Agents.

After the Florida trip, [redacted] continued to hang around [redacted] in Donham Springs, La., at which time [redacted] wife was also present. In [redacted] opinion, [redacted] wife is also an irrational person.

On one occasion, [redacted] who was doing some work for [redacted] took [redacted] personally owned vehicle with the permission of [redacted] on a business trip. [redacted] wife accompanied [redacted] on this trip and they did not return as scheduled. The vehicle was subsequently located in Mississippi in an abandoned position. Also at this same time, [redacted] and [redacted] discovered that [redacted] had stolen some property from the company, such as a portable electric typewriter, a brief case full of valuable engineering fittings, a telephone credit card and other miscellaneous items. Also taken from the [redacted] vehicle was a .38 Police Special Revolver which was a sentimental keepsake which had been given to [redacted] by his father.

The theft of these items was reported to law enforcement agencies but [redacted] subsequently decided not to press charges. The revolver has never been recovered by [redacted] and he does not presently know its whereabouts.

[redacted] heard from some unrecalled source several months ago that [redacted] either was or is presently confined to a mental institution. He has not seen [redacted] since late Fall of 1967.

[redacted] was a braggart by nature, frequently announced his animosity towards Negroes but was never known to [redacted] to have specifically mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING or any other particular Negro. [redacted] frequently bragged that he had contacts with the underworld but never specifically mentioned anyone by name.

[redacted] concluded that he is at a loss to explain why it is alleged that he possessed information concerning

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a plot to raise money to kill MARTIN KING. He stated that he wanted to cooperate fully with the FBI, which agency he admires considerably and that if any further recollection concerning the Summer of 1967 in Denham Springs came to him, he would promptly advise the New Orleans Office.

[REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a white male, 6'2" tall, 36 years of age and possessing blond wavy hair. During the Summer of 1967, [REDACTED] personally owned a 1967 Oldsmobile, white over black, bearing Texas license [REDACTED]

New Orleans indices contained no identifiable information in the name of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]



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Via \_\_\_\_\_

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Re Chicago tel May 10, 1968, re [REDACTED]

Information furnished to Chicago Office by [REDACTED] is set out in Memphis file 92-554, Jackson file 92-11, Bureau file 62-9-33, captioned "CRIME CONDITIONS IN MISSISSIPPI (NORTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT)".

The information concerning the alleged offer by [REDACTED], to [REDACTED], to do KING in, for \$2,500, is being investigated.

[REDACTED]

C. C. - Bishop

- ③ - Bureau  
1 - Atlanta (Info)  
1 - Birmingham (Info)  
1 - Chicago (Info)  
1 - Memphis (Info)  
1 - St. Louis (Info)  
2 - Jackson  
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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI INDAPOLS

3:37

PM URGENT 5-11-68 DCJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DALLAS

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU AND INDIANAPOLIS AND DALLAS,  
MAY EIGHT LAST.

[REDACTED] INDIANAPOLIS  
INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE SOLD SIXTYFOUR PONTIAC IN HOUSTON,  
TEXAS ON APRIL NINETEEN LAST TO A MEXICAN WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT  
RECALL.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HE PICKED  
UP AT BUS STATION IN EL PASO AND AGREED TO TAKE HIM TO WORTHINGTON,  
TEXAS IN EXCHANGE FOR GAS. HE SAID THIS WAS ON MARCH NINE  
LAST. [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED] USED A UNION SEVENTY SIX CREDIT CARD FOR  
GAS PURCHASED. HE CLAIMS THEY STOPPED FOR GAS ABOUT FOUR TIMES.  
SIMS SAID [REDACTED] MAINLY DISCUSSED POLITICS BUT DID NOT MENTION  
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ANYTHING CONCERNING NEGROES OR ANY CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS.

[REDACTED] SAID HE TOOK HIS PASSENGER TO [REDACTED] SON OR SON-IN-LAW'S HOME WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY EIGHTY APPROXIMATELY TEN TO FIFTEEN MILES WEST OF WORTHINGTON, TEXAS. HE DESCRIBES HOUSE AS [REDACTED] SITUATED VERY NEAR TO THE BRAZOS RIVER OR A TRIBUTARY OF THIS RIVER. LARGE OVERHEAD BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY CROSSES RIVER AND HOUSE IS NEXT TO BRIDGE.

DALLAS AT FORTH WORTH, WILL DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] IS STILL IN WORTHINGTON AREA OR DETERMINE HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. INTERVIEW [REDACTED] IF LOCATED.

BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

[REDACTED] ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

~~CORRECTION LINE THREE WORD FIVE SHLD BE TWO~~

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~~SHOULD THIS GO TO NCIC OR WFOP~~

~~STAND-BY-PLS-NEITHER~~

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Date: 5/13/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: \_\_\_\_\_ - SUSPECT

Re Indianapolis teletype dated 5/11/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_AT WEATHERFORD, TEXAS:

\_\_\_\_\_ mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ Missap,  
 Texas, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ furnished the following information.

\_\_\_\_\_ advised that \_\_\_\_\_ under Social  
 Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ was first employed by him as a  
 \_\_\_\_\_ during the week of February 16, 1968, and remained  
 for about two weeks, at which time he left stating that  
 "Jesus had called him". \_\_\_\_\_ left by hitchhiking.

\_\_\_\_\_ was next contacted by \_\_\_\_\_ via long-  
 distance telephone call (prepaid) stating that he was in  
 El Paso and this was about three days prior to March 9, 1968,  
 wanting to return to his job on the evening of March 9, 1968.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ again called stating he was in Abilene, Texas, en route  
 and advised that he would arrive about midnight and asked  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the door open to a small apartment at the  
 rear \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he did not see \_\_\_\_\_  
 arrive but that \_\_\_\_\_ did arrive shortly after midnight and  
 told him he had hitchhiked, and had been visiting a daughter  
 in Tucson, Arizona, since he had left in February, 1968.

- 3 - Bureau  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Info)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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██████████ said that ██████████ remained at ██████████, working as a ██████████ until March 30, 1968, at which time ██████████ said he had to let ██████████ go because he was "bothering" the customers. ██████████ said he considered ██████████ to be a religious agitator and fanatic. ██████████ said ██████████ stated "Buddhism is the true religion". ██████████ said ██████████ spoke on and of many subjects and topics. ██████████ said further ██████████ told him he was in complete sympathy with MARTIN LUTHER KING and "felt he was following the right path". ██████████ said ██████████ called all Negroes "brother". ██████████ said further that ██████████ told him one time that if he could vote that he would vote for GEORGE WALLACE for president. ██████████ said further that ██████████ wanted to "overthrow the government" because he felt "the people were being lied to and cheated" and said "we are not getting our fair share". ██████████ said he considered ██████████ to be "mentally unbalanced" and a person who drank very heavily while he was employed by him.

██████████ advised that to his knowledge ██████████ had no associates, friends or relatives in this area. ██████████ said prior to his first employment in February, 1968, that he did not know or had never seen ██████████. ██████████ said further that while ██████████ was employed this last time that he made three long-distance calls, which two calls were made on 3/25 and 26/68, to Dallas, Texas, and a call on 3/29/68, to an unrecalled place. ██████████ said ██████████ had paid for the call but that the calling numbers were not known to him, ██████████ at this time as he had not misplaced his telephone bill.

██████████ stated that ██████████ was arrested one time during his stay with him and that was by the Sheriff's Office at Mineral Wells, Texas. ██████████ said ██████████ left this Saturday about noon on March 31, 1968, hitchhiking and that he has had no contact or heard from ██████████ since that time.

██████████ said during the period of time ██████████ was here, that he received no telephone calls nor visitors. ██████████ said he had no other background information concerning this individual whatsoever, and knows no person who would have information as to his whereabouts.

AT MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS:

[REDACTED] was arrested by him at 12:25 AM on [REDACTED] near the river bridge west of Mineral Wells. Sheriff SOMMERFELD said this arrest occurred after a cab driver reported to him a passenger stated he was going to jump in the river after being taken to the <sup>wrong</sup> river bridge. Sheriff SOMMERFELD stated that he proceeded to the west river bridge and found [REDACTED] lying drunk in the grass near the bridge. He said he took [REDACTED] to the Mineral Wells Jail and booked him for investigation. Sheriff SOMMERFELD stated that he released [REDACTED] the following morning without charges as he felt this person had a mental disturbance. Sheriff SOMMERFELD said that [REDACTED] had no weapons on him at the time of his arrest but that he was carrying a briefcase full of religious literature and verses.

Sheriff SOMMERFELD said that [REDACTED] told him that he did not know any person in this area, except his employer at [REDACTED] and had no relatives in the area. [REDACTED] said that he was from California. Sheriff SOMMERFELD described [REDACTED] as follows:

Race	white
Sex	male
Year of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5'10"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	gray
Eyes	Blue
Residence	[REDACTED] Tujunga, California

Dallas Division investigation continuing to determine identity of telephone numbers called by [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]

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Date: 5/16/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL -- REGISTERED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

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MURKIN  
(OO: ME)

Re San Diego teletype to Bureau, Springfield, and  
all Western Offices 5/16/68.

RE: [REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Bureau are three xerox copies of  
referenced communication.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are the following  
pieces of evidence:

1. Check number 391 dated 5/14/68 payable to  
C. C. ALLEY in the amount of \$5,000 signed by [REDACTED]  
on the Security First National Bank, Chula Vista,  
California.

2. Escrow contract and deposit receipt signed by  
[REDACTED] 5/14/68.

The Identification Division is requested to attempt  
to determine if there are any latent prints of value on  
the above two items and if any are located, compare them  
with the known prints of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

The Bureau is also requested to make a handwriting  
comparison between the handwriting appearing on the above  
two items under the name [REDACTED] with the  
known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY. Upon completion  
of examination return evidence if not needed.

ENCLOSURE

Information copy for Memphis. REC-12

Bureau (Enc. 5) (AM-REGISTERED)

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)

2 - San Diego

Approved: [Signature]  
AWO: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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URGENT

Via \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
SPRINGFIELD  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
SEATTLE  
PORTLAND  
SAN FRANCISCO  
SACRAMENTO  
LOS ANGELES  
BUTTE  
SALT LAKE CITY  
LAS VEGAS  
PHOENIX  
ALBUQUERQUE  
EL PASO

FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN.

RE: [REDACTED]

ON MAY FOURTEEN LAST AN INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DESCRIBED HEREAFTER SIGNED AN ESCROW CONTRACT  
TO PURCHASE A HOME AT BONITA, CALIFORNIA, FOR FIFTY <sup>ONE</sup> THOUSAND  
DOLLARS GIVING A PROMISSORY TYPE CHECK FOR FIVE THOUSAND  
DOLLARS AND INDICATED HE HAD A SIXTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR  
CERTIFIED CHECK IN HIS HOTEL ROOM.

[REDACTED] CLAIMED TO BE EMPLOYED FOR INTERNATIONAL  
HARVESTER COMPANY, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, AND RECENTLY  
TRANSFERRED TO SAN DIEGO AREA. DESIRED HOUSE SO FAMILY  
COULD MOVE FROM ILLINOIS TO SAN DIEGO.

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Approved: AWO:cjg Special Agent in Charge  
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ON SAME AFTERNOON [REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE AN AUTO AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, DISPLAYING ESCROW CONTRACT AND ADVISED HE DESIRED HIS WIFE TO SEE AUTO AND IN VIEW OF ESCROW CONTRACT SHOWING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR DEPOSIT SALESMAN GAVE [REDACTED] KEYS TO HIS CAR DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER IN APB AND [REDACTED] HAS NOT RETURNED CAR.

VARIOUS WITNESSES WHO WERE IN COMPANY OF [REDACTED] FOR UP TO THREE HOURS STATE [REDACTED] POSSIBLY IDENTICAL JAMES EARL RAY. ONE PERSON <sup>Almost</sup> POSITIVE OF IDENT. TWO OTHERS SAY RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN PHOTOS AND [REDACTED].

FOLLOWING APB COVERING STATE OF CALIFORNIA TRANSMITTED:

"WANTED. UNKNOWN SUBJECT ALSO KNOWN AS [REDACTED], WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE <sup>8</sup> FEET NINE, ONE SIX FIVE TO ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION, DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH FURY III CONVERTIBLE, GOLD COLOR, BLACK TOP, CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO, VIN P M TWO SEVEN F SEVEN FOUR TWO THREE EIGHT TWO ZERO EIGHT. AUTO OBTAINED BY UNSUB, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, MAY FOURTEEN LAST, FOR DEMONSTRATION AND HAS NOT RETURNED. SUBJECT WANTED FOR QUESTIONING, REPEAT QUESTIONING

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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ONLY, NO WARRANT, BY FBI, SAN DIEGO. CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS."

ALL WESTERN OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT SIMILAR APB THEIR TERRITORIES.

FOR INFO NO STOLEN REPORT FILED RE AUTO AS CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO ACCEPT DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH [REDACTED] OBTAINED AUTOMOBILE.

SPRINGFIELD AT BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] IC.

BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO ENTER AUTO [REDACTED] IN NCIC.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

5/21/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, San Diego (44-367) - Enclosures (2)  
Memphis (44-1987)

REC- 12

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 3783

MURKIN

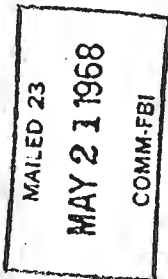
Re San Diego airtel 5/16/68, submitting check  
#391, Q343, and deposit receipt, Q344, signed by [redacted]

No latent impressions of value developed on the  
check. Two latent fingerprints developed on the deposit receipt.  
These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints  
of James Earl Ray, FBI #403642C, or with the fingerprints of  
several individuals using the name [redacted]

The check and receipt are enclosed to San Diego.

Laboratory reporting separately.

This airtel confirms and supplements Bulet 5/18/68.



1 - Mr. Rosen

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VIA TELETYPE  
MAY 16 1968  
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4-46PM DEFERRED 5-16-68 NJZ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) PLAINTEXT  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE SAN JUAN TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES  
MAY FIFTEEN  
KYAWSFIFTEEN CLAST.

RE LOOK-ALIKE ~~REDACTED~~ SEEN AT SAN JUAN  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

DON SHULTS, MAY COMPANY WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU,  
REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE ~~REDACTED~~ 102  
~~REDACTED~~ IS REGULAR CUSTOMER AT TRAVEL BUREAU. SHULTS  
OBSERVED PHOTOS OF RAY AND ~~REDACTED~~ SLIGHTLY  
RESEMBLES PHOTO OF RAY IN WANTED FLYER BUT OTHER PHOTOS  
OF RAY BEAR NO RESEMBLANCE TO ~~REDACTED~~

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SHULTS CHECKED RECORDS OF TRAVEL BUREAU AND ADVISED MAY 22 1968  
HE RECALLS, AND RECORDS INDICATE, ~~REDACTED~~ PERSONALLY  
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APPEARED AT <sup>TRAVEL</sup> ~~GOVEL~~ BUREAU OFFICE ON APRIL THREE, FOUR  
AND FIVE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT CONCERNING FUTURE AIR TRAVEL  
PLANS.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION THIS PHASE BEING CONDUCTED  
AT LOS ANGELES.

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, NEW <sup>AV</sup> ~~HUEN~~ AND SAN JUAN.  
~~CORR-PG TWO W LN ONE WD THREE SHD BE TRAVEL~~

END

~~NEED CORR PAGE ONE LINE TWO FIRST WORD GA~~

~~LN TWO FIRST WD MAY FIFTEEN LAST.~~

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APR 10 1968

FBI

Date: 5/16/68

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO - MEMPHIS

RE: [REDACTED] SUSPECT

Re Indianapolis teletype dated 5/11/68, and Dallas airtel dated 5/13/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT WEATHERFORD, TEXAS

On 5/13/68, [REDACTED] (protect identity), Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, advised that records reflect telephone No. [REDACTED] is subscribed to by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that on 3/26/68, a long distance telephone call was made from this number to Dallas, Texas, No. DA 1-5670. On 3/25/68, a long distance telephone call was made from this number to Dallas, Texas, [REDACTED].

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

C. C. Bishop

- 3 - Bureau  
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Info)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Dallas  
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Approved: 50 MAY 22 1968  
Special Agent in Charge

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DL 44-2649

On 5/14/68, [REDACTED] publisher of the [REDACTED], advised his records do not reflect [REDACTED] as a subscriber, and no communication with this individual could be remembered. The only [REDACTED] his organization knows of is [REDACTED] Anchorage, Alaska. He advised he gets quite a few "put" calls, and it is possible this was such a call. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] is the number for his business.

On 5/14/68, attempts to contact JACK V. STONER, [REDACTED] telephone DA 1-5670 were negative.

On 5/15/68, JACK V. STONER was contacted at the above address and advised he is Dallas County Chairman of the Wallace For President campaign. He does not recall receiving a call from a [REDACTED] and could not identify this individual from his records. He advised he has been receiving hundreds of calls concerning the campaign and in many cases he does not know to whom he is talking, as he requests the persons to contact his campaign headquarters by mail in order for the persons to receive answers to their inquiries.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 17 1968

TELETYPE

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FBI DALLAS

332PM URGENT 5-17-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND JACKSON  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 1P

MURKIN

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST RE [REDACTED]  
INVESTIGATION CARTHAGE, TEXAS REVEALED [REDACTED] LIVED IN CARTHAGE  
WITH WIFE AND FAMILY FROM OCT. SIXTYFIVE TO AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN,  
CURRENTLY LIVING [REDACTED] SHREVEPORT,  
LOUISIANA. REAL ESTATE AGENT AND BANKER'S DEALING WITH [REDACTED] STATES  
HE BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY.

RECEIVING OFFICES DISCONTINUE INVESTIATION RE [REDACTED]  
AM COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LITTLE ROCK, AND  
NEW ORLEANS INFO. P

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Date: 5/17/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Tolson  
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Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Re Buairtel, 5/14/68.

[REDACTED] employed by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on 5/16/68  
that he could not furnish anything additional concerning  
information contained in his letter to the FBI dated 5/10/68.  
He did not know what license plate the Volkswagen car he  
saw had on it, and could furnish no additional pertinent  
info. Receipt of his letter was, of course, orally acknowledged.

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1- WFO

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Date: 5/17/68

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO - MEMPHIS

ReBuairtel dated 4/24/68 with letter from [REDACTED]  
as enclosure.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

AT SEAGRAVES, TEXAS

On April 30, 1968, [REDACTED] advised he resides in [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]. He considers [REDACTED] to be quite a "talker" and "bragger" and noted he had been discharged from the Merchant Marines for physical and mental disturbances.

On April 30, 1968, [REDACTED] advised as he did in the letter to the Bureau. He observed photos of subject RAY and stated he cannot positively state the man he previously met was RAY, but that he believed there was a resemblance. He stated he met the individual in the Seattle Union Hall in January or February, 1968, and that RAY showed him a National Maritime Union Membership Card. [REDACTED] believes that the union would possibly have a copy of the photograph which would appear on the membership card as well as handwriting specimens. He could offer no further information. He exhibited papers reflecting that the U.S. Health Service, Seattle, Washington, had found him unfit for work due to arthritis and mental disorders.

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Seattle
- 2 - Dallas
- WBH/gcs
- (9)

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Assigned *[Signature]*  
55 MAY 20 1968  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 5/17/68

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)(P)

MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Tampa, 5/14/68.

Re: SUSPECT, BARBER SHOP, SANFORD, FLORIDA  
AT SANFORD, FLORIDA

On 5/14/68, [redacted] Sanford, Florida, advised that while getting a haircut at Garfield's Barber Shop, known as The Gator Barber Shop, he observed an individual who closely resembled the person whose picture he saw in the Sanford paper on 5/13/68. [redacted] said this person drove up to the barber shop in a Yellow Cab, and he overheard the person say he was a former cab driver in New York City. He said the person is not a native of Sanford.

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[redacted] said that this person had his hair cut by a barber who is tall and wears dark-rim glasses.

HAROLD SANDVILL, Barber, Gator Barber Shop, advised that he recalls cutting the hair of a Yellow Cab driver around noon on 5/13/68. SANDVILLE was shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated that this person is definitely not the person whose hair he cut

C.C. Bishop

- ⑧ - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)
- 1 - Miami (44-1354) (Info)
- 2 - Tampa

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on 5/13/68. He stated he does not believe he has ever seen RAY.

On 5/14/68, JEWELL CARL, dispatcher, Yellow Cab Company, Sanford, Florida, advised that the only driver working for her company who is not a native of Sanford is one [REDACTED]. She said [REDACTED] is from [REDACTED], and has been working here for approximately four months. Se said the photos of JAMES EARL RAY is definitely not identical with [REDACTED].

On 5/14/68, CHARLES COLLIER, owner, Yellow Cab Company, advised that the photos of RAY are not identical with [REDACTED] or any other of his employees. He checked his records and advised they indicate [REDACTED] worked from 6:00PM 4/4/68 until 6:00 AM 4/5/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: May 17, 1968

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau airtel dated 5/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and three copies of a LHM concerning statements allegedly made by [REDACTED] the results of investigation into LEE's background and results of interview with [REDACTED].

② - Bureau (Enc. 4) ENCLOSURE  
2 - Seattle  
TBW:bgy  
(4)

1 cc of letter incl.  
to CR Unit

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington

May 17, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. SE 44-371

RE: MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On April 30, 1968, [redacted] Spokane, Washington, was drinking in Casey's Gay 90's, 457 Northtown Shopping Center, Spokane, and engaged in a conversation and had a few drinks with an individual who identified himself as [redacted]. During the conversation, the matter of racial problems came up, and [redacted] indicated he was from the South and subsequently said he would pay [redacted] \$10,000 to kill RAP BROWN or STOKELY CARMICHAEL. He mentioned the Ku Klux Klan and the Minutemen and said "We" will furnish couriers or planes for carrying this out and any kind of gun wanted. [redacted] then remarked the mark has been put on RAP BROWN, STOKELY CARMICHAEL, and ROBERT KENNEDY. He then gave [redacted] a business card from [redacted] Spokane, and on the back wrote the name [redacted] then "yes---," "no---," and "where---." [redacted] said he could be called at that place and [redacted] was simply to answer yes or no and to indicate where he could be contacted. [redacted] said [redacted] had been drinking but did not appear to be intoxicated.

[redacted] Spokane, stated [redacted] was employed by him as a salesman on March 23, 1968, and was employed by him in Spokane, Washington, or the immediate vicinity on April 4, 1968. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] is a "blowhard" and that he recalls that when Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was killed, [redacted] had remarked he had been offered \$5,000 to do this job four or five years ago.

It was determined that [redacted] had been employed by [redacted], Spokane, prior to the time he was employed by [redacted].

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44-38861-3791

ENCLOSURE

RE: MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Records of [REDACTED] Spokane, Washington, through whom [REDACTED] was employed by [REDACTED] showed [REDACTED] address as [REDACTED] Spokane, gave his wife as [REDACTED] showed employment in October, 1967, at [REDACTED] Spokane; in May, 1967, with the [REDACTED] Seattle, Washington; May, 1965, to February, 1967, with [REDACTED] San Francisco, California; January, 1960, to May, 1965, with [REDACTED] Los Angeles, and from 1954 to 1960 with [REDACTED] Los Angeles. [REDACTED] claimed two years of college with the University of Alabama, 1957, to 1959, and service in the U. S. Navy from 1948 to 1952.

On May 13, 1968, [REDACTED] employed as [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], Spokane, Washington, advised that [REDACTED] was an orphan but had been reared by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and had grown up in Waycross, Georgia. He served in the Navy from 1948 to 1952, received an Honorable Discharge, and they were married in Norfolk, Virginia, [REDACTED]

After marriage, they went to Atlanta, Georgia, where he was employed by [REDACTED]. They went to Albany, Georgia, in 1954 where he worked for [REDACTED] and subsequently transferred to [REDACTED] Alabama, stayed in Montgomery until about 1959 where he changed employment to [REDACTED]. They went to Leesburg, Florida, in 1959, where he was [REDACTED]; then he quit [REDACTED] and went to Los Angeles, California, in March, 1960.

After several months of unemployment in Los Angeles, he went to work with [REDACTED] and thereafter started "job jumping." During the time they were in California, he worked [REDACTED] and was unemployed much of the time. He then went to work for [REDACTED] as a trainee and was transferred to the Spokane, Washington, territory in September, 1966.

After coming to Spokane, he stayed with [REDACTED] until about February, 1967, and had subsequently worked for [REDACTED], and most recently with [REDACTED]. She said he was employed there March 23, 1968, and is still employed.

RE: MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED] said he had not been back to any portion of the South since leaving in 1960 to Los Angeles, California. She described him as a very prejudice person, stated that he drinks considerably, and had made many wild statements.

She said he came home a few weeks ago saying that he had heard that someone would pay \$5,000 to "knock off" CARMICHAEL. She said his talk, apparently the result of alcohol, has no credibility at all, and she believes she is in need of psychiatric care. She said they have five children; and while he apparently loves the children, he is completely irresponsible as far as supporting them is concerned.

[REDACTED] concluded that she has never had reason to believe that her husband has any knowledge whatever concerning the death of Doctor KING and has no contact whatsoever with anyone back in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, or Georgia.

On May 14, 1968, [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence at [REDACTED] Spokane, Washington. When he was honorably discharged from the United States Navy in 1952, he went to work for [REDACTED] subsequently married his wife, [REDACTED] in Norfolk, Virginia, then went to Albany, Georgia, where he was employed by [REDACTED]

He was transferred by this company to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1954 and then changed to employment with [REDACTED] in Montgomery. He was transferred as a [REDACTED] to their store in Leesburg, Florida, but subsequently left Leesburg in January, 1960, to go to Los Angeles, California. In Los Angeles, he was employed by [REDACTED] and then by [REDACTED] as a trainee. He said there were other short time employments in California; but after training with [REDACTED], he was sent to Spokane, Washington, as a District Representative in September, 1966. He said that since this time, he has been with his family in Spokane. He left [REDACTED] in February, 1967, and since that time has been employed by [REDACTED] and is presently employed by [REDACTED] and has been since March 23, 1968.



RE: MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[redacted] has not been back to visit in the South since he left there in 1960. He said he has a strong feeling of loyalty toward the South and the southern people, that he does not particularly hate the Negro race, but believes in a segregated society. He stated he believes that riots, lootings, and killings are not helping the United States; and should the South ever call on him to take a stand, he would do so immediately.

[redacted] stated that in about 1953, when he was living in Albany, Georgia, that his uncle, [redacted] Sylvester, Georgia, who died in 1964, had told him he would give him \$100 to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said that he did not know whether his deceased uncle was serious but that whether he was or not, he could never kill a man in cold blood.

[redacted] said that about three or four weeks ago, he was drinking in Casey's Restaurant in Spokane and that he was in a conversation with an unknown individual. He said he and this man were discussing racial problems, and this individual said he would pay \$5,000 to see STOKELY CARMICHAEL or RAP BROWN killed. He said ROBERT KENNEDY's name was not mentioned at this time, but he does recall that later something was said regarding ROBERT KENNEDY and his stand on racial issues. [redacted] denied that he had ever said anything to anyone about killing BROWN or CARMICHAEL and that he could not raise any money under any circumstance.

[redacted] advised he has not been in contact with any of his old associates in Georgia or Alabama and since coming to the West Coast in 1960, has not been further east than Montana. He says he knows nothing about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING other than what he has read in the newspapers or seen on television or heard over the radio. He denied belonging to any hate group of any kind.

The following description was obtained by observation and interview:

Name [redacted]

Address [redacted], Spokane, Wash-

ington

Date of Birth [redacted]

Place of Birth [redacted]

Height 5' 7"

RE: MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Weight	135 pounds
Hair	Brown
Build	Slender
Tattoo	Left arm, U. S. Navy
Scars	None
Navy Serial No.	[REDACTED]
Wife	[REDACTED]
Children	Five, reside at home
Occupation	[REDACTED] Spokane, Washington

FBI

Date: 5-17-68

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Via Airtel

VIA AIR COURIER

(Priority)

To: Director (44-38861)

From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4) (P)

Subject: MURKIN  
(OO: ME)

ReButel 5-11-68, and my tel this date.

Enclosed are three copies of RCMP reports dated 5-2-68, 5-3-68, and 5-7-68, confirming information in re Ottawa tel. The enclosures may be disseminated as received.

*1 cc - Mr. Long, 5-21-68*  
*4 enc*  
*1-cc to J. T. E. via R/S*  
*4 enc 5-21-68, REL/CS*

- 5 - Bureau (Enc. 9)
- 1 cc - Liaison Direct
- 1 cc - Memphis (44-1987)
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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La Habra Ca  
90631

5/18/68

Dear Sir

MURKIN

I am , not a bad guy, but please  
don't anybody under stand Me?

I saw this man April 10th, 1 968  
in La Habra, Calif--

Seems I have a Photographic mind

Well if you or your s do not believe  
me-

FORGET IT ALL

Your s Very Tr uly

*No action necessary  
re MURKIN. Los Angeles  
Interviewed [redacted] on  
5-9-68 on the same  
information. JH*

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
La Habra, Calif. 90631  
[redacted]

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8-55AM URGENT 5-21-68 CND

TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD  
FROM SAN DIEGO PLAINTEXT

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST ROBERT F. KENNEDY, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
SPEECH AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA. MAY TWENTY, NINETEEN  
SIXTY EIGHT. INFORMATION CONCERNING

MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

FOLLOWING TELETYPE SENT TO BUREAU, AND SAC'S  
LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS, MAY TWENTY LAST.

QUOTE INFORMATION RECEIVED INSTANT DATE BY REPRESENTATIVE  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE THAT A FOURTEEN YEAR OLD BOY  
NAMED [REDACTED] CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, WHO ATTENDED SPEECH  
OF MR. ROBERT F. KENNEDY AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA INSTANT DATE,  
WAS APPROACHED BY A MAN WHO RESEMBLED JAMES EARL RAY. THIS  
INDIVIDUAL ASKED KING WHERE AND WHEN KENNEDY WAS GOING TO SPEAK  
AGAIN. [REDACTED] TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL THAT HE DID NOT KNOW. THIS  
INDIVIDUAL THEN ASKED HIM WHERE THERE WAS A PLACE HE COULD EAT  
THAT HAD A TELEPHONE.

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TELETYPE TO:

5-21-68

Sharon Flynn informed Kennedy's  
office notified 5-21-68

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FOR INFORMATION, CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO JAMES EARL RAY IN LOCAL CHULA VISTA NEWSPAPERS OVER PAST WEEKEND. AS RESULT OF PUBLICITY, NUMEROUS CALLS OF LOOK-A-LIKES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

SECRET SERVICE ADVISED LOCALLY.

MR. WILLIAM DOBREVIR, "CITIZENS FOR KENNEDY", KENNEDY CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA ADVISED INSTANT DATE OF ABOVE AND HE ADVISED KENNEDY DEPARTED SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA ENROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. IN VIEW OF KENNEDYS DEPARTURE, LOCAL AUTHORITIES NOT ADVISED.

LOS ANGELES NOTIFY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

LHM FOLLOWS. SAN DIEGO HANDLING MURKIN ANGLE SEPARATELY.

AIR MAIL COPY FOR MEMPHIS END QUOTE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO NOTIFY WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND WFO REQUESTED TO NOTIFY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, WASHINGTON, D.C.

END

MAL R RELAY

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SAN DIEGO

11-55 PM URGENT 5-20-68 ATJ  
TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES  
FROM SAN DIEGO (175-NEW) 2P

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST ROBERT F. KENNEDY, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE,  
SPEECH AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, MAY TWENTY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

MURKIN - CIVIL RIGHTS.

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AIR MAIL COPY FOR MEMPHIS.

END

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FBI WASH DC



Durham, North Carolina 27707

May 20, 1968

COMPLAINANT

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This letter comes to report to you conversations that were overheard on the eve of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The conversation might be a lead into the solution of this murder.

This conversation was overheard in a community in Granville County, North Carolina. A Negro overheard two white men talking. One of the white men was considered as being rich and both were known as being members of the Klu Klux Klan. One man was heard saying to the other, "That big mouth down there won't live to carry out what he aims to do the day after tomorrow. We have a man on the way down there to take care of that guy and he don't miss. The bullets he use really do the job".

The day after the assassination the Negro recalled overhearing the conversation and reported it to me, not knowing what else to do. He did not hear them mention the name of Martin Luther King, nor did he understand them to have been referring to a Negro.

The person will talk to FBI officials only in my presence and at night, for he is afraid for the safety of his family if it is known that he fingerpointed any individual in his community.

If you think that this has any merit, your agents may contact me for further exploration.

Very truly yours,

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Charlotte (44-1365) **REC 3**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - **3774**

**MURKIN**

Re **[REDACTED]** - complainant.

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from complainant dated 5/20/68, indicating he may be in possession of information which is pertinent to this case.

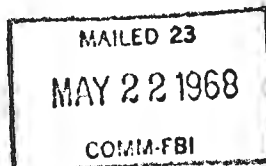
You should immediately interview **[REDACTED]** and orally acknowledge receipt of his letter at that time. Conduct necessary interviews and set out appropriate leads.

Enclosures (2)

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (info)

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*Chapman*  
**55 MAY 29 1968**

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*JH*

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Date: 5/20/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City teletype to New Orleans, 5/19/68.

RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has previously advised that [REDACTED] resided in [REDACTED], Westwego, La., from May, to December, 1965, and this apartment was rented by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] made no mention of the name [REDACTED], who is the individual with whom [REDACTED] states he resided.

[REDACTED] advised he was to take [REDACTED] to Guy's International Bar to meet a man named (FNU) FURIES, or FERRIES (phonetic). It is felt that (FNU) FURIES or FERRIES is possibly identical with DAVID FERRIE, now deceased, who was a principal in DA JAMES GARRISON's probe of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

In view of this information and [REDACTED] past history of mental illness, New Orleans is conducting no further investigation concerning [REDACTED].

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (RM)  
1-Kansas City (44-760) (INFO) (RM) REC-12  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (INFO) (RM)  
2-New Orleans  
TED:sja  
(5)

15 MAY 21 1968

Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: May 20, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On 5/19/68, at 5:30 p. m., [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, no telephone at home, contacted extra duty Supervisor [redacted] by long distance telephone. He said he was calling from a pay telephone booth and did not have much time to talk before his three minutes would run out. [redacted] said he had information about an individual who he believed might have been involved in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King. He wanted to turn this information over to the FBI on this date because the individual was in Nashville and would be leaving the night of 5/19/68.

At this point the operator advised that [redacted] three minutes was up and the call ended.

## ACTION:

Security Clerk [redacted] Memphis Division, was immediately contacted and supplied with above information. He was instructed to have an Agent immediately contact [redacted] and advise Bureau of results.

PAC:bap (5)

REC-12

44-38861-3796

MAY 22 1968

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Date: 5/20/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

FBI Number

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau 12:50 a.m.  
 May 18, 1968, and Bureau teletype to Los Angeles 2:04 p.m.  
 May 18, 1968.

had been the subject of Mobile file

He had originally been convicted  
 on at Roanoke, Virginia, and given a  
 term. He was apprehended and was  
 sentenced on to serve one year for the escape.

His parents were Georgia. He listed sisters as  
 Georgia;  
 Chattanooga, Tennessee; and  
 Chattanooga,  
 Tennessee.

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 The file reflects no indication that  
 ever resided in the Mobile Division or had any connection

- ③ - Bureau
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Enc 1) 10 MAY 22 1968
- 1 - Memphis (157-1987)
- 2 - Mobile
- JTB : mrc
- (9)

Approved: *WMA*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

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J 157-2627

in the Mobile Division other than his incarceration at the Federal Prison Camp in Montgomery. No indication is contained as to his present whereabouts other than through his relatives listed. It is noted that Atlanta is interviewing his parents.

Enclosed herewith for Los Angeles is a photograph of ~~██████████~~ taken at USP, Terre Haute, Indiana, May 30, 1965.

No investigation is being conducted by Mobile concerning this individual UAC.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 20 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

635 PM URGENT 5/20/68 TSJ

TO DIRECTOR AND PHILADELPHIA  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

LEADS  
FOR  
BUREAU

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE PHILADELPHIA TEL MAY TWENTY.

DENTAL RECORDS OF RAY NOT AVAILABLE AT MEMPHIS. X-RAYS  
ARE ALSO NOT AVAILABLE. KANSAS CITY BY AIRTEL DATED MAY SEVENTEEN  
LAST SUBMITTED TO BUREAU COMPLETE PENITENTIARY FILE RE JAMES EARL  
RAY. INCLUDED IN THIS PENITENTIARY FILE WERE PERTINENT DENTAL  
CHARTS. BUREAU REQUESTED FORWARD DENTAL CHARTS TO PHILADELPHIA.

KANSAS CITY ADVISED THAT ON MAY TWENTY X-RAYS SECURED  
FROM PRISON WERE SUBMITTED BY AIRTEL TO BUREAU. THESE ARE X-RAYS  
OF MOUTH AND JAW OF JAMES EARL RAY WHICH DO SHOW THE TEETH.

THESE SUBMITTED AS ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU THIS DATE. BUREAU  
REQUEST FORWARD SAME TO PHILADELPHIA OFFICE. SINCE POSSIBILITY

EXISTS THAT THESE DENTAL CHARTS AS WELL AS X-RAYS MAY BECOME OF  
ADDITIONAL USE AS CASE PROGRESSES, BUREAU SHOULD CONSIDER POSSI-  
BILITY OF MAKING ADDITIONAL COPIES FOR USE IN THIS MATTER.

END PAGE ONE

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ME (44-1987)

PAGE TWO

BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED TO DATE FROM OFFICES  
CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION OCCASIONED BY LOS ANGELES TIMES  
INFORMATION IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS INFORMANT'S DATA IS  
COMPLETE HOAX AS NO OFFICE IS KNOWN TO HAVE DEVELOPED ANY POSITIVE INFOR  
MATION YET ALONG LINES DESCRIBED BY HIM.

SPRINGFIELD OFFICE HAS LOCATED FORMER MSP PRISONMATE  
[REDACTED] AT WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS AND [REDACTED]  
DENIES BEING ACQUAINTED WITH RAY WHILE BOTH WERE AT MAP.

A&D. P.

END

WPK

FBI WASH DC

CC: Mr. Conrad



SAC, Albany

May 20, 1968

Director, FBI

**MURKIN**

**PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED**

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Markin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

Copies to all Special Agents in Charge and Legats

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Bishop (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Gale (sent with cover memo)

JRH:djr  
(10)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Bishop memo, dated 5-17-68, same caption.

son \_\_\_\_\_  
Loach \_\_\_\_\_  
Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

19 MAY 23 1968

5-21-68

Airtel

To: SAC'S Atlanta (44-2330) - Enclosure  
Memphis (44-1987)

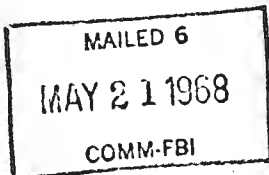
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

Re Atlanta letter 5-15-68, submitting registration card of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, 9341, for examination.

*mj*  
*SK* No latent impressions of value developed on the registration card, which is enclosed to Atlanta.

Laboratory reporting separately.



1 - Mr. Rosen

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MAY 22 1968

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 5/13/68  
Attn: Identification Division  
FROM : *7/8* SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)(P)  
SUBJECT: *W* MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed for the Latent Fingerprint Section are 15 unidentified latent fingerprint lifts developed by the Rome, Georgia, Police Department in their crime scene investigations subsequent to the time of JAMES EARL RAY's escape from prison.

It is requested that any identifiable latents contained on the lifts be compared with the available fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, I.O. #4182.

The lifts should be returned to the Atlanta upon completion of examination for return to the Rome Police Department.

- Sealed*  
② - Bureau (Enc. 15) (RM)  
2 - Memphis  
2 - Atlanta  
JMW:lcc  
(6)

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44-38861-3801

12 MAY 15 1968

*L.P.P.*

*SX*

SPECIMENS DETACHED IN LFPS

*521-68*  
*[Signature]*

5-21-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2336) - Enc. (29)  
Memphis (44-1987)

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 3801

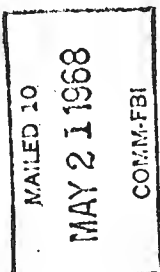
MURKIN

Re Atlanta letter 5-13-68, submitting eighteen lifts and seven negatives of latent impressions from the files of Rome, Georgia, Police Department for examination.

Latent fingerprints appearing on these lifts and in the negatives are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #4009420. No palm prints Identification Division files for Ray.

The lifts, negatives, and four identifying envelopes enclosed to Atlanta. No photographic copies of the latent prints were prepared for Bufiles.

1 - Mr. Rosen



Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: 5/21/68

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN

CR

OO Memphis

ReBuairtel to all SAC's, 5/9/68.

Re: Unidentified Dead

Enclosed for Bureau are 2 copies of an investigative insert reflecting investigation at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of this insert.

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10 MAY 22 1968

1 Encl Detached  
44-38861-3802  
Kiplin Room  
2260 5/21/68

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 15)  
1 - Oklahoma City  
JAG:ow  
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ENCLOSURE

6-1-68  
ATTN: BISHOP

SIX

Approved: 207/68

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

MAY 23 1968

OC 44-686  
ME 44-1986

The following investigation was conducted by  
IC [REDACTED]

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

On May 17, 1968, ROGER PIRRONG, Registrar for Oklahoma State Department of Health, advised his agency maintains a record of all unidentified dead for the State of Oklahoma. He advised that his agency has received no information regarding any unidentified deaths in the State from April 1, 1968, to the present.

ENCLOSURE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 21 1968

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Felt	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI BIRMGHAM

525 PM 5-21-68 URGENT GDM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL MAY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEREIN ON PAGE ON  
MENTION WAS MADE OF A PREVIOUS RESIDENT OF HUNTSVILLE,  
NOW RESIDING AT PULASKI, TENNESSEE. IN TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION  
NIGHT OF MAY TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, BUREAU DIRECTED THAT THIS  
BE INTERVIEWED. MEMPHIS HANDLE AT PULASKI.

END

LCC

FBI WASH DC

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 21 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

519PM URGENT 5/21/68 EOM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) SAN DIEGO (44-387) AND  
SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE [REDACTED]

RECORDS OF GENERAL OFFICES INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY

CHECKED REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF [REDACTED] L. CURRENT  
WORLDWIDE LISTING OF EMPLOYEES SHOWS NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH  
[REDACTED] THIS RECORD CURRENT AS OF APRIL THIRTY LAST.

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END

LCC

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
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FBI ATLANTA

634PM URGENT 5-21-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYONE  
INSTANT.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN VICINITY OF CURRENT  
RESIDENCE OF GERALD DUTTON, FORMER DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL  
STATES RIGHTS PARTY. SUBJECT'S PHOTO EXHIBITED, BUT NO  
PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

~~REDACTED~~ A RECENT MEETING OF  
THE RESISTANCE NETWORK NO. FOUR NINE THREE, MINUTEMEN,  
ATLANTA - STONE MT., GA., AREA, THE SUBJECT OF THIS  
INVESTIGATION WAS BROUGHT UP. NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE AT  
THIS MEETING INDICATED ANY KNOWLEDGE WHATEVER OF THE  
SUBJECT OR HIS POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS.

REC-12

44-38861-3805

DR. HERMAN B. JONES, GA. STATE CRIME LABORATORY,  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED THE DECEASED HUMAN BODIES  
WHERE QUESTIONS OF IDENTIFICATION ARISE ARE PROCESSED

END PAGE ONE

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Copy to [unclear]

[Handwritten initials]

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THROUGH HIS OFFICE. DR. JONES ADVISED THAT QUESTIONS OF IDENTIFICATION OF DECEASED BODIES ARE ALSO REFERRED TO HIM THROUGH FULTON CO. CORONER'S OFFICE, ATLANTA, GA., AND DR. JONES BELIEVES HIS FILES WILL CONTAIN DATA IN ALL SUCH CASES OCCURRING IN THE STATE OF GA.

DR. JONES ADVISED THERE HAVE BEEN NO UNIDENTIFIED BODIES IN THE STATE OF GA. SINCE APR. ONE LAST AND THAT HE WILL PROMPTLY ADVISE ATLANTA DIVISION OF ANY PERTINENT DATA IN THIS REGARD.

CHECK OF ALL HOSPITALS IN METROPOLITAN ATLANTA AREA CONTINUING AND EXAMINATION OF INDIVIDUALS RENTING SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES OVER PERTINENT DATES ALSO CONTINUING.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

CAB

FBI WASH DC

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5/21/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

To: SACs, Atlanta (44-2386)  
Birmingham (44-1740)  
Los Angeles (44-1574)  
Memphis (44-1987)  
New Orleans (157-10673)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

You should make appropriate inquiry at banks to determine identity of individuals making a withdrawal of \$10,000 and over in cash, confining this inquiry for period of April, 1968. The possibility exists that subject was a hired assassin and a pay-off could have taken place shortly before or after the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

You should bear in mind that in many instances requests for large withdrawals are brought to the attention of one of the officials of the bank, and this official could possibly provide the initial information desired.

Armed and dangerous.

MAILED 12  
MAY 21 1968  
COMM-FBI

REL:cs  
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REC-12 44-38861-3806

NOTE: The Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles, Memphis 3 I and New Orleans Offices are being requested to make inquiry at banks regarding identity of individuals making withdrawals of \$10,000 or more in cash. The possibility exists that Ray was a hired assassin and inquiry should be made to determine if possible pay-off existed.

Tolson  
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MAY 27 1968

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

19 MAY 22 1968

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Date: 5/21/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReNewark teletype 5/20/68, concerning U.S. Post Office money orders.

On 5/21/68, [REDACTED] U.S. Post Office, advised that he was instituting appropriate searches to locate two money orders listed in instant teletype and that he would advise WFO when final searches could be conducted.

Bureau and Memphis will be advised concerning instant searches.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Newark (44-854) (Info)
- 1 - WFO

RWD:bah  
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AIRTEL

25 MAY 21 1968

54 E.D. Bishop

MAY 27 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 21 1968

TELETYPE

FBI KAN CITY

959 A AM URGENT 5-21-68 PAB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN.

RE [REDACTED] PHONE CALL.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. TELEPHONE NO. SIX THREE FIVE -  
SEVEN ONE SIX SIX ASSIGNED GRAHAM AND HAWKINS LAW OFFICES.  
ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS IN THIS FIRM, [REDACTED], ADVISED THAT  
[REDACTED] CONTACTS HIM OFTEN TRYING TO GET A PAROLE FOR AN  
INMATE SERVING LIFE IN MO. STATE PENITENTIARY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
REGARDING [REDACTED] OR THE SUBJECT.

[REDACTED] LACLEDE COUNTY, MO., ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS THE SON OF HER HALF BROTHER. SHE STATED THAT  
SHE HAS NOT SEEN HIM FOR AT LEAST NINE YEARS, HAS NO CONTACT  
OR ASSOCIATION WITH HIM AND DOES NOT KNOW ANY OF HIS FRIENDS  
OR ASSOCIATES OR ACTIVITIES. SHE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION  
REGARDING SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

GFB

FBI WASH DC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

205PM URGENT 5/21/68 LMA

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS (44-775),  
SAN FRANCISCO (173-65), AND SPRINGFIELD (44-461).  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) P 1P

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY SEVENTEEN, LAST AND CHICAGO  
TEL TO SAN FRANCISCO, MAY TWENTY, LAST.

RE ALLEGED ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DE CORE, AKA BLACKIE.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CHICAGO WILL HANDLE.

DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE DE CORE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

WPK

FBI WASH DC

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VIA TELETYPE  
MAY 21 1968  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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URGENT 5-21-68

TO DIRECTOR AND INDIANAPOLIS  
FROM CINCINNATI

MURKIN.

*McClure*  
*Long*

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY ONE SEVEN, LAST, AM CCS.  
CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS.

CHILlicothe FEDERAL REFORMATORY CLOSED DECEMBER SIXTYSIX, AND MOST  
RECORDS TRANSFERRED TO TERRE HAUTE. INDIANAPOLIS HANDLE CHECK OF  
RECORDS RE ~~REDACTED~~

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 (PLAINTEXT)

FROM MIAMI 44-1854 2P

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RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN, AND TAMPA TEL  
TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE- SUSPECT [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION AT OKEECHOBEE, FLA. REFLECTS THAT AIRPLANE  
OWNED BY [REDACTED] IS A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AIRPLANE HAS APPROXIMATE THIRTEEN  
GALLON CAPACITY AND BURNS APPROXIMATELY FIVE GALLONS PER HOUR.

AIRPLANE HAS NO LIGHTS, RADIO OR NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND  
LANDING FIELD UTILIZED HAS NO LIGHTING FACILITIES. PEOPLE

KNOWLEDGEABLE OF [REDACTED] ACTIVITIES OF OPINION [REDACTED] HAS  
NOT FLOWN ANY FURTHER THAN FROM OKEECHOBEE TO TAMPA, A

DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE MILES.

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~~REDACTED~~ CHECKED ON HIS  
ACTIVITIES FOR NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AND ASCERTAINED  
HE WAS IN OKEECHOBEE.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, ~~REDACTED~~ IS BEING ELIMINATED AS A  
SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER.

TAMPA AND MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AM.

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FBI ST LOUIS

958PM URGENT 5-21-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY.

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE INMATE [REDACTED] ALLEGATION OF SEEING RAY AND JAMES LOAMA OWENS AT [REDACTED] SL SUMMER SIXTYSEVEN. [REDACTED] WIFE [REDACTED] ADVISED OF LETTER FROM HIM DATED APRIL TWENTY FIFTH LAST STATING IN PART QUOTE I GUESS YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THE ONE GUY THAT WE MET THAT TIME [REDACTED] HE'S THE ONE THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO RAP THAT KING DEATH ON UNQUOTE. SHE UNABLE RECALL INCIDENT TO WHICH HE REFERRED [REDACTED] ON PAROLE [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] LIVED VICINITY OF [REDACTED] NO REASON TO GO TO [REDACTED] NEVER WENT IN CAR [REDACTED] RECALLS ONCE THEREAFTER [REDACTED] HUSBAND WAVED TO UNKNOWN WHITE MALE OUTSIDE. SAID HE WAS FROM MSP. SHE MERELY GLANCED AT AND IS UNABLE TO DESCRIBE. UNABLE TO RECALL ANY CONVERSATION WITH. [REDACTED] UNABLE TO IDENT PHOTOS OF OWENS OR RAY. BUT BELIEVES RAY VAGUELY FAMILIAR. DOES NOT RELATE TO MAN SEEN ABOVE. NO IDEA WHERE SHE MAY

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HAVE SEEN, BUT ATTENDED SALVATION ARMY SERVICES FOR PERIOD OF YEARS' INCLUDING FIFTY NINE, VICINITY OF HICKORY STREET WHERE PUBLICITY INDICATED RAY LIVED, MAY HAVE SEEN THERE.

[REDACTED] HAVE PATRONIZED HILL BROTHERS SHOE STORE [REDACTED] FOR YEARS. HAVE GONE THERE IN CAR NUMEROUS TIMES [REDACTED]. BELIEVES IF [REDACTED] IN ERROR, MIGHT BE BASED ON SHOE SHOPPING TRIP [REDACTED] UNABLE TO RECALL ANYONE RESEMBLING RAY IN THAT VICINITY.

RE JERRY RAYNES. SALE OF RAYNES SL PROPERTY EIGHTEEN NINETEEN PARK, SL, VERIFIED BY PURCHASER ARCHIE ROBINSON. DEED DATED MARCH TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY SEVEN. TRANSACTION WAS INVOLVED. CONSIDERATION PAID WAS TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. RAYNES LIVED THERE FOR YEAR PRIOR. VISITED FREQUENTLY BY DAUGHTER CAROL, INFREQUENTLY BY SON JACK, WHO LIVED THERE BRIEFLY FROM TIME TO TIME. NO ONE OF SUBJECTS APPEARANCE SEEN OR KNOWN THERE. SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS INDICATE NO SIGNIFICANT RAYNES ACTIVITY TODAY.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY.

SEVERAL FORMER SL RESIDENCE ADDRESSES VERIFIED. FORMER GRAPEVINE NIGHT BARMAID [REDACTED] NAOMI REGAZZI INTERVIEWED. EMPLOYED JANUARY TO MAY SIXTEENTH LAST TERMINATION DUE TO HER FEAR OF

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NEGRO REPRISALS SHOULD JOHNS' RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT BECOME GENERALLY KNOWN. CAROL PEPPER OWNS GRAPEVINE, VISITS INFREQUENTLY, NEVER STAYS. JOHN IS MANAGER. PRIOR TO KILLING HE MENTIONED HE HAD BROTHERS JIM AND JERRY, BUT MADE NO OTHER COMMENT. NEVER MENTIONED SUBJECT WAS ESCAPEE, OR INDICATED IN ANY WAY HE WAS EVER IN CONTACT WITH HIM, OR HAD ANY IDEA OF WHEREABOUTS. SHE HAS MET JERRY DURING RECENT VISITS.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBES GRAPEVINE CLIENTELE AS HOOSIERS. SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS INDICATE NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY ON PART OF JOHN RAY OR CAROL PEPPER TODAY. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE FELLOW PRISONER, [REDACTED], RESOLUTION [REDACTED] LOOK-ALIKES, EXCON INTERVIEWS CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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FBI KAN CITY

422 PM URGENT 5/21/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE COMMUNICATION REVEALED FORMER MSP INMATE [REDACTED]  
ADVISED THAT SUBJECT WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF [REDACTED]  
(PHONETIC) [REDACTED] ORIGINALLY CAME FROM CHICAGO,  
ILL. AREA. [REDACTED] (PHONETIC) SENT SOME "STUFF"  
BACK INTO THE PRISON [REDACTED] AFTER HE GOT OUT.

RECORDS MSP FAIL TO LIST A [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED], BUT DO  
REVEAL A [REDACTED] MSP NO. [REDACTED]  
FBI NO. [REDACTED] HE WAS PAROLED ON [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] TO AN ADDRESS [REDACTED]  
ILL. HE REPORTEDLY WOULD BE ON PAROLE UNTIL [REDACTED]

CHICAGO AT [REDACTED] ILL., INTERVIEW [REDACTED] FOR  
ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE REGARDING SUBJECT. REC-43 44-38861-3813

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FBI INDAPOLS

416PM URGENT 5/21/68 OJS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE (44-696),  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE KNOXVILLE TEL, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST, AND INDIANAPOLIS TEL,  
MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

RECORDS AT TERRE HAUTE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY FOR ██████████ HAVE  
NOT BEEN LOCATED TO DATE. EXTENSIVE SEARCH BEING CONDUCTED BY  
PRISON OFFICIALS. INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION  
UPON REVIEW.

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FBI KNOXVLE

10-12 AM URGENT 5-21-68 CKH

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696) 2 P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE MAY EIGHTEEN LAST, KNOXVILLE  
TELETYPE MAY NINETEEN LAST, LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR  
MAY TWENTY LAST.

GREYHOUND BUS TICKET AGENT, AUGUSTA NICHOLS, CONTACTED  
MAY TWENTY LAST AT KNOXVILLE, AT WHICH TIME NINE PHOTOGRAPHS  
WERE PRESENTED TO HER -- TWO OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE OF

[REDACTED] ONE MADE MAY TWENTY-TWO SIXTY-  
FIVE AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE; ONE MADE JULY NINETEEN SIXTY AT  
CHILLICOTHE, OHIO. NICHOLS IMMEDIATELY PICKED OUT BOTH  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF [REDACTED] AND SAID THEY WERE PHOTOGRAPHS OF  
THE SAME INDIVIDUAL AND THAT SHE HAD SEEN THIS MAN IN THE  
RECENT PAST, PROBABLY IN THE BUS STATION AT KNOXVILLE. SHE  
DOES NOT RECALL SELLING A TICKET TO [REDACTED] ON APRIL SEVEN  
LAST. SHE DOES NOT KNOW ANYONE NAMED [REDACTED]

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FURNISHED KNOXVILLE WITH  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF [REDACTED] TAKEN MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTY-  
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FIVE, USP, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA. THIS PHOTOGRAPH VERY  
SIMILAR TO PHOTOGRAPH OF ~~REDACTED~~ TAKEN CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
MAY TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE.

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FBI KAN CITY

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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DAILY SUMMARY.

ATTORNEY [REDACTED], JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ADVISED [REDACTED] ST. LOUIS, MO., CONTACTS HIM OFTEN TRYING TO GET A PAROLE FOR AN INMATE SERVING LIFE IN THE MSP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LACLEDE CO., MO., ADVISED [REDACTED] IS SON OF HER HALF BROTHER. SHE HAS NOT SEEN HIM FOR NINE YEARS AND COULD NO PERTINENT INFO.

MSP RECORDS REVEAL [REDACTED] FBI NO. [REDACTED] WAS PAROLED IN [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED], ILL. HE REPORTEDLY AN ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT. CHICAGO ADVISED. EX-102

ATTORNEY PHILLIP BAKER, INDEPENDENCE, MO., ADVISED HE REPRESENTED SUBJECT IN HIS APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS IN SIXTYTHREE. THE HEARING WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AND RAY PAID HIM FIFTY DOLLARS ATTORNEY'S FEES. HE ALSO ADVISED HE RECEIVED A LETTER JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE FROM JERRY RAY, ST. LOUIS, STATING JAMES RAY WAS GOING TO SEND HIM MONEY AND LATER ON SEND MORE WHICH BAKER WAS TO SEND TO JERRY RAY. MSP RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY PAYMENT FROM SUBJECT TO BAKER AND

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IN FACT, RECORDS REVEALED JUNE NINETEEN, SIXTYTHREE, BAKER SENT FIFTY DOLLARS TO RAY. BAKER, UPON RE-INTERVIEW, ADVISED IN A LETTER FROM RAY DATED MAY NINETEEN, SIXTYTHREE, HE INDICATED A MONEY ORDER WOULD BE SENT TO HIM AND HE SHOULD TAKE FIFTY DOLLARS OF IT. ANOTHER LETTER FROM RAY POSTMARKED JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYTHREE, INDICATED RELATIVE WAS SENDING A MONEY ORDER FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. LETTER POSTMARKED JUNE TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE, UNSIGNED, ADVISED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK WAS ENCLOSED FOR LEGAL FEES. THIS LETTER BORE RETURN ADDRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INMATE NO. [REDACTED] MSP. BAKER, ON JUNE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, SAID HE SENT RAY A CHECK FOR THE FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH WAS IN EXCESS OF HIS FEE. BAKER CONTINUING TO CHECK HIS RECORDS FOR ANY INFO. WHICH MAY BE OF HELP. HE ADVISED RAY RECOMMENDED HIM TO A PRISONER BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] MSP, WHO CONTACTED HIM IN JULY, SIXTYTHREE. BAKER REFUSED TO HANDLE THIS CASE.

KANSAS CITY WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED].

AM COPIES FURNISHED CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.

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TELETYPE

256PM URGENT 5/21/68 JOC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

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RE LEGAT, MEXICO TEL CALL, FIVE SEVENTEEN, AND SAN FRANCISCO  
TEL, FIVE SEVENTEEN LAST.

RAY AND CLARE STERN, [REDACTED] SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA,  
ADVISED THAT WHILE IN MEXICO THEY HAD AS HOUSE GUESTS MR. AND MRS.  
ELWOOD HANSEN: [REDACTED]

ON FIVE TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT, RAY AND CLARE STERN AND MR. AND  
MRS. ELWOOD HANSEN, [REDACTED], HILLSBOROUGH,  
CALIFORNIA, VIEWED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISED THAT THEY  
DID NOT RECOGNIZE THIS MAN AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH ANYONE THEY  
OBSERVED DURING THEIR STAY IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO IN NOVEMBER,  
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THEY ADVISED THAT THEY HAD NEVER HEARD OF RAY.  
THEY SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS IF HE HAD VISITED MEXICO THAT RAY MIGHT  
HAVE VISITED A HOTEL AND/OR BAR CALLED "OCEANA" WHICH WAS OPERATED  
BY A LADY NAMED IDA. THEY ADVISED THIS WAS A FREQUENT TOURIST  
STOP. THE STERNS AND HANSENS STATED THEY DID NOT RECALL ENTERING  
THE HOTEL RIO DURING THEIR STAY IN PUERTO VALLARTA. 44-38861-3817

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5/22/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. McGowan

To: SAC, Newark (44-854)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

Re telephone conversation 5/21/68.

Inasmuch as the subject had previously enrolled in a locksmithing course and had completed a number of the required lessons, it is likely that subject might endeavor to continue such training. The records of the Locksmithing Institute in Little Falls, New Jersey, should be thoroughly reviewed for all applications submitted after 4/5/68. If the original applications can be obtained, they should be forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for handwriting and/or typewriting examinations. In the event the original applications cannot be obtained, photographic copies of same should be submitted to the Laboratory for examination purposes.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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SAC Bachman of the Newark Office was instructed by C. L. McGowan of the Civil Rights Section to institute the check at the Locksmithing Institute. This is to confirm the conversation.

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1106PM URGENT 5-21-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM LOS ANGELES 2P

MURKIN.

*Handwritten signatures and initials*

RE LEGAT, MEXICO CITY TELETYPE CALL TO LOS ANGELES  
MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, LEGAT, MEXICO CITY ADVISED  
REVIEW OF TELEPHONE COMPANY RECORDS AT PUERTO VALLARTA,  
MEXICO, DISCLOSED TWO TELEPHONE CALLS TO LOS ANGELES FROM  
PUERTO VALLARTA DURING NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, OF  
POSSIBLE PERTINENCE TO THIS MATTER.

FIRST CALL ON NOVEMBER FIVE LAST WAS STATION TO STATION  
FROM A MR. RAY, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, TO A SENORITA SANCHEZ  
AT NUMBER [REDACTED]

SUBSCRIBER TO ABOVE NUMBER IS ROY COHN, [REDACTED] 44-38861-3819  
[REDACTED] SEPULVEDA, CALIFORNIA. MRS. COHN INTERVIEWED  
THIS DATE AND ADVISED HER HUSBAND WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA  
DURING EARLY NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN ON MINING VENTURE.

MRS. COHN'S FIRST NAME IS SANDRA. SHE RECALLED THAT HER HUSBAND

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*Handwritten initials*

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CALLED HER FROM PUERTO VALLARTA AT HER HOME DURING EARLY NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. SHE SPECULATED THAT MEXICAN TELEPHONE OPERATORS MISTOOK RAY FOR ROY AND SANCHEZ FOR SANDRA.

SECOND CALL ON NOVEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST WAS STATION TO STATION TO NUMBER TWO ONE THREE - SIX SEVEN ZERO - NINE ONE FIVE ONE FROM A MR. JOH<sup>N</sup>. NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. SUBSCRIBER TO ABOVE NUMBER IS NORTH AMERICAN ROCKWELL CORPORATION (NARC), EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED] NARC, ADVISED RECORDS INDICATE NO EMPLOYEES WERE IN PUERTO VALLARTA ON COMPANY BUSINESS DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER FIFTEEN THROUGH DECEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. [REDACTED] STATED NO WAY TO DETERMINE IF NARC EMPLOYEE WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA ON VACATION. SWITCHBOARD AT NARC HAS NO RECORD OF RECEIVING CALL FROM PUERTO VALLARTA ON NOVEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED THIS PHASE.

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/ BUREAU ADVISE LEGAT, MEXICO CITY,

RECEIVED: 2:45 AM (5-22-68) MSE

5-22-68

1 - Mr. Bates

Airtel

To: SACs, Savannah  
Denver (157-203)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

Re Denver airtel to Bureau and Savannah dated 5-1-68, and Denver airtel to Bureau, no copy to Savannah, dated 5-8-68, both pertaining to [REDACTED]

By return airtel Savannah is requested to advise status of investigation at Savannah as set forth in referenced Denver airtel dated 5-1-68, concerning investigation at Sylvania and Augusta, Georgia, regarding [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

No action will be taken by the Bureau regarding Denver's request until investigation as set forth in referenced Denver airtel dated 5-1-68, is completed.

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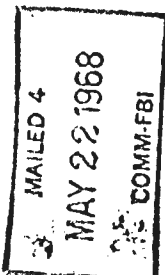
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NOTE:

[REDACTED] was interviewed by the Denver Office on 4/29-30/68, inasmuch as in December, 1965, [REDACTED] called Martin Luther King's Office and warned that King should be careful as someone is going to assassinate him. [REDACTED] reportedly flew from Denver to Augusta, Georgia, on 4-6-68, and allegedly was in contact there with his son, [REDACTED]. Denver airtel of 5-1-68, requested Savannah to locate and interview [REDACTED] and to attempt to verify the purpose for [REDACTED] visit to Augusta. [REDACTED] No action will be taken on the Denver request until Savannah completes investigation regarding [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].



FBI

Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletype to the Bureau dated 4/29/68.

Records, [redacted] Jacksonville, Florida, examined on 4/30/68, by SA [redacted] disclosed [redacted] Social Security Number [redacted] was employed as a [redacted] by [redacted], Jacksonville, from June, 1964 to June, 1965, when he voluntarily left for other employment. [redacted] was rehired by the [redacted] and except for short periods was regularly employed as a [redacted] from August, 1966 to date. [redacted] on 4/15/68, went on an official leave of absence until 5/14/68. His reason for desiring a leave was shown to improve his financial status. Records show [redacted] was continuously employed at the [redacted] during the period from 1/7/68 through 4/12/68. He was employed eight hours on 4/4/68 and eight hours on 4/5/68.

[redacted] residing [redacted] Jacksonville, Florida, was interviewed 4/30/68 by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] advised he has been in Jacksonville almost continuously since leaving North Carolina. He stated he has visited with relatives in North Carolina once in 1965 and again at Christmas time in 1966. He stated he has received no information indicating any of his wife's [redacted]

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1 - Charlotte (RM) (44-1365) (Info.)  
2 - Memphis (RM) (44-1987)  
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relatives or others had part in instant matter. He said he is of the opinion that the incident which occurred in 1963 [redacted] was caused by racial tensions at that time. [redacted]

[redacted] He said that he has been working as a [redacted] at the [redacted] since coming to Jacksonville. He said that during this period he was also employed as a [redacted] with [redacted]

Jacksonville. He advised that he took a leave of absence at the [redacted] to attempt to improve his financial situation. He said that during his absence from the [redacted] he is working at [redacted] located [redacted]

[redacted] He said that he can make more money in this job and he may not return to the [redacted] He advised that he does not believe in violence now any more that he did in 1963 [redacted]

[redacted] He stated he will cooperate with the FBI and any information coming to his attention concerning instant matter will be promptly furnished.

Since no evidence of conspiracy on part of [redacted] no further action regarding him being taken.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 17, 1968

FROM

A. Rosen

SUBJECT

MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. McDonough  
1 - Mr. Martindale  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Trotter

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 5/14/68 a man using the name [REDACTED] signed an escrow contract to purchase a home at Bonita, California, for \$51,000. He presented a \$5,000 check on a local bank as earnest money and indicated that he had a \$65,000 certified check in his hotel room. The \$5,000 check he gave is worthless. He claimed that he was employed by International Harvester, Bloomington, Illinois, and had been recently transferred to the San Diego area.

On the afternoon of 5/14/68 [REDACTED] appeared at an automobile agency in Chula Vista, California, where he selected a car and after displaying the escrow contract showing he had made a \$5,000 deposit on a home, he was permitted to take the car when he said he wanted to show it to his wife. The car has not been returned.

Bonita and Chula Vista are suburbs of San Diego.

Several witnesses who were in the company of [REDACTED] for periods of time ranging up to three hours state that he bears a resemblance to photographs of the subject and one witness is almost positive of the identification. Intensive investigation has been instituted to identify and locate [REDACTED]

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It has previously been alleged that in the summer of 1967 Ray and James Loama Owens were seen entering the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, St. Louis. Owens has been interviewed and denied any contact with Ray since leaving prison. He furnished the following information.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Owens first met Ray at a St. Louis Rescue Mission in 1959. Ray was using the name Jim O'Connor and later used the names Ryan and Ray but always used Jim as his given name.

Owens never knew Ray to work but he was thrifty and always seemed to have money. He knew Ray was a robber and Ray said he only robbed businesses he felt were protected by insurance. He was close mouthed and a loner but likeable and he was also a thinker who read widely on a variety of subjects.

Ray liked cars and pistols. He once demonstrated his marksmanship to Owens by repeatedly shooting a tin can while it was bouncing. Ray believed women were to use and forget and had a preference for "street bums."

On one occasion Owens claims Ray showed him \$1,000 in travelers checks and said he was going to Canada. When Owens next saw Ray a month later he said he had been to Canada. Ray also talked of prior trips to Mexico to cool off and mentioned Vera Cruz, Acapulco, Nogales and Mexico City.

Ray told Owens he had been forced to leave Mexico City when a man came at him with a knife and he hit the man in the head with a pistol.

Ray planned the Kroger robbery for which Owens and Ray were arrested in 1959. Owens thought it had been well planned but was unsuccessful because it was executed when both were drunk. He said this was an exception to Ray's drinking habits which were usually moderate.

Owens pleaded guilty to the Kroger robbery and received a seven-year sentence. Ray stood trial and was given twenty years. While he was at Missouri State Penitentiary Owens frequently saw Ray in the yard and Ray never displayed any animosity towards him.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

It was [REDACTED] who alleged he had seen Ray and Owens entering the bank in 1967. Owens claims he saw [REDACTED] in 1965 [REDACTED]

The records of the Jefferson-Gravois Bank show that Owens opened an account in 1965 which was closed in 1966.

ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing on a top priority basis.

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FBI

Date: 5/17/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
(ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299)

RE: MURKIN  
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Enclosed for the Identification Division is a fingerprint card in the name of [REDACTED].

On 5/16/68 information was received by the FBI, Columbia, S.C., indicating a white male somewhat resembling JAMES EARL RAY was staying at the Carolina Motel, Two Notch Road, Columbia, S.C. He was reportedly driving a two door beige Oldsmobile bearing 1968 Texas license [REDACTED].

This individual was identified and interviewed by Bureau Agents 5/16/68 when he furnished his name as [REDACTED], a [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Waco, Texas. He advised he was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and that his mother, [REDACTED] presently resides at above address.

When interviewed [REDACTED] advised that he is a [REDACTED] and he was in Columbia, S.C., [REDACTED] for May 18, 1968. He is described as 6'1", 160 pounds, white male, U.S. Navy 6/6/51 through 11/29/54, Navy serial number [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] somewhat resembled photographs of JAMES EARL RAY therefore he consented to and was fingerprinted

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - San Antonio (Info)  
1 - Columbia

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after which he was eliminated as JAMES EARL RAY by  
SA [REDACTED] based on fingerprints.

Even though [REDACTED] is not the subject of the  
MURKIN case his prints are being forwarded to the  
Identification Division to determine if he is wanted.  
The Bureau may retain these prints if desired.

For information of Memphis insert follows.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TELETYPE

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FBI ALBANY

932 PM URGENT 5/18/68 WEB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, LOS ANGELES 44-1574 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987  
FROM ALBANY 44-493

MURKIN

RE LA TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION ALBANY DIVISION RESULTED IN LOCATION OF

[REDACTED] WM, DOB [REDACTED],  
SIX FT., ONE SEVEN ZERO LBS., BROWN EYES AND HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD  
AND COMPLEXION, FORMERLY IN USMC, [REDACTED] AT YMCA, SYRACUSE,  
N.Y. [REDACTED] NOT IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY. WAS IN MASSENA,  
N.Y. ON APRIL FOUR, LAST.

[REDACTED] REGISTERED AT CLARK HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, APRIL  
SEVENTEEN, LAST AND STAYED FOR ONE DAY ONLY. WAS IN PAR,  
NAME NOT RECALLED, IN VICINITY OF CLARK HOTEL WHERE HE MET AN  
INDIVIDUAL WHO'S NAME HE DOES NOT RECALL, DESCRIBED AS WM,  
THIRTYTHREE - THIRTYFOUR YRS., FIVE FT. ELEVEN, ONE SEVEN FIVE  
TO ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, HANDSOME, WHO STATED  
HE LIVED OFF GIRLS AND WAS THEN GOING WITH A GIRL WHO'S FATHER  
OWNED A DRUGSTORE IN LOS ANGELES. HE STATED THIS MAN ASKED  
HIM WHETHER HE WAS IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY WHO SHOT

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cc: Long

Mr. T. Egan  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

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[REDACTED] STATED HE COULD RECALL MEETING NO ONE ELSE WHILE STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL AND DID NOT RECALL MENTIONING TO ANYONE ELSE HE STAYED AT CLARK HOTEL, ALTHOUGH WHILE DRINKING HE MAY HAVE MENTIONED BEING ASKED IF HE WERE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

[REDACTED] STATED HE IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED [REDACTED] SYRACUSE, N.Y. WHERE HE ANTICIPATES REMAINING FOR THREE MONTHS. HE WILL ATTEMPT TO RECALL NAME OF INDIVIDUAL AT ABOVE BAR.

[REDACTED] STATED HE DID NOT KNOW [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] STATED INDIVIDUAL IN BAR MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED].

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: *Austin* SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) AND HOUSTON  
FROM: *Routing slip sent to field* PHOENIX (44-371)

MURKIN

MAN CLOSELY RESEMBLING SIX EIGHT PHOTOGRAPHS OF  
SUBJECT RAY REGISTERED HOLIDAY INN MOTEL (SOUTH), TUCSON SIX  
THIRTY PM MAY NINETEEN AS [REDACTED]  
SAN ANTONIO. OCCUPATION [REDACTED] CAR CHEVROLET,  
TEXAS LICENSE [REDACTED] DESK CLERK PERSONALLY  
OBSERVED LICENSE ON CAR WAS [REDACTED] ON LATE MODEL  
CHEVROLET TWO-DOOR WITH LEFT FRONT FENDER NOTICEABLY DENTED. COLOR  
NOT NOTICED BUT MAY HAVE BEEN BLUE.

[REDACTED] HAD BAD COUGH AND INQUIRED ABOUT NEAREST DRUG  
STORE. LEFT FOR SHORT TIME AND ON RETURN ATE DINNER AT MOTEL.  
UNKNOWN GUEST FROM MEMPHIS REMARKED TO AN EMPLOYEE STRIKING  
RESEMBLANCE OF [REDACTED] WITH NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. OTHER  
EMPLOYEES THEN LOOKED AT WANTED FLYER AT MOTEL AND [REDACTED] TOO  
DECIDED CLOSE RESEMBLANCE.

- ① - Bureau (AM)  
1 - Memphis (AM)  
1 - Phoenix  
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[REDACTED] SAID HAD DRIVEN FROM LOS ANGELES, WAS TIRED AND PLANNED TO RETIRE IN HIS ROOM IMMEDIATELY. PAID DINNER TICKET IN CASH AND WAS OBSERVED DRIVING AWAY IN HIS CAR. HAD NOT YET RETURNED BY ONE FIFTEEN AM MAY TWENTY, INSTANT.

MOTEL EMPLOYEES WHO SAW HIM ADVISED SA [REDACTED] RESEMBLANCE TO RAY PHOTOS SO CLOSE THEY COULD NOT ELIMINATE.

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SA [REDACTED] TEXAS DPS RECORDS SHOW [REDACTED] REGISTERED [REDACTED] [REDACTED], KINGSVILLE, TEXAS ON SIXTYEIGHT CHEVROLET. SAN ANTONIO TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] NO LISTING FOR SAME NAME ON [REDACTED]

HOUSTON AND SAN ANTONIO WILL CHECK OUT [REDACTED] AT ABOVE ADDRESSES AND DETERMINE IF PRESENTLY ON TRIP DRIVING CHEVROLET WITH ABOVE LICENSE.

AM COPIES TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

FBI

Date: 5/20/68

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Via TELETYPE

URGENT

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) (AIRMAIL)  
SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) AND HOUSTON

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) ( 1P )

MURKIN

REMYTEL, INSTANT DATE.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION THIS DATE, PLUS INTERVIEW WITH  
[REDACTED] AT TUCSON, ARIZONA, AND COMPARISON OF HIS  
FINGERPRINTS WITH THOSE OF JAMES EARL RAY DISCLOSED [REDACTED]  
NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY.

SAN ANTONIO AND HOUSTON DISCONTINUE LEADS SET FORTH  
IN RETEL.

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- ① - Bureau (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1984) (AM)
- 1 - Phoenix

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/21/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Alabama License [REDACTED]  
Seen Alliance, Ohio 5/7/68

Enclosed to Pittsburgh for background information are the following:

Bureau teletype to Mobile dated 5/7/68  
Mobile teletype to Bureau dated 5/8/68  
Mobile airtel to Bureau dated 5/9/68  
Cleveland airtel to Bureau dated 5/14/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Augusta, Ga., by SA [REDACTED]

On 5/17/68 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] U. S. Post Office, Peach Orchard Branch, south of Augusta, advised that their records were negative concerning [REDACTED] who listed his address as General Delivery at that station. Both stated he was unfamiliar to them.

Both explained that it was possible this individual was a carnival worker for JAMES H. DREW who lives about five miles south of that station on Peach Orchard Road near Gracewood, Ga.,

- 3- Bureau
- 2- Pittsburgh (Encs. 4)
- 2- Memphis (44-1987)
- 1- Cleveland (44-565) (Info)
- 2- Savannah

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and receives his mail from that station, namely, Gracewood.

On 5/17/68 efforts to contact JAMES H. DREW were negative, the neighbors explaining that he was on the road with a show up north and his whereabouts was unknown.

On 5/17/68 MARVIN BARRETT, operator of the Club 13 and a girlie show, who is familiar carnival workers who winter quarter in Augusta, Ga., advised that [REDACTED] was unfamiliar to him. He did not know the itinerary for the Drew Show or the show's present whereabouts.

On 5/16/68 [REDACTED] Credit Bureau [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED], both advised a search of their records failed to locate any names identifiable with [REDACTED]

On 5/20/68 WILLIAM ROWLAND, Richmond County License Inspector, Augusta, Ga., advised he received a call from JAMES H. DREW concerning a license for the Exchange Club Fair in Augusta and learned that DREW was staying at the Holiday Inn #1 at Charleston, W. Va., for this week. He was playing shopping centers around Charleston, W. Va., for the next week or ten days following 5/20/68, and could be contacted at Area Code [REDACTED]

LEADS:

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT CHARLESTON, W. VA.:

Will contact JAMES H. DREW, Drew Shows, a native of Augusta and who has been most cooperative in the past, to determine if [REDACTED] is known to him and/or whether he might be considered to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

Will interview [REDACTED] to verify that he is driving an old Chrysler product, bearing captioned Alabama tag.

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FBI

Date: 5/21/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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OO: Memphis

Re Dallas teletype, 5/1/68, and Houston airtel,  
5/3/68.

Re: TEXAS TELEPHONE CALLS

Referenced teletype, 5/1/68, reported telephone  
calls as follows from:

- (1) Sanderson, Texas on 12/17/67 to [REDACTED]  
Oakland, California;
- (2) Alpine, Texas on 12/16/67 to [REDACTED], Santa  
Rosa, California.

Houston airtel, 5/3/68, reported the following  
calls:

- (1) 12/16/67 to [REDACTED], Berkeley, California  
from Houston, Texas;
- (2) 12/16/67 to [REDACTED] Hayward, California  
from Beaumont, Texas;
- (3) 12/15/67 to [REDACTED] San Mateo, California  
from Beaumont, Texas;
- (4) 12/16/67 to [REDACTED] Monterey, California  
from Houston, Texas.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
2 - San Francisco  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Pacific Telephone Co. records reflected the following listings:

- (1) [REDACTED] ROY LUSK, [REDACTED],  
Oakland, Calif.;
- (2) [REDACTED], Commander T. M. L. KROTKY, [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], Santa Rosa, California;
- (3) [REDACTED], EDDIE LEON, [REDACTED],  
Hayward, California;
- (4) [REDACTED], J. E. MANION, [REDACTED], San  
Mateo, California.
- (5) 372-9730, U.S. Naval Post Graduate School,  
Building 259, Monterey, California;
- (6) 841-0501, Mc Donald's A&W Rootbeer, 2366  
San Pablo, Berkeley, California.

On 5/3/68, Mrs. WANDA LUSK, [REDACTED],  
Oakland, California, advised her husband, ROY LUSK, is a truck  
driver for United Van Lines, and in December, 1967, was traveling  
in Texas. She could not recall the exact date, but stated  
that she had her telephone number changed to [REDACTED] and it  
is a non-published number and no one has called this number  
from out of state except her husband.

On 5/3/68, Mrs. THEODORE KROTKY, [REDACTED],  
Santa Rosa, Calif., advised she has telephone number [REDACTED]  
and on or about 12/16/67, a telephone call was placed to her  
residence from someplace in Texas, possibly Houston, and  
this call was made by Mr. KEITH JOHNSON, Dean of Men, University  
of Americas, Mexico City, Mexico. She advised Mr. JOHNSON  
called to tell her daughter, MARY KROTKY, that he would not  
visit her at home just before Christmas as planned, because  
of the illness of his father who resides in Kooskia, Idaho.  
Mrs. KROTKY advised that her daughter MARY is engaged to be  
married to Mr. KEITH JOHNSON.

On 5/15/68, Mrs. DELORES RAILEY, [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], Hayward, California, advised that EDDIE LEON is an  
elderly Negro man who formerly rented a room in her home  
several years ago. She stated that this is the reason the  
phone, [REDACTED] at this address is in his name. She stated



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she is not aware of his present whereabouts. She advised that in December, 1967, she received several telephone calls from her mother, Mrs. SYBIL GAYLES, [REDACTED] in Beaumont, Texas. She stated she knows her mother calls from pay telephones and that this would be the only calls she could have received from Texas during December, 1967. She stated that her mother's phone number is [REDACTED]. She stated that she does not know JAMES EARL RAY, and after viewing photographs of RAY, she stated she cannot recall ever seeing anyone appearing identical to this individual.

On 5/7/68, Mrs. GWEN HANKINS, nee MANION, was contacted at the residence of her parents, J. E. MANION, [REDACTED] Foster City, California. She stated that she knew of the call received at her residence in December, 1967, and that the call was a collect call to her from a friend who was visiting relatives in Texas. She stated the call was from Beaumont, Texas and was from BILLIE JEANE KNOX. Mrs. HANKINS, after viewing a photograph of RAY, stated that she had no knowledge of anyone resembling him.

On 5/7/68, JOE CARPINO, Security Officer, U.S. Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California, advised that telephone number 372-9730, is a public pay phone which is located just outside the enlisted men's barracks, Building 259, at the school. He also stated that there is usually about 200 men assigned to the barracks but that this particular telephone is also available to anyone who frequents the enlisted men's club which is the next adjacent building.

CARPINO stated that many of the enlisted men had been transferred in and out of the barracks since December, 1967, therefore, it would be impossible to ascertain who received this particular telephone call at that pay station.

Mr. A. G. MC DONALD and his son MIKE MC DONALD, were interviewed on 5/14/68 at the A&W Rootbeer Stand located at 2138 East 14th Street, and advised that they owned the stand at 2366 San Pablo Ave. which had telephone number 841-0501. Mr. MC DONALD stated he recalled being charged

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for a call from Texas in December, 1967. He stated he had not been able to determine who had received the call but suspected that it had been to one of his employees, [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] had been a friend of [REDACTED] nee [REDACTED], who had quit her employment and had left for the East on 12/12/67. He stated that it was his understanding that [REDACTED] had left her husband, [REDACTED], at that time and had gone East with another man. He said that he believed that she is now in Mississippi since he had recently been to the State Department of Employment to see a Mr. PERRY regarding an unemployment form filled out by her. He advised his reason for thinking that she had made the call was based on the fact that she had left about that time. Mr. MC DONALD and his son MIKE MC DONALD observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that they did not know him.

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Date: 5/21/68

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)

RE: MURKIN  
C R  
(OO: ME)

Re St. Louis teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Little Rock, 5/15/68; Little Rock teletype to Bureau, St. Louis and Memphis, 5/16/68; and, Little Rock teletype to St. Louis, 5/20/68.

Re: JOHN EUGENE GAWRON

On May 20, 1968, [redacted] Arkansas, advised SA [redacted] that he does not know anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY. After viewing photographs of RAY, he stated to his knowledge he had never seen RAY. He could not recall anyone fitting RAY's description visiting GAWRON at [redacted], St. Louis, Missouri. (He pointed out he had lived at [redacted] St. Louis, from 1963 until June 1967, and again from September 1967, until February 1968. He could not recall having seen anyone fitting RAY's description in the company of GAWRON. He has never heard GAWRON speak of RAY in any manner.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished to St. Louis for information purposes since leads were outstanding in St. Louis to locate [redacted].

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- 3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - St. Louis (44-775)  
2 - Little Rock  
EGC/ds  
(8) C. C. Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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MAY 20 1968

TELETYPE

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FBI DALLAS

454PM URGENT 5-20-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
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RE LEGAT MEXICO TELCALL TO DALLAS CONCERNING TELEPHONE  
CALLS MADE FROM PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO IN NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN.

DONALD BRUCE LIVELY, [REDACTED]  
RESIDING [REDACTED], PHONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DALLAS, RELATED ONLY PERSON HE RECALLS RECEIVING PHONE  
CALLS FROM IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, IS RAY CARSON. SAID HE  
VACATIONED IN PUERTO VALLARTA FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS IN ABOUT OCTOBER,  
SIXTYSEVEN AND FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS IN EARLY FEBRUARY, SIXTYEIGHT.  
WHILE VACATIONING THERE HE MET CARSON, WHO WAS FREE LANCE REAL  
ESTAGE BROKER. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS FIRST VISIT TO MEXICO HE RECEIVED  
ABOUT FIVE OR SIX PHONE CALLS FROM CARSON RE POSSIBILITY OF LIVELY  
BUYING A HOUSE IN PUERTO VALLARTA. THE PURCHASE WAS NOT COMSUMATED

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THE LAST HE HEARD OF CARSON HE WAS IN COSTA RICA.

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DURING FIRST VACATION HE TOOK IN PUERTO VALLARTA, LIVELY RENTED A HOUSE KNOWN AS CASA LOS RAPIDOS AND ON SECOND VACATION RENTED HOUSE KNOWN AS CASA AMORILLO. CARSON ALSO LIVED IN PRIVATE RESIDENCE BUT DID NOT HAVE PHONE IN HIS HOME.

LIVELY VIEWED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATED THIS PERSON WAS COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO HIM.

BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO FURNISH ABOVE INFO TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY. P  
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cc - Liaison

1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Foreign Liaison

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CABLEGRAM

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TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

DALLAS OFFICE ADVISED MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT, DONALD  
BRUCE LIVELY, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], PHONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DALLAS, RELATED ONLY PERSON HE RECALLS RECEIVING PHONE  
CALLS FROM IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, IS RAY CARSON. SAID HE  
VACATIONED IN PUERTO VALLARTA FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS IN ABOUT  
OCTOBER, SIXTYSEVEN, AND FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS IN EARLY  
FEBRUARY, SIXTYEIGHT. WHILE VACATIONING THERE HE MET CARSON,  
WHO WAS FREE LANCE REAL ESTATE BROKER. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS FIRST  
VISIT TO MEXICO HE RECEIVED ABOUT FIVE OR SIX PHONE CALLS FROM  
CARSON RE POSSIBILITY OF LIVELY BUYING A HOUSE IN PUERTO VALLARTA.  
THE PURCHASE WAS NOT CONSUMMATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE LAST

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

HE HEARD OF CARSON HE WAS IN COSTA RICA. DURING FIRST VACATION HE  
TOOK IN PUERTO VALLARTA, LIVELY RENTED A HOUSE KNOWN AS CASA

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY  
RE: MURKIN

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THIS PERSON WAS COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO HIM.

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Date:

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA

AT GLENNVILLE, GA.

On 5/20/68, \_\_\_\_\_, Sheriff's Office, Tattnall County, Ga., advised the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Glennville, was known by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ while living here. \_\_\_\_\_ was a \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, Glennville, and before that he was with the \_\_\_\_\_. He was terminated from \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ about Christmas 1967. \_\_\_\_\_ now lives in Ashburn, Ga., and is in the \_\_\_\_\_ there.

\_\_\_\_\_ scanned the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and then stated that \_\_\_\_\_ was not identical to RAY.

On 5/20/68, \_\_\_\_\_ advised the following:

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 1 - Memphis (44-193)
- 2 - Savannah

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C. C. Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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He knew [REDACTED], Glennville, Ga., when [REDACTED] lived in the house next to him for about three years. [REDACTED] left Glennville at about Christmastime, 1967, and is now living and working out of Ashburn, Ga., as a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] closely inspected the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and declared that [REDACTED] was not identical to RAY.

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ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ASHBURN, GA.

Will locate [REDACTED] (or [REDACTED]) and ascertain if he is identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *PS*

DATE May 21, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *PS*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach	1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McDonough	1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Martindale	

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*L. H. J.*

This is the case involving the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

*[REDACTED]* was in Missouri State Penitentiary from *[REDACTED]* through *[REDACTED]*. He states he knew Ray *[REDACTED]* sold amphetamines and other stimulants to prisoners. Inmates *[REDACTED]* and *[REDACTED]* nick (phonetic) were partners with Ray *[REDACTED]*.

*[REDACTED]* estimates that the amphetamine operation cleared \$1,000 a month. *[REDACTED]* Ray was conservative in handling his money and *[REDACTED]* believes Ray had substantial savings, perhaps as much as \$5,000, when he escaped. He does not know where or how Ray maintained his savings but Ray could have bribed a guard to take money out of the prison. *[REDACTED]* added that a *[REDACTED]* who was fired from the penitentiary in 1965, had been used by *[REDACTED]* Ray to bring items of value in and out of the prison.

In November, 1961, Ray made an unsuccessful effort to escape from Missouri State Penitentiary. He attempted to scale the wall with pipe taken from clothing racks in the dry cleaning plant and was injured when the pipe broke. *[REDACTED]*

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED]

While at Missouri State Penitentiary Ray was consistently rated as an efficient and cooperative worker. A work and training report dated 10/1/62 describes him as an experienced baker and a very good one.

Arrangements are being made with the State Department to provide all U. S. diplomatic establishments abroad with information concerning Ray's fugitive status. There are approximately 290 such establishments throughout the world.

In the allegations previously made to the Los Angeles "Times," [REDACTED] claimed Ray had charged telephone calls made from Memphis to a telephone company credit card issued to [REDACTED], and that the card was in the name of [REDACTED] or a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has the concession at the [REDACTED] in Detroit. The company is owned by [REDACTED] and his son, [REDACTED] company does not have a telephone or a telephone company credit card.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED] does have a telephone company credit card. He denied that any Memphis calls have been charged to this card and was unable to explain how such an allegation might have originated. He denied that his credit card had ever been lost or used by any other person.

[REDACTED] recalled that he was in Boca Raton, Florida, from 3/1/68 to 4/1/68 and traded at a Sunoco service station at the intersection of U. S. One and Palm Aire. He was impressed with the efficiency of one of the employees and told the service station employee to call him or his son if he ever wanted a job. He gave this man one of his business cards. He cannot recall if he wrote [REDACTED] name on the card but he told him [REDACTED] name and said that they [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]. We are checking out this service station employee to determine if he is identical with [REDACTED].

ACTION:

This case is continuing to receive vigorous attention.

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau 5/17/68 enclosing  
 an insert reflecting interview with \_\_\_\_\_

Kansas City suggested that the Bureau might  
 desire to disseminate this to Legats, Canada and Mexico.  
 Memphis requests that the Bureau consider such dissemination  
 in view of the fact that there appears to be a consistent  
 thread of information in this investigation indicating that  
 the subject had very definite plans to flee this country.  
 It would appear at the moment that investigation in  
 countries outside the United States is at least as important  
 as any investigation we are conducting within this country,  
 and it is suggested that the Bureau consider every possible  
 avenue for the purpose of determining whether or not the  
 subject may have gone to a foreign country.

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C. C. - Bishop

3-Bureau  
 2-Memphis  
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Airtel \_\_\_\_\_

Teletype \_\_\_\_\_

A. K. \_\_\_\_\_

A. M. S. D. \_\_\_\_\_

Spec. Del. \_\_\_\_\_

Reg. Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Revised/Approved: Y. J. [Signature]  
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI KAN CITY

629PM URGENT 5-22-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS CHICAGO ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE KANSAS CITY DAILY SUMMARY TEL MAY TWO ONE LAST, AIR MAIL  
COPIES CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.

RE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] INDEPENDENCE, MO.  
RECORDS MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., REFLECT THAT FORMER INMATE, [REDACTED]  
AKA. [REDACTED] MSP NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], WAS DISCHARGED FROM MSP, [REDACTED] PROBABLE  
RESIDENCE NOT GIVEN, BUT WHEREABOUTS CAN PROBABLY BE DETERMINED  
THROUGH EITHER HIS MOTHER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GULFPORT, MISS., OR FRIEND, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CHICAGO. FORMER  
INMATE [REDACTED] MSP NO. [REDACTED], WAS  
PAROLED [REDACTED] FROM MSP, TO RESIDE WITH HIS  
WIFE, NAME NOT LISTED, [REDACTED], ST. LOUIS.,  
AND WAS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE [REDACTED] AT WHICH  
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TIME HE COULD BE REACHED THROUGH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], ST. LOUIS.

CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS, INTERVIEW ABOVE ASSOCIATES OF [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED] TO LOCATE THEM FOR INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT.

SEPARATE TEL TO JACKSON WITH INFO IN REFERENCED TEL.

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FBI KNOXVLE

702 PM 5/22/68 URGENT RAY

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987 AIR MAIL (CHICAGO,  
ATLANTA AND MOBILE.)

FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE, MAY  
TWENTYTWO INSTANT, RE REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS FROM  
ATLANTA APRIL FIVE TO TWELVE LAST. REFERENCE IS ALSO MADE TO  
TO KNOXVILLE TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTT  
MAY NINE LAST REGARDING EAL FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA APRIL FIVE TO  
APRIL TWELVE LAST.

RESERVATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED CHICAGO TEL PREVIOUSLY  
INVESTIGATED AND ELIMINATED. RESULTS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED  
KNOXVILLE TELETYPE.

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FBI DETROIT

9:08PM DEFERRED 5/22/68 LPS 1P

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, DETROIT AND MEMPHIS MAY THREE LAST.

RE HAROLD G. ANDERSON.

CONTACT WITH ALL BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS UNION LOCALS, EMPLOYMENT  
AGENCIES, FORD MOTOR CO., CHRYSLER CORP., GENERAL MOTORS CORP.  
INDICATES NO ONE EMPLOYED UNDER NAME HAROLD ANDERSON, SOCIAL  
SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED] IN  
METROPOLITAN DETROIT AND SURROUNDING TOWNS.

DETROIT WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ANDERSON UACB.

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FBI ATLANTA

640PM URGENT 5-22-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYTWO  
INSTANT.

POSTAL INSPECTOR ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED THIS DATE  
THERE ARE STILL REMNANTS OF LONELY HEART CLUBS OPERATING  
IN ATLANTA MAINLY IN OBSCENE LITERATURE TYPE BOOKS, WHICH  
ORIGINALLY OPERATED AS LONELY HEART CLUBS. THE MAIN CLUB  
IS THE PENDULUM BOOKS. THERE ARE NO CLUBS IN THE AREA  
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL SWINGER OR SIMILAR NAME. THE MOST  
RECENT CLUB TO OPERATE THIS AREA WAS THE REBEL,  
WHICH CLUB WAS RAIDED APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO AND FORCED  
TO DISCONTINUE OPERATIONS. MEMBERS, APD VICE SQUAD, ADVISED  
RECORDS OF REBEL CLUB SEIZED BY THEM WERE NEGATIVE RE RAY  
AND ALIASES. FORMER OPERATOR OF THE REBEL CLUB ADVISED  
RAY UNKNOWN TO HIM.

ESCORT SERVICES IN ATLANTA AREA BEING CONTACTED.

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FBI SANDIEGO

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10:12PM URGENT 5-21-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN DIEGO (44-337)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
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MURKIN.

WILLIAM J. MISSETT, CITY EDITOR, BLADE TRIBUNE, AN  
OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA, NEWSPAPER, TONIGHT REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT  
FOR TWO P.M. MAY TWENTYTWO, NEXT, TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION  
BY HIS NEWSPAPER TO SHOW THAT EARL JACK NORMAN, AKA ROBERT MELVIN  
OWENS, FBI NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO SIX NINE FIVE NINE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHO DIED FROM AN OVERDOSE OF  
BARBITUATE POISONING, IN AN OCEANSIDE MOTEL ON MARCH FIVE LAST IS  
IDENTICAL WITH JAMES OWENS, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THE PERSON WHO KANSAS CITY OFFICE HAS IDENTIFIED  
AS PERSON INVOLVED IN PAST IN ROBBERY OF ST. LOUIS SUPERMARKET  
WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS ASKED TO COMPARE FBI RECORDS  
4 8 7 6 9 5 9  
FOUR EIGHT TWO SIX NINE FIVE NINE AND [REDACTED]

AND FURNISH SUFFICIENT DATA ESTABLISHING  
THESE PERSONS ARE NOT IDENTICAL, WHICH CAN BE FURNISHED MISSETT  
PRIOR TO TWO P.M. MAY TWENTYTWO, NEXT. NORMAN'S FBI NUMBER FOUR  
EIGHT TWO SIX NINE FIVE NINE WAS OBTAINED FROM CORNORS OFFICE  
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SAN DIEGO AS SHOWN

MISSETT HAS CONDUCTED INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING NORMAN AND HE SPEAKS IN A MANNER INDICATING HE WILL LIKLY WRITE AN EXTENSIVE STORY IN HIS PAPER WHICH IT IS BELIEVED WILL BE MISLEADING AND WILL LIKELY CREATE AN UNNECESSARILY MISLEADING STORY IN NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY, UNLESS INFORMATION CAN BE BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION SHOWING THAT THESE PERSONS ARE NOT IDENTICAL.

MISSETT IS THE YOUNG SON OF THE OWNER OF THIS NEWSPAPER, WHICH WAS PURCHASED ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO FROM THE PREVIOUS OWNER.

BUREAU IS ASKED TO SUTEL RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF THESE IDENT RECORDS BY TWO P.M. MAY TWENTYTWO, NEXT.

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cc - Mr Trotter

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FBI CHICAGO

925PM URGENT 5-22-68 RFJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL MAY TWENTY ONE LAST.

RE ALLEGED ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DE CORE.

DE CORE INTERVIEWED, ADVISED WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT WHILE BOTH INCARCERATED MENARD PRISON. FRIENDSHIP ON CASUAL BASIS AND AT NO TIME DID THEY ENGAGE IN LONG CONVERSATIONS.

HAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH RAY SINCE LAST SEEING HIM IN MENARD. PICKED SIXTY PHOTOGRAPH AS BEST LIKENESS AS HE RECALLS HIM. CANNOT FURNISH ANY IDENTITIES OF FELLOW INMATES WHO WERE CLOSE TO RAY IN MENARD. SPECIFICALLY COULD NOT RECALL ANYONE NAMED JAMES LOAMA OWENS.

AM CCS TO ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO AND SPRINGFIELD

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FBI ST LOUIS

825PM URGENT 5-22-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN LARRY RAY.

ARTICLE APPEARED, FRONT PAGE, SL GLOBE DEMOCRAT, DAILY METRO  
SL NEWSPAPER, INTERVIEW WITH JOHN, QUOTING HIM SAYING FAMILY  
CLOSE, COULD BORROW FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ANY TIME FROM FATHER,  
BROTHER SISTER, FIRST NAMES ONLY GIVEN. INDICATES SISTER OWNS  
TAVERN HE OPERATES, AND THAT HE ALSO OWNS TRUCKING BUSINESS. BELIEF  
SUBJECT FALL GUY.

ON INTERVIEW BY SAS, SAID REPORTER EXHIBITED A P STORY BY  
LA TIMES REPORTER HE REFUSED TO TALK TO, STATING HE HATED SUBJECT,  
AND CONNED HIM INTO CORRECTING SAME. HAS BEEN DODGING REPORTERS  
AND TV SINCE. EXTREMELY FEARFUL OF NEGRO REPRISALS IF RELATIONSHIP  
TO SUBJECT BECOMES GENERALLY KNOWN. MAY CLOSE GRAPEVINE.

DENIED TRUCKING INTEREST. FRIEND ~~REDACTED~~ HAS TRUCK

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AND THEY HAVE CONTEMPLATED ENTERING MOVING BUSINESS. [REDACTED] MAY HAVE HAD BUSINESS CARDS PRINTED.

FATHER, JERRY AND HE HAVE FREQUENTLY SENT CAROL PEPPER MONEY TO PLACE IN HER ACCOUNT. OBTAIN MONEY FROM HER WHEN NEEDED. NO IDEA WHO OWES WHO WHAT OR WHETHER RETURN OF MONEY OR LOAN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OBTAINED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF FATHERS MONEY FROM CAROL PRIOR TO SAN FRANCISCO TRIP AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN. GAVE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT VERSION OF TRIP.

FURNISHED INFO RE OWN TRAVELS SIXTY AND SIXTY TWO. CLAIMS KNOWS NO FRIENDS OF SUBJECT IN ANY PART OF COUNTRY. DENIES CONTACT WITH SUBJECT OR KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE. RE JERRY RAYNES AND CAROL PEPPER. SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY TODAY.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON.

REINTERVIEW CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS. RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED TOMORROW.

RE FELLOW PRISONER [REDACTED]

NOTE, [REDACTED] APPEARED COOPERATIVE LAST INTERVIEW.

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POINTED OUT HE WAS RELEASED ~~WSP~~ AND RAY WOULD  
HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING OF RELEASE OR PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

SL HAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY CONTACT BETWEEN ~~AND~~ AND RAY, OR  
KNOWLEDGE OF RAY WHEREABOUTS FOLLOWING ESCAPE. ~~WSP~~

~~UACB~~

~~LIAISON WITH~~ CONTINUE.

~~SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.~~

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FBI DETROIT

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449 PM URGENT 5-22-68 SFB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS  
FROM DETROIT (44-989) 2P

MURKIN.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA  
APRIL FIVE THROUGH TWELVE LAST.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST.

DETROIT TELEPHONE EIGHT SEVEN THREE-THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO,  
EXTENSION [REDACTED] ROOM [REDACTED], WHICH WAS CONTACT  
POINT FOR RESERVATION MADE BY ONE RAYE FOR EAL FLIGHT ONE  
TWO FOUR Y ON APRIL FIVE LAST FROM ATLANTA TO PHILADELPHIA  
AS SET OUT IN RE TEL, IS PHONE NUMBER OF ST. REGIS HOTEL,  
DETROIT.

ON APRIL TWO LAST, DATE ABOVE RESERVATION MADE, ROOM  
[REDACTED] WAS OCCUPIED BY MR. MELVIN SCHULTZ, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

MR. SCHULTZ ADVISES ROOM THREE TWO FOUR, ST. REGIS  
HOTEL, USED APRIL TWO LAST FOR BUSINESS LUNCHEON AT WHICH  
HE AND TWO OTHER EMPLOYEES OF [REDACTED] WERE PRESENT ALONG WITH  
THREE EMPLOYEES OF [REDACTED], ONE OF WHOM WAS KENNETH  
CRUISE. TO KNOWLEDGE OF MR. SCHULTZ NO ONE MADE RESERVATIONS  
FOR EAL FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA. HE WAS CONTACTED  
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OTHER TWO EMPLOYEES OF [REDACTED] AND THAT NEITHER MADE NOR  
CONFIRMED ANY RESERVATIONS FOR ONE RAYE.

KENNETH CRUISE, [REDACTED], ADVISES THAT NEITHER HE  
NOR THE OTHER TWO EMPLOYEES OF [REDACTED] PRESENT AT THE  
BUSINESS LUNCHEON WITH XEROX APRIL TWO LAST, MADE OR  
CONFIRMED ANY AIRLINES RESERVATIONS FOR ONE RAYE.

MR. MARASCO, RESERVATIONS MANAGER, ST. REGIS HOTEL,  
ADVISED THE HOTEL HAS NO WAY TO ASCERTAIN WHO MIGHT  
HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS WITH EAL UNDER NAME OF RAYE.

GARTH PEARSALL, SUPERVISOR, DELTA AIRLINES, CONFIRMED  
THAT RESERVATIONS WERE MADE THROUGH DELTA AIRLINES ON  
APRIL TWO LAST FOR EAL FLIGHT ONE TWO FOUR Y ON APRIL FIVE LAST  
FROM ATLANTA TO PHILADELPHIA IN NAME RAYE. ANY FURTHER  
INFO RE RAYE MUST BE OBTAINED FROM DELTA HEADQUARTERS, ATLANTA.

ATLANTA CONTACT DELTA MAIN OFFICE AND ASCERTAIN ANY  
FURTHER INFO RE RAYE.

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FBI MEMPHIS

812 PM URGENT 5/22/68 TSJ

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

ONLY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN CLARKSVILLE RA TERRITORY

IN MEMPHIS THAT MAINTAINS FINGERPRINTS CARDS ON FILE IS CLARKSVILLE  
PD. ALL UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS OF CLARKSVILLE PD HAVE BEEN CHECKED  
AGAINST PRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY WITH NO IDENTIFICATION.

LITTLE ROCK DIVISION ADVISED LOOK ALIKE SEEN DRIVING LATE  
MODEL MERCURY TWO TONE IN COLOR WITH BLACK TOP. BEARING SIXTYEIGHT  
ARK. LICENSE [REDACTED] WITH FT. CAMPBELL, KY. STICKER  
ON WINDSHIELD NEAR ARKADELPHIA, ARK., MAY ELEVEN LAST. MEMPHIS  
INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED OWNER OF AUTOMOBILE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOT IN RESIDENCE MEMPHIS AND CURRENTLY ASSIGNED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FT. CAMPBELL, KY. LOUISVILLE DIVISION  
INTERVIEWED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ASSIGNED [REDACTED]  
FT. CAMPBELL, [REDACTED] WHO ADVISED HE IS OWNER SIXTYSEVEN MERCURY

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BLACK VINYL TOP, WITH SIXTYEIGHT ARKANSAS LICENSE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED ON MAY ELEVEN LAST HE WAS EN ROUTE FROM FT.

CAMPBELL, KY. TO HOT SPRINGS ARK. TO ATTEND [REDACTED]

DOES NOT RECALL HAVING TRAVELED THROUGH ARKADDELPHIA, BUT

INDICATED HE MAY HAVE. STATED HE TRAVELED ALONE. [REDACTED]

DESCRIBED AS WM, SIX FEET, TWO THIRTYSEVEN LBS., REDDISH BROWN HAIR,

BROWN EYES, WEARS HORN RIM GLASSES. [REDACTED] SAID WHEN

DRIVING HE DOES WEAR MILITARY PRESCRIPTION SUNGLASSES. LOUISVILLE

STATES [REDACTED] NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUB

[REDACTED] PULASKI, TENN., OWNS AND OPERATES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN PULASKI AND ALSO DAILY DRIVES A GILES COUNTY

SCHOOLBUS. [REDACTED] HAS LIVED IN PULASKI, TENN., SINCE JUNE OF

NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, HAVING COME TO PULASKI FROM HUNTSVILLE,

ALA. IN HUNTSVILLE HE WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOCATED AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HUNTSVILLE, ALA. HE CURRENTLY OWNS TWO

AUTOMOBILES, A VOLKSWAGEN AND A SIXTYFIVE OLDSMOBILE JET STAR

EIGHTEIGHT,, WHICH IS RED IN COLOR. HE HAS OWNED BOTH

VEHICLES FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS AND BOTH HAVE BEEN LICENSED

IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND NINETEEN

SIXTYEIGHT. HE HAS OWNED NO OTHER VEHICLES DURING TH<sup>IS</sup> TIME

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HE RECALLS THE DAY THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS KILLED AND REMEMBERS THAT ON THIS DAY HE WORKED AS USUAL AT HIS RESTAURANT AND DROVE THE SCHOOL BUS.

[REDACTED] KNOWS NO ONE BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] THE ONLY PERSON BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] THAT HE KNOWS IS [REDACTED] PULASKI, TENN. WHO IS KNOWN TO ENJOY AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY [REDACTED] SAID HE HAS NOT BEEN IN MEMPHIS, TENN., FOR TWELVE OF FOURTEEN YEARS.

MR. MARLIN GOODMAN, SUPERINTENDENT, GILES COUNTY SCHOOLS, PULASKI, TENN., CONFIRMED THE FACT THAT [REDACTED] IS EMPLOYED BY THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AS A BUS DRIVER. CONTRACTS ARE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND NO DAILY RECORDS ARE KEPT. IT IS THE BUS DRIVER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN A SUBSTITUTE AND PAY HIM IF THE DRIVER IS UNABLE TO MAKE THE ROUNDS.

[REDACTED] PULASKI, TENN., P  
ST  
SERVES AS A SUBSTITUTE.

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RECORDS OF GAS RECEIPTS MAINTAINED BY THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GARAGE REFLECTS THAT [REDACTED] OBTAINED GASOLINE FOR THE VEHICLES ON APRIL THREE AND ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, IT BEING HIS USUAL PRACTICE TO OBTAIN GASOLINE ABOUT EVERY OTHER DAY THAT THE BUS IS USED.

[REDACTED] PULASKI, TENN., PD, STATED HE HAS SERVED AS A SUBSTITUTE DRIVER FOR THREE COUNTY SCHOOLS BUS DRIVERS BUT HE HAS NEVER SUBSTITUTED FOR [REDACTED]

AIR MAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM.

A&D. P.

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FBI LOS ANG.

212PM URGENT 5-22-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR (44-33864) & ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU MAY SIXTEEN LAST AND  
LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU SAME DATE.

RE PHONE CALL FROM GRAPEVINE TAVERN, ST. LOUIS, TO  
LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN SIX ONE DASH ZERO NINE  
ONE EIGHT ON MARCH FOUR LAST.

SUBSCRIBER TO ABOVE NUMBER IS CAROL SARACENO,  
[REDACTED] NORTH HOLLYWOOD,  
CALIFORNIA. SARACENO INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED  
SHE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM HER MOTHER IN ST. LOUIS  
MARCH FOUR LAST. SARACENO STATED HER MOTHER CALLS HER  
CONSTANTLY FROM ST. LOUIS AREA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF MOTHER IN  
ST. LOUIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AT ONE FIFTY P.M., MAY TWENTY-ONE LAST SHE RECEIVED COLLECT CALL FROM DALLAS, TEXAS WITH PERSON CALLING WANTING TO SPEAK PERSON TO PERSON WITH JAMES E. ROY. OPERATOR IDENTIFIED PERSON CALLING AS BARBARA RAY. MRS. RUBENSTEIN INFORMED OPERATOR JAMES E. ROY UNKNOWN THIS ADDRESS AND CALL WAS TERMINATED. [REDACTED] STATED HER ADDRESS IS ONE FAMILY DWELLING AND NO PERSON WITH NAME ROY KNOWN TO RESIDE IN AREA.

DALLAS THROUGH SOURCES ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY CALLER AND

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- 3 - Teletype Unit
- 1 - Memphis (AM)
- 2 - WFO

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI CHICAGO

448PM URGENT 5/22/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KNOXVILLE (44-696), MEMPHIS (44-1987)

ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MOBILE (157-2627)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE PERSONAL REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA  
APRIL FIVE TO TWELVE LAST.

ALL UAL FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA ABOVE DATES COMPLETED.

FOLLOWING ARE ONLY TWO POSSIBILITIES DEVELOPED.

EAL TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SEVEN TWO EIGHT THREE ZERO  
EIGHT TWO NINE FIVE TWO ISSUED APRIL EIGHT LAST PASSENGER  
JAMES C. GALT. TRAVELED ON APRIL TEN EAL FLIGHT SIX ZERO  
ZERO CHATTANOOGA TO ATLANTA. LEAVE ATLANTA VIA UAL FLIGHT  
SIX NINE SIX A SAME DATE. TICKET PURCHASED TENNESSEE VALLEY  
TOUR AGENCY, INC., CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

EAL TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SEVEN FOUR ONE ONE TWO FIVE  
THREE FOUR EIGHT NINE FOR TRAVEL MOBILE TO ATLANTA APRIL  
EIGHT LAST UAL FLIGHT THREE SIX ZERO. LEAVE ATLANTA SAME DATE  
UAL FLIGHT SEVEN NINE SIX. OTHER TRAVEL LISTED ALSO OUT OF

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ATLANTA APRIL EIGHT LAST EAL FLIGHT ONE ZERO THREE DESTINATION  
MOBILE PASSENGER MR. J. D. O'CONNOR, EAL MOBILE. UNDER FORM  
OF PAYMENT APPEARS NUMBER ~~REDACTED~~

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE AND MOBILE, ALABAMA, IDENTIFY  
AND ELIMINATE PURCHASERS OF FOREMENTIONED TICKETS.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. McGowan

To: SACs, Buffalo  
Chicago (44-1114)  
Kansas City (44-760)  
Sacramento

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Subject Ray, under the name of Eric S. Galt, enrolled in a correspondence locksmithing course in July, 1967, and continued correspondence in such course until the end of March, 1968. In view of subject's interest in such training and in view of his background, it is felt that he might endeavor to continue such training through correspondence courses. For your information only, the course in which subject was enrolled was conducted by the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

It has been determined that correspondence courses in locksmithing are offered by the following:

Belsaw Institute  
315 Westport Road  
Kansas City, Missouri

Nelson-Hall  
325 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

Lockmasters  
38 Round Trail Drive  
Pittsford, New York

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987) 124 55 5 29/68

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Airtel to SACs, BU, CG, KC, SC  
RE: MURKIN

The records of the above named should be reviewed for any applications submitted on or after 4/1/68. The original application or a photographic copy thereof should be submitted to the Bureau for appropriate handwriting and/or typewriting examinations.

In addition, information has been received that a course in locksmithing is offered by the Universal School of Master Locksmithing, 1974 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, California, (P. O. Box 4868). It is reported that this school requires their students to be in residence at the school and does not offer any correspondence courses. Sacramento Office should contact the school and ascertain if correspondence courses are offered. If such are offered, appropriate check should be made of applications received on or after 4/1/68. If correspondence courses are not offered, a check should be made regarding those individuals who are in residence to determine whether or not subject is among such group.

NOTE:

Information concerning the various schools was obtained by the Newark Office from Locksmithing Institute in Little Falls, New Jersey.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE May 22, 1968

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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C The Bureau has received an anonymous religious greeting card the envelope of which bears the postmark Hoboken, New Jersey, and is dated May 17, 1968. Attached to the greeting card is a "Miraculous" religious medal and a message on this card implies that subject James Earl Ray could be located at an address in Memphis, Tennessee.

The handwriting and hand printing appearing on the envelope and greeting card were searched in the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file, and no identifying features were noted on these two items which might indicate their immediate source.

The writings appearing on the envelope and greeting card were compared with the writings which have been submitted in connection with the MURKIN case but nothing of significance was noted.

The greeting card and envelope will be forwarded to the Latent Fingerprint Section for appropriate examination.

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RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File

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1 - Mr. Trotter

JHM:AW (8) (cc 2260)

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

The Attorney General

May 23, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

*murkin*

Circuit Court Judge John C. Casey, St. Louis, Missouri, sentenced James Earl Ray to twenty years in the penitentiary for armed robbery in 1959. James Earl Ray was serving this sentence when he escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary in April of 1967.

[REDACTED] a motion to set aside this conviction was filed before Ray's escape and is still pending. [REDACTED] in view of the recent Supreme Court decisions, Ray would stand a good chance of reversing his conviction [REDACTED]

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON



NOTE:

[REDACTED]

Local Judge Casey, sentenced Ray to 20 years in 1959 for armed robbery. A motion to set aside the conviction was filed before Ray's escape and is still pending. [REDACTED] in view of recent Supreme Court decisions, Ray would stand a good chance of reversing his conviction.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FBI

Date: 5/21/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL

(Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

MURKIN  
OO: ME

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Enclosed is original signature card of JAMES CARL O'CONNOR prepared about 3/9/59 for Manufacturer's Bank and Trust Company, St. Louis, Missouri, by individual opening checking account at that time.

The above-mentioned signature card of JAMES CARL O'CONNOR believed to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY shows the last known residence address of this individual to be 1727 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri. The signature "James Carl O'Connor" is believed to have been placed on the signature card by this individual. None of the other handwriting appearing on the card is believed to have been written by RAY. The St. Louis address 1727 South 11th Street is a prior address of RAY's sister, Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL) PEPPER, St. Louis, Missouri. Several checks drawn against this account are payable to CAROL RYAN, a name formerly used by Mrs. PEPPER.

The afore-mentioned account was opened 3/9/59 and it was closed 7/20/59. Deposits therein ranged between \$10 and \$370 and the largest balance on hand in the account at that time was \$620 on 3/26/59.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct a handwriting examination in attempt to identify the signature of JAMES CARL O'CONNOR appearing on the card as handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. Further, the FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct appropriate fingerprint examination in attempt to

④ - Bureau (enc. 1) (RM)

1 - St. Louis

HCK/leh C. Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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develop any prints identifiable with RAY. It is requested that the original card be returned to St. Louis in order that it may be returned to Manufacturer's Bank and Trust Company from which it was obtained.

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RECEIVED - CONRAD

FBI

Date: 5/22/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LAB

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN  
CR

Enclosed for the Bureau are the originals of an envelope and letter postmarked May 1, 1968, at Dallas, Texas, addressed: "Mr. LOEB, Mayor of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee". This letter reads as follows:

"I didn't mean to kill Rev. LUTHER KING. They hired me to shoot him in the leg and when he stumped over I accidental kill him. Brother A said he would pay me \$300 cash and if Rev. KING was wounded they would get a hole lot of money and would give me 5000. Now they will pay me no more. 3 men hired me called each other Bro A Mr. B and Mr. T.

"By the time you gets this I will be out of the country. Hope you gets the 3 men that hired me. They are the guilty ones. You are looking for the wrong man. I am white but not a white man Black man hired me."

This letter was made available today by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, who stated he had received it today from the Mayor's Office. Several names written in ink on the back of the envelope are names that were written by someone in the Mayor's Office and have no connection with this letter.

A Xerox copy of this letter is enclosed for the Dallas Office; however, no investigation is being requested of Dallas until such time as the Bureau has compared the handwriting with known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc-2)
- 1 - Dallas (Info) (Enc-1)
- 2 - Memphis

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Bishop  
C.C. Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to compare the enclosed letter with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and advise Memphis and Dallas results.

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Date: 5/17/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Bureau telephone call 5/16/68 requesting dental chart.

A review of subject's file at MSP revealed the following dental information:

In 1960 subject had lower right tooth, #6, missing. Condition of teeth described as good, tissue good, bite normal. This report also states that x-rays of the teeth were taken in 1965. The Kansas City Office is attempting to obtain copies of these x-rays for the Bureau.

Pertinent information from subject's file at MSP was included in Kansas City report dated 5/15/68, however, since this file contains numerous psychological medical and technical terms which may be better evaluated at the Bureau. A photostatic copy of this entire file is being forwarded herewith for the Bureau. Also, it is to be noted that several pages in the file are too faint to read. Attempts are being made at Jefferson City to obtain readable copies of these pages and they will be forwarded to the Bureau.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

To: SACs, Jacksonville  
Little Rock (157-1215)  
Tampa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

*Jan  
RV*  
Subject as James Earl Ray and his associate Walter Terry Rife were arrested on March 23, 1955, by the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Hannibal, Missouri, and were charged with cashing stolen U. S. Postal Money Orders. Ray and Rife were subsequently incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas on these charges.

Review of these money orders indicates they were all cashed during the month of March, 1955, and included in the cities where they were cashed are Hot Springs, Arkansas; St. Petersburg, Daytona Beach, Tampa and Tallahassee, Florida.

The Little Rock Office at Hot Springs; the Tampa Office at St. Petersburg and Tampa; and Jacksonville Office at Daytona Beach and Tallahassee bear in mind that subject, as a result of cashing these stolen U. S. Postal Money Orders, is somewhat acquainted with these places and it is possible that subject could return to same.

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1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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MAIL ROOM ☐

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

NOTE:

Review of records indicates that subject and his associate Walter Terry Rife were arrested 3/23/55 by Missouri State Highway Patrol at Hannibal, Missouri and were charged with cashing stolen U. S. Postal Money Orders. They were subsequently incarcerated on these charges in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. The Tampa, Little Rock and Jacksonville Offices are being made aware of the fact that these stolen money orders were cashed at cities within their offices, and it is possible that subject may return there in view of his knowledge of these cities.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: May 21, 1968 *JLH*

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Martindale  
1 - Mr. McGowan

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*HW*

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*C* On 5/20/68 ASAC Richard H. Ash of the Minneapolis Office was telephonically contacted concerning this matter. Ash was instructed to make arrangements to have the Western Union auditors' records reviewed for any money order payments made to the subject under his true name and known aliases for the months of April and May, 1968, with points of origin for such money orders being Los Angeles, Memphis, Birmingham and Atlanta. It is noted that these are the cities in which subject is known to have been during the last few months and where contact may have been made for any contract killing.

SAC Jensen of the Memphis Office and SAC Gamble of the Birmingham Office were instructed to check on large withdrawals of funds from banks in their respective headquarters for 4/5/68. By large withdrawals it was meant any sum of \$10,000 or above.

SAC Bachman, Newark, was telephonically instructed to recontact the locksmithing institute at which subject had enrolled to determine, if possible, whether or not subject had re-enrolled under another name. It was suggested to Bachman that he obtain the applications which had been filed or if the originals could not be obtained to obtain photographs of such applications and furnish to the Laboratory for handwriting purposes.

Bachman was also instructed to obtain information from the locksmithing institute as to the approximate number of such courses being offered throughout the United States and the names and identities of known locksmithing schools.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau letter 5/17/68.

On 5/20/68, THOMAS H. BROUGHTON, Editor, "Master Barber and Beautician" magazine, 219 Greenwich Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, was furnished a glossy photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and a copy of the newspaper mat and proof as furnished all offices by the Bureau. Mr. BROUGHTON advised he would make every effort to include the article and photograph of RAY in the June issue of his magazine which will be printed around June 1, 1968. He advised in the event he is unable to include the article in this month's issue, he will include it in the following month's issue. He advised that the normal deadline is the Fifteenth of the month preceding date of issue.

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- ② - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- 1 - New York
- 2 - Charlotte (44-1365)

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI

Date: 5/9/68

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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS MEMPHIS  
LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, WFO

MURKIN

SEE  
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JOHN ACORD, CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN-SOUTHERN AFRICA COUNCIL,  
EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTH STREET, SOUTHWEST, WDC FURNISHED WFO  
TODAY A LETTER DATED DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT LAST FROM ERIC S.  
GALT, ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO, LOS ANGELES, CALIF-  
ORNIA WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY ACORD IN DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. THE  
LETTER READS:

"DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYSEVEN

"DEAR SIR,

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"I RECENTLY READ AN ARTICLE IN THE L. A. TIMES ON YOUR  
CONCIL, THE LOCAL JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PROVIDED ME WITH YOUR  
ADDRESS. MY REASON FOR WRITING IS THAT I AM CONSIDERING

- ② - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Teletype Unit
- 2 - WFO (44-703)

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J. J. Murphy

cc - Long -

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Approved: NDP/PC  
66 MAY 29 1968 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M. Per \_\_\_\_\_

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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IMMIGRATING TO RHODESIA, HOWEVER THEIR ARE A COUPLE LEGAL  
QUESTIONS INVOLVED.

"ONE: THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ISSUE A PASSPORT  
FOR TRAVEL TO RHODESIA.

"TWO: WOULD THEIR BE ANY WAY TO ENTER RHODESIA LEGALLY  
(FROM THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT POINT OF VIEW).

"I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD GIVE ME  
ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON RHODESIA.

"SINCERELY

ERIC S. GALT

ONE FIVE THREE FIVE N. SERRANO

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, NINE ZERO

ZERO TWO SEVEN"

ABOVE LETTER HAND CARRIED TO BUREAU LABORATORY TODAY.

ACORD WAS IN RHODESIA WHEN THE LETTER WAS RECEIVED AT  
HIS OFFICE AND HIS SECRETARY REPLIED TO THIS LETTER WITH A  
FORM LETTER ENCLOSING LITERATURE ON RHODESIA.

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ACORD ALSO SAID HE MAY HAVE MET GALT IN NOVEMBER, SIXTY-SEVEN IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AS HE RECALLS AN INDIVIDUAL ASKING HIM QUESTIONS ABOUT EMIGRATING TO RHODESIA. ACORD WAS SHOWN ALL PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ACORD SAID THEY WERE NOT OF THE INDIVIDUAL HE RECALLS WHO QUESTIONED HIM.

THE WRITER OF ABOVE LETTER WAS IN ERROR REGARDING PASSPORTS AS RHODESIA IS NOT AND HAS NEVER BEEN ON THE LIST OF COUNTRIES TO WHICH TRAVEL BY AMERICANS HAS BEEN RESTRICTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. A U. S. PASSPORT ISSUED IN SIXTYEIGHT IS VALID FOR THREE YEARS FOR ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT CUBA, MAINLAND CHINA, NORTH KOREA AND NORTH VIETNAM.

██ RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT, (PROTECT IDENTITY) ADVISED HE HAS COPY OF LETTER FURNISHED BY ACORD. ██████████ WILL REVIEW FILES HIS OFFICE AND ADVISE IF FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING GALT LOCATED. ██████████ OFFERED ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE; HOWEVER,

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DESIRES A FORMAL REQUEST IN ANY FORM. HE REQUESTED THAT SUCH REQUESTS AND ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED NOT BE MADE PUBLIC IN VIEW OF IMPLICATIONS OF EXPLOITING THE EXISTING SITUATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND OF POSSIBLY EXPANDING HOSTILITY TOWARD HIS GOVERNMENT. ██████████ STATED HE WOULD NOT USE OPEN TELEGRAPH TO PASS ON ANY REQUEST TO HIS GOVERNMENT BUT WOULD USE MAIL. HE HE SUGGESTED OUR GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO PRESENT REQUEST DIRECT THROUGH THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT SALISBURY, RHODESIA.

██████████ WISHES TO BE ADVISED CONCERNING THE CHANNEL USED TO TRANSMIT REQUEST.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WFO CONCERNING THE FORM OF REQUEST TO BE MADE OF THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT.

7 // LOS ANGELES ADVISE WFO OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN LOS ANGELES TO ASSIST IN INTERVIEWING ACORD IN GREATER DETAIL.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] JAMES PATRICK ACORD,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION  
WAS TO CONVINCE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT ITS AFRICAN POLICY  
IS INCORRECT AND SHOULD BE CHANGED SO THAT MORE FRIENDLY RELATIONS  
CAN EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA,  
ANGOLA, AND POSSIBLY GAMBIA. ACORD EXPLAINED THAT SOME COUNTRIES  
ARE NOT READY FOR INDEPENDENCE BECAUSE OF LACK OF EDUCATED  
PERSONNEL, RENDERING THEM VULNERABLE TO COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. HE  
STATED RHODESIA'S RULING ELEMENTS ARE EDUCATED AND STRONG ENOUGH  
TO WITHSTAND COMMUNIST SUBVERSION AND THAT THE UNITED STATES  
THEREFORE SHOULD RECOGNIZE RHODESIA AS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY  
AND GIVE IT MORAL SUPPORT.

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: May 19, 1968

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(Priority)

*+ Director*  
 TO NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
*Routing slip sent to field*  
 FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

[REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED MAY SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] SPRINGFIELD, MO. STATED KNEW OWNER [REDACTED] AS  
 [REDACTED] (CNU). HE STAYED THERE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, THE FIRST  
 TIME IN SIXTY-FIVE HE STAYED THREE MONTHS WITH [REDACTED] OF  
 COLUMBIA, S. C. [REDACTED] GOT JOB WITH [REDACTED] HARVEY,  
 LA., AND [REDACTED] WORKED FOR [REDACTED], NEW ORLEANS. HE  
 DID GIVE [REDACTED] BAD CHECK FOR POKER DEBT DURING THIS STAY.

LATER IN SIXTY-FIVE, EXACT PERIOD UNRECALLED, HE AGAIN STAYED  
 OVER WEEKEND AT THE [REDACTED] IT WAS ON THIS TRIP WHEN  
 [REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED HIM. [REDACTED] WAS TO MEET MAN (CNU) FURIES OR  
 FERRIES (PH) AT CUY'S INTERNATIONAL BAR, NEW ORLEANS. THIS MAN  
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1--Director (44-38861)  
 1--Memphis (44-1987)

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 Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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WAS SUPPOSEDLY THE CONTACT FOR THE MACHINE GUN. HE TOOK BARBER  
TO THIS BAR ON FRIDAY, THE DAY THEY ARRIVED, AND RETURNED TO THE  
██████████ TO WAIT FOR HIM. WHEN HE DID NOT RETURN BY MONDAY  
HE DEPARTED THINKING ██████████ NEVER HAD ACCESS TO ANY SUCH WEAPON.

NEW ORLEANS MAY WISH TO VERIFY EMPLOYMENT ██████████ AT ██████████  
██████████ IN SIXTY-FIVE. OWNER ██████████ MAY KNOW  
WHETHER ██████████ WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANYONE ON HIS SECOND VISIT  
TO INN.

ALL OFFICES SHOULD KEEP IN MIND ██████████ HAS PAST HISTORY  
OF MENTAL ILLNESS.

AIR MAIL COPIES DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS.

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 5/20/68

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)

RE: MURKIN  
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Re Butel, 4/25/68, to El Paso, Houston and San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company the long-distance calls placed at each public telephone on Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67. Subject reportedly made eight long-distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth by field divisions are some of the telephone calls made from the San Antonio Division, 12/15-17/67, which were obtained from available Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records. The various field division will determine from the subscriber or person receiving the call, the identity of the caller. If the caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain

*cc Long. En. 2060  
Sent 5:23-68*

5-Bureau  
(2-Legat, Mexico City) 2-Little Rock  
2-Albuquerque 3-Los Angeles  
2-Atlanta 2-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Baltimore 2-New Haven  
2-Chicago 3-New York  
3-Dallas 2-Oklahoma City  
2-Denver 2-Omaha  
3-Detroit 2-Pittsburgh  
3-Indianapolis 2-San Francisco  
2-Jackson 2-San Antonio  
2-Jacksonville JMK:esh  
2-Kansas City (51)

*E.E. Bishop*

*W. J. Bishop*  
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Special Agent in Charge

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all available information. Further, determine if the subscriber or the person receiving the call has any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to furnish Legat, Mexico City two copies of this airtel and set forth the same lead for Legat, Mexico as set forth for the other recipient offices listed above.

<u>DATE</u> <u>LEGAT, MEXICO</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
12/16/67	223-8252	[REDACTED]	Sabinas, Coahuila, Mexico
12/17/67	278-9068	[REDACTED]	Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico
12/15/67	223-7920	[REDACTED]	Records show to "Lerdo, Mex." Place "Monty"
12/16/67	223-8252	[REDACTED]	Monterrey, Mexico
12/17/67	223-8252	[REDACTED]	Mexico City
<u>ALBUQUERQUE</u>			
12/16/67	563-9704	[REDACTED]	To JENNY SHOUP
<u>ATLANTA</u>			
12/15/67	875-9087	[REDACTED]	Columbus, Georgia
<u>BALTIMORE</u>			
12/15/67	563-9793	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	563-9719	[REDACTED]	
<u>CHICAGO</u>			
12/16/67	223-8252	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	432-9322	[REDACTED]	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>DALLAS</u>			
12/16/67	278-9012	[REDACTED]	
12/17/67	432-9277	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	278-9194	[REDACTED]	
12/15/67	223-8148	[REDACTED]	
12/15/67	278-9041	[REDACTED]	
12/15/67	278-9086	[REDACTED]	
12/17/67	278-9194	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	278-9030	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	278-9066	[REDACTED]	
12/15/67	223-0300	[REDACTED]	
12/15/67	223-7271	[REDACTED]	
12/17/67	278-9068	[REDACTED]	
<u>DENVER</u>			
12/17/67	379-9059	[REDACTED]	Gunnison, Colorado
<u>DETROIT</u>			
12/17/67	379-9953	[REDACTED]	Gustine
12/17/67	432-9447	[REDACTED]	Miss SNEAA WATKINS Tolman, Michigan
<u>INDIANAPOLIS</u>			
12/15/67	674-9919	[REDACTED]	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
12/15/67	875-9079	[REDACTED]	Sharpville, Indiana
12/17/67	379-9925	[REDACTED]	Fort Wayne, Indiana

<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
<u>JACKSON</u>			
12/17/67	674-9919	[REDACTED]	
12/17/67	432-9005	[REDACTED]	
<u>JACKSONVILLE</u>			
12/17/67	875-9055	[REDACTED]	Pensacola, Fla.
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>			
12/15/67	674-9761	[REDACTED]	
<u>LITTLE ROCK</u>			
12/16/67	223-7271	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	432-9005	[REDACTED]	VELMA THOMPSON
12/17/67	432-9277	[REDACTED]	WORKMAN
<u>LOS ANGELES</u>			
12/15/67	223-8266	[REDACTED]	
12/17/67	988-7491	[REDACTED]	
12/17/67	223-7271	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	379-9092	[REDACTED]	Santa Ana, Calif.
<u>MEMPHIS</u>			
12/15/67	223-8080	[REDACTED]	Memphis, to RUBY SIMONS or SIMORS
<u>NEW HAVEN</u>			
12/17/67	223-7689	[REDACTED]	Waterbury, Conn., from Miss JAMES, [REDACTED] Palace Hotel

<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
<u>NEW YORK</u>			
12/16/67	432-9407	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	379-9059	[REDACTED]	Middletown, N.Y.
<u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>			
12/17/67	674-9919	[REDACTED]	
<u>OMAHA</u>			
12/17/67	379-9084	[REDACTED]	
<u>PITTSBURGH</u>			
12/17/67	432-9595	[REDACTED]	St. Albans, West Virginia
<u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>			
12/17/67	223-7765	[REDACTED]	

Unless pertinent information is developed during the course of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 20 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI DETROIT

10:44PM URGENT 5/20/68 LPS 2P

TO: DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI

FROM: DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE LOS ANGELES TIME INFORMANT- LNU

[REDACTED] DETROIT,

ADVISED THIS DATE THAT [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED] IS DONE

BY [REDACTED] THAT COMPANY IS OWNED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND HIS FATHER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MICH.

ADVISED HE HOLDS A T&T CREDIT CARD NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHICH IS MADE OUT TO

[REDACTED] THE [REDACTED] COMPANY DOES NOT HAVE A  
PHONE AND THERE IS NO CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME OF THAT COMPANY OR  
IN THE NAME OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID NEITHER HE NOR ANYONE ELSE HAS USED  
HIS TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD FOR ANY PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS. HE IS  
NOT ACQUAINTED WITH [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AND HE COULD NOT  
EXPLAIN HOW THE INFORMANT COULD BE FAMILIAR WITH HIS POSSESSING A  
TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD OR WITH HIS CONNECTION TO THE [REDACTED]

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Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
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Miss Gandy

*M. J. [unclear]*  
*[unclear]*

*Does he know?*

*[Large handwritten mark]*

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COMPANY.

[REDACTED] FATHER, ADVISED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN BOCA RATON, FLORIDA FROM MARCH ONE THROUGH APRIL ONE LAST, HE TRADED AT A SUNOCO SERVICE STATION AT THE CORNER OF U.S. ONE AND PALM AIRE, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA. HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE EFFICIENCY OF A YOUNG WHITE MALE AT THE STATION. THE YOUNG MAN TOLD HIM HE HAD A BROTHER IN CLEVELAND IN THE TAILORING BUSINESS AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE BACK TO THE MIDWEST TO BE NEAR HIS BROTHER. [REDACTED] TOLD THE YOUNG MAN HE RAN A [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED] IN DETROIT AND SHOULD HE EVER WANT A JOB TO CALL HIM OR HIS SON [REDACTED]. HE GAVE THE YOUNG MAN ONE OF HIS BUSINESS CARDS WHICH READS, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. HE COULD NOT REMEMBER IF HE WROTE [REDACTED] NAME ON THE CARD FOR THE BOY BUT WAS SURE HE TOLD HIM [REDACTED] NAME AND THAT THEY [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED].

THE PRECEEDING WAS THE ONLY EXPLANATION EITHER [REDACTED] COULD OFFER FOR THE INFORMANT KNOWING ABOUT A TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] CONNECTION WITH [REDACTED] BOTH EMPHATICALLY DENIED HAVING EVER LOST THEIR CREDIT CARDS OR LETTING ANOTHER PERSON USE THEM.

MIAMI ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SUNOCO STATION DESCRIBED AND ASCERTAIN IF THE YOUNG MAN MENTIONED BY [REDACTED] COULD BE [REDACTED] LNU OR IF THE BUSINESS CARD COULD HAVE BEEN PASSED ON BY THAT PERSON TO [REDACTED].

AM COPY BH.

SUBJECT A AND D.

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FBI WASH DC

5/21/68

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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 1 - Mr. McGowan  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 1 - Mr. Martindale  
COMMUNICATION SECTION 1 - Mr. McDonough  
1 - Mr. Long

TO: ALL SACS

MAY 22 1968

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

626-11-CC  
TELETYPE

MURKIN

INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT "FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTY-EIGHT, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

VIA TELETYPE

MAY 21 1968

ENCIPHERED

SAC, WFO (BY COURIER SERVICE)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

NOTE: Inasmuch as Ray is known to stay at "flophouses"

and lower class rooming houses, each office is being requested to furnish Identification Order of subject to Salvation Army and other charitable missions as it is possible that subject may secure assistance at one of these organizations. All offices, if not already done, are being requested to make inquiry at drivers license establishments for the months of April and May, 1968, regarding all male Caucasians over 30 years of age and under 55 years of age. As a result of reviewing these applications, each office being instructed to conduct appropriate investigation to determine if any such individual identical with subject. It is known that subject has a driver's license from the State of Alabama under the name of Eric S. Galt. In view of the fact subject may be using another name, it is possible that he obtained a driver's license from another state using a name not known to this Bureau.

IF RADIO CONTACT MISSED 5/22/68 SEND  
URGENT, PLAINTEXT, Pm call

F B I

Date: 5/21/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 5/16/68 with information  
from [REDACTED]

Knoxville Division has no unsolved bank  
robberies in June or July 1967. No major robberies  
known to have occurred Knoxville Division during perti-  
nent period within jurisdiction this Bureau or local  
authorities.

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- ③ - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Knoxville

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

FBI

Date: 5/21/68

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Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) P  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

OO - Memphis

Re San Francisco airtel to Director, 5/3/68.

SUSPECT [REDACTED]  
Aka [REDACTED]

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are fifteen copies of FD-302 reflecting results of an interview with [REDACTED] on 5/11/68 at Oroville, California, wherein he stated he did place a collect person-to-person call to [REDACTED] on 3/29/68 at San Leandro, California, and too, that [REDACTED] visited him in Oroville on 4/4/68.

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- 3 - Bureau
  - 2 - Memphis (Enc. 15) (44-1987)
  - 2 - San Francisco (173-65)
  - 1 - Sacramento
- GMS:grh  
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C. C. - Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI TAMPA

645 PM URGENT 5/21/68 ALS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS  
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN

RE: EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL  
FIVE THROUGH TWELVE LAST.

MR. CHARLES E. FOSTER, RESERVATIONS SUPERVISOR, DELTA AIRLINES  
TAMPA, ADVISED ALL TAMPA DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS MAINTAINED IN COM-  
PUTER, ATLANTA DELTA OFFICE, AND SEARCH FROM MAY NINE THROUGH  
TWENTY-ONE LAST FAILED TO LOCATE ANY J. WALTON OR RECORDS FOR  
TRAVEL FROM ATLANTA TO TAMPA ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN THREE Y ON  
APRIL TWELVE LAST. NO RECORD LOCATED AND HE SAID NOTHING FURTHER  
CAN BE DONE IN TAMPA.

ATLANTA AT DELTA AIRLINES. CONTACT COMPUTER LIBRARIAN AND  
CONDUCT INQUIRY AS TO WHAT FURTHER EFFORTS CAN BE MADE TO  
ELIMINATE J. WALTON.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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15 MAY 23 1968

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Date: 5/16/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN.: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
 FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
 RE: MURKIN  
C-R  
 (OO: ME)

Re Little Rock teletype to Bureau, 5/10/68.

Re: JOHNNY R. SMITH

Enclosed for the Bureau are five twenty dollar bills, Series 1950-C, #17391420-B; Series 1950-D, #L79720486-C; Series 1963-A, J18188666A; Series 1963-A, #E20045805-A; Series 1963-A, #145798320-A, property of the State Revenue Department, Lewisville, Arkansas.

On May 9, 1968, [redacted] Arkansas State Revenue Office, Lewisville, Arkansas, advised that on May 8, 1968, at approximately 11:00 AM, she sold a non-titled Arkansas trailer license # ST-39525 for a Sheriton House Trailer to a man using the name JOHNNY R. SMITH, Dogwood Trailer Park, Blytheville, Arkansas. She also sold him a non-titled Arkansas trailer license #ST-39528 for a smaller luggage type trailer. This man paid for both licenses with a twenty dollar bill.

During her lunch period, [redacted] was reading the Shreveport, Louisiana, Times newspaper and observed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY on the front page. She stated that this photograph resembled the man she had sold the above-described license plates to.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 5) (AIR MAIL, REGISTERED)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - Little Rock  
 JDW/ds  
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C. C. Bishop

MAY 18 1968

SPECIMENS DETACHED IN LFPS

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

*Handwritten signature/initials*

LR 157-1215

On May 9, 1968, [REDACTED] State Revenue Inspector, Arkansas Revenue Department, Lewisville, Arkansas, advised that only five twenty dollar bills were taken in by her office on May 8, 1968. She made available the five twenty dollar bills described above.

The Bureau is requested to conduct an examination for latent prints on the enclosed twenty dollar bills and compare any prints found with those of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI # 405 942 G, and return evidence immediately upon completion of requested examination.

At the time that the clerk sold the above-described trailer license, the person using the name JOHNNY R. SMITH exhibited a Tennessee title for the trailer on which the name JOHNNY R. SMITH was listed with the address 3800 or 3900 block Lamar Street, Memphis, Tennessee. The Memphis Office has determined that JOHNNY R. SMITH, to whom the trailer was titled and who resided at 3597 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, died on November 27, 1966, and, according to Bureau of Vital Statistics, was buried at Hernando, Mississippi. The Memphis Office is causing investigation to be conducted to identify the next of kin of SMITH in an effort to identify the individuals who purchased Arkansas trailer license.



5/21/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Little Rock (157-1715) - Enclosures (5)  
Memphis (44-1987)

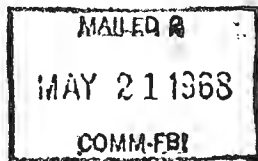
From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 3863

MURKIN

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Re Little Rock airtel 5/16/68, submitting five  
\$20.00 bills for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the  
\$20.00 bills, which are enclosed to Little Rock.



1 - Mr. Rosen

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FBI MEMPHIS

748PM URGENT 5-21-68 DGB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. DAILY SUMMARY.

RE BU AIRTEL TO ME MAY FIFTEEN LAST, CONCERNING ANONYMOUS LETTER TO JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL, U. S. SUPREME COURT:

MARK LUTRELL, SUPERINTENDENT, SHELBY COUNTY PENAL FARM, ADVISED ALL PRESENT INMATES AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN FINGERPRINTED AND PRINTS FORWARDED TO IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, FBI. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR RAY TO HIDE OR BE SHELTERED AT PENAL FARM WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE. ALL PERSONNEL ARE AWARE OF RAY'S DESCRIPTION BASED ON PHOTOGRAPHS POSTED AT THE INSTITUTION. WILLIAM MORRIS, SHERIFF, SHELBY COUNTY, CONTACTED. FURNISHED SIMILAR INFORMATION.

*Airtel  
SAC  
5-22-68  
FSA/CO*

RE SEATTLE AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY FOURTEEN LAST, CONCERNING EARL RAY, JR.:

THIS INDIVIDUAL, BEARING SIMILAR NAME TO SUBJECT, AND HIS RELATIVES HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED.

RE BUREAU RECEIPT OF ANONYMOUS RELIGIOUS GREETING CARD RE MARTIN L. KING:

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COLUMBUS AVENUE AND DUTTON STREET ARE NON-EXISTENT IN MEMPHIS, TENN. THERE IS A CHARLES STREET IN MEMPHIS, HOWEVER, ADDRESS OF SEVEN SEVEN CHARLES IS NON-EXISTENT. HOLLYWOOD SEVEN NINE EIGHT - SIX SIX SEVEN, IS A NON-EXISTENT TELEPHONE NO. OR STREET NO. IN MEMPHIS AREA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ADVISED THEY DID NOT SEND ANONYMOUS LETTER AND HAVE NO INFO TO FURNISH RE KING ASSASSINATION.

BUREAU ADVISE ME LOCATION AND DATE OF POSTMARK APPEARING ON GREETING CARD RECEIVED BY BU, AND IF THIS POSTMARK IS DIFFERENT THAN MEMPHIS, TENN., IT IS SUGGESTED INTERESTED OFFICE BE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ABOVE MENTIONED STREET AND POSSIBLE TELEPHONE NUMBER. IF POSTMARKED AT ME, ME IS CONDUCTING NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE INFORMANT NAMED [REDACTED] (LNU) OF THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES," LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, HAS FAILED TO PRODUCE ANY PERTINENT INFO AND CONTINUES TO APPEAR TO BE A COMPLETELY FABRICATED STORY ON THE PART OF THE NEWSPAPER INFORMANT. PHOTOGRAPHS OF [REDACTED]

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~~REDACTED~~ WILL BE DISPLAYED TO  
ANY POTENTIAL WITNESSES DEVELOPED IN THE ME DIVISION CONCERNING  
INFO RECEIVED BY NEWSPAPER INFORMANT ~~REDACTED~~ (LNU) RE BUS TRIP  
FROM KNOXVILLE, TENN., VIA MEMPHIS, TENN., EL PASO AND LOS  
ANGELES.

LOOK-ALIKE INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONTINUING BY THE ME DIVISION  
AND INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING ELIMINATED AS THE INFO IS RECEIVED  
BY ME DIVISION. P.

END.

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*Cc - Mr. Trotter*

5/22/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SACs, Memphis (44-1987)  
Newark (44-854)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 3864

MURKIN

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Re anonymous religious greeting card.

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Bureau is in receipt of anonymous religious greeting card on which was written in pen, "Martin L. King. Ray at 71 Columbus Avenue, North of Dutton Street, Memphis, Tennessee. Call at 77 Charles Street, Hollywood 798-667."

Memphis has advised Columbus Avenue and Dutton Street are nonexistent in Memphis, Tennessee.

There is a Charles Street in Memphis, however, address of 77 Charles Street is nonexistent. Hollywood 798-667 is a nonexistent telephone number or street number in Memphis area.

Envelope of anonymous communication bears postmark at Hoboken, New Jersey, May 17, 1968, 1 p.m., 07030. Newark conduct investigation in an attempt to identify the sender of the anonymous communication.

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FBI LASVEAS

12-NOON 5/22/68 URGENT JRD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LAS VEGAS (157-133) 1-P

*Boff*  
*in Chicago*

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY TWENTYONE LAST.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH DMV, CARSON CITY, NEVADA, TO OBTAIN  
DATA FROM APPROPRIATE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATIONS FILED APRIL  
ONE LAST TO DATE. SAME WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT TWO DAYS.  
ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO RECEIVE SIMILAR DATA FROM NEW  
APPLICATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS PROMPTLY ON THEIR RECEIPT BY DMV,  
CARSON CITY, FROM ISSUING SUBSTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE PROCESSED AND LOGICAL SUSPECTS  
WILL BE CHECKED OUT.

END

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FBI MIAMI

419 PM URGENT 5/22/68 SHR

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI  
FROM MIAMI 44-1854 7 P

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN AND NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT,  
KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU MAY NINETEEN, AND DETROIT TEL TO BUREAU MAY  
TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION OF CINCINNATI AND CLEVELAND, THE "LOS ANGELES  
TIMES" NEWSPAPER EDITOR RECEIVED INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER  
FROM A SOURCE KNOWN AS [REDACTED] (LNU). A SUMMARY OF A PORTION OF THIS INFO  
AND INFO DEVELOPED SUBSEQUENTLY IS SET FORTH BELOW.

(ON) ON THE DAY OF KILLING (APRIL FOUR), RAY SUPPOSEDLY MADE  
TELEPHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA. CALLS BELIEVED  
TO BE MADE FROM BUS STATION. RAY SUPPOSEDLY USED A TELEPHONE CREDIT  
CARD ISSUED TO [REDACTED] DETROIT, IN NAME OF (FNU) [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SUPPOSEDLY RESIDES HARBOR WOODS, MICH. SOME CALLS  
ON CARD REPORTEDLY MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA.

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(TWO) ON NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, RAY SUPPOSEDLY DRIVEN TO KANSAS CITY BY ONE [REDACTED] OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. THE FOLLOWING DAY AT DUSK, RAY ALLEGEDLY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLA. IN A PRIVATE PLANE OWNED BY A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO SUPPOSEDLY FLIES OFTEN TO NEW ORLEANS AND KNOWS JIM GARRISON. (SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION MIAMI DIVISION HAS FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY [REDACTED] AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.)

RAY SUPPOSEDLY STAYED IN A MOTEL OR COTTAGE, LOCATION NOT INDICATED AND ON APRIL ELEVEN, WAS TAKEN OUT TO SEA FROM KEY WEST, FLA. BY ONE [REDACTED] AND SUPPOSEDLY MAY NOW BE IN CUBA. (SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION MIAMI DIVISION FAILED TO VERIFY ABOVE.)

LOS ANGELES DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT A [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BROTHERS, AND POSSIBLY A [REDACTED], WHO ARE EX-CONVICTS AND HEAVY DRINKERS, MAY POSSIBLY BE INVOLVED IN FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION TO "LOS ANGELES TIMES," OR BE THE SUBJECTS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED TO THE "TIMES".

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THE KNOXVILLE OFFICE DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED]  
MAY BE [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ORIGINALLY FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENN. AND WHO HAS AN  
EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED  
AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA AND WAS RELEASED [REDACTED]  
UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE. TERRE HAUTE PRISON NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]  
OR [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] OR  
[REDACTED] HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY TO ONE FORTYFIVE LBS  
(IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE), EYES BROWN, HAIR BROWN, DIM TATTOO LEFT UPPER  
ARM.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT, MICH. INDICATES THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DETROIT, ADVISED THAT DATE  
THAT [REDACTED] FOR THAT COMPANY IS DONE BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. THAT COMPANY IS OWNED BY [REDACTED] AND  
HIS FATHER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MICH.  
ADVISED HE HOLDS A T&T CREDIT CARD NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHICH IS MADE OUT TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THE [REDACTED] DOES NOT HAVE A PHONE AND THERE  
IS NO CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME OF THAT COMPANY OR IN THE NAME OF  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID NEITHER HE NOR ANYONE ELSE HAS USED HIS  
TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD FOR ANY PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS. HE IS NOT  
ACQUAINTED WITH [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AND HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN  
HOW THE INFORMANT COULD BE FAMILIAR WITH HIS POSSESSING A TELEPHONE  
CREDIT CARD OR WITH HIS CONNECTION TO THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FATHER, ADVISED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA FROM MARCH ONE THROUGH APRIL ONE LAST, HE TRADED  
AT A SUNOCO SERVICE STATION AT THE CORNER OF U.S. ONE AND PALM AIRE,  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA. HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE EFFICIENCY OF A YOUNG  
WHITE MALE AT THE STATION. THE YOUNG MAN TOLD HIM HE HAD A BROTHER IN  
CLEVELAND IN THE TAILORING BUSINESS AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE  
BACK TO THE MIDWEST TO BE NEAR HIS BROTHER. [REDACTED] TOLD THE  
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YOUNG MAN HE RAN A [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED] IN DETROIT AND SHOULD HE EVER WANT A JOB TO CALL HIM OR HIS SON [REDACTED]. HE GAVE THE YOUNG MAN ONE OF HIS BUSINESS CARDS WHICH READS, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HE COULD NOT REMEMBER IF HE WROTE [REDACTED] NAME ON THE CARD FOR THE BOY BUT WAS SURE HE TOLD HIM [REDACTED] NAME AND THAT THEY [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED]

THE PRECEEDING WAS THE ONLY EXPLANATION EITHER [REDACTED] COULD OFFER FOR THE THE INFORMANT KNOWING ABOUT A TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME "[REDACTED]" AND [REDACTED] CONNECTION WITH [REDACTED]. BOTH EMPHATICALLY DENIED HAVING EVER LOST THEIR CREDIT CARDS OR LETTING ANOTHER PERSON USE THEM.

INVESTIGATION AT BOCA RATON, FLA. INDICATES THERE IS A SUMOCO SERVICE STATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. ONE AND ROYAL PALM ROAD OPERATED BY BERNARD IRELAND, JR. NO PALM AIRE ROAD EXISTS IN BOCA RATON. IRELAND ADVISED THAT HE EMPLOYED AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED [REDACTED] FOR A FEW WEEKS IN MARCH AND POSSIBLY EARLY APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT. [REDACTED] MOTHER, [REDACTED] LOCATED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BOCA RATON, AND ADVISED HER SON DEPARTED SOUTH FLORIDA AREA FOR THE MIDDLE WEST ON MAY SEVEN, LAST. HE TOLD [REDACTED] AT THAT TIME HE WAS GOING TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE AS THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH FLORIDA WERE FEW. [REDACTED] HAS NO BROTHERS. [REDACTED] TOOK MOST OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS WITH HIM AND THOSE HE LEFT BEHIND [REDACTED] HAS SINCE THROWN AWAY.

[REDACTED] HAS THREE UNCLES RESIDING IN OHIO WHO MAY KNOW HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS, ACCORDING TO HIS MOTHER: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WARREN, OHIO, EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADDRESS UNKNOWN, WARREN, OHIO, EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] COLUMBUS, OHIO, ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT UNKNOWN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHOULD KNOW ADDRESSES OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

CLEVELAND, AT WARREN, OHIO, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

THROUGH UNCLES [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND THEREAFTER INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] OR SET FORTH LEADS TO HAVE [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED FOR ANY INFOR-

MATION HE HAS REGARDING [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED], AND ALL INFORMATION SET FORTH

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ABOVE. DETERMINE IF HE COULD BE [REDACTED] (LNU) AND IF HE RECALLS CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] AT SUNOCO STATION IN BOCA RATON, FLA. AND IF HE HAS BUSINESS CARD OF [REDACTED] IN HIS POSSESSION OR IF HE COULD HAVE PASSED BUSINESS CAR OF [REDACTED] ON TO ANYONE WHO COULD BE [REDACTED] (LNU).

CINCINNATI, AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, LOCATE [REDACTED] AND CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AS SET FORTH FOR THE CLEVELAND DIVISION.

MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED BY AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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1 ENCLOSURE

Very truly yours,

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TRUE COPY

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Very truly yours,

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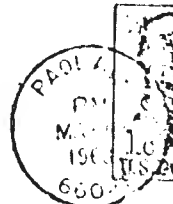
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## Asks Juster Of Hoover In King Case

Milwaukee (AP)—An official of the American Civil Liberties union said last night that J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, should be removed from the investigation into the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King because "he is not credible" as a fair investigator of the slaying.

Charles M. Morgan, jr., of Atlanta, southern regional director for the A. C. L. U., told the annual awards dinner of the Wisconsin Civil Liberties union that in November of 1964 Hoover had called King "the most notorious liar in the country." Morgan said he was quoting from a national news magazine account of a Hoover statement to women reporters.

He also said King and Hoover had differences four years ago on the alleged lack of FBI protection for civil rights workers.

Morgan said Hoover should be replaced by someone "in whom Negroes and all other Americans can have faith and confidence."

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REC 8 44-38861-3867

May 22, 1968

Paola, Kansas 66071

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 18th, with enclosure, and certainly want you to know how grateful I am for your favorable remarks and expression of support concerning my administration of the FBI. It was indeed thoughtful of you to write and I hope our future endeavors will continue to merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles show prior outgoing to correspondent 4-10-68 in response to his query concerning Martin Luther King. Enclosure is newspaper clipping by Associated Press from Milwaukee indicating that Charles M. Morgan, Jr., of Atlanta, southern regional director for the American Civil Liberties Union had called for removal of Director in investigation to locate Martin Luther King's assassin. We have maintained cordial relations with the Kansas City Star.

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Mr. L. J. Hughes - 8

TO: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

REURTEL MAY TWENTYONE LAST.

FINGERPRINTS EARL JACK NORMAN, DECEASED MALE, FBI NUMBER  
FOUR EIGHT TWO SIX NINE FIVE NINE COMPARED WITH FINGERPRINTS  
JAMES LOMA OWENS, [REDACTED]  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1 - Lab Files  
1 - Office 7133  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
ATT: Mr. Long

FBI, Atlanta (44-2386)

May 22, 1968

To:

Date:

**MURKIN**

Re:

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

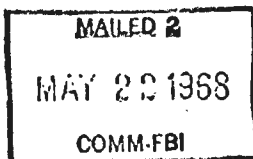
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Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **Atlanta**  
Reference: **Letter 5/15/68**  
Examination requested: **Firearms**

Remarks:

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Enclosures (3) (K275 and 2 Lab report)

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Atlanta  
Re: MURKIN

Date: May 22, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. PC-A6419 BX

Specimens received 5/17/68

K275 Test bullet and cartridge case from a .380 Auto Remington  
automatic pistol, Serial Number PA 18949

Results of examination:

The bullet which was previously submitted by the Atlanta Office as having been removed from the body of Robert Joseph Dunaway consisted of a portion of the lead core from a metal jacketed bullet. No barrel markings of the type necessary for identification of the weapon from which this bullet was fired are present on this bullet. Therefore, no comparison between this bullet and the test bullet in K275 is possible.

There are no specimens in the National Unidentified Ammunition File which could have been fired from the same weapon as the test bullet and cartridge case, K275.

No previous record of the weapon represented by K275 was located in the National Stolen Property Index or the National Crime Information Center.

Specimen K275 is being returned to Atlanta herewith.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

5/15/68

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)(P)

MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 5/8/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are .380 bullet fired from a .380 Remington UMC Automatic, SN PA18949, and a .380 cartridge case fired from the same weapon.

The Bureau is requested to compare bullet with bullet forwarded by Atlanta in relet, which had been taken from the body of ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY, FBI No. 841 310C.

The .380 Remington weapon was obtained by an official of the Atlanta Police Department (APD), from [REDACTED] Kingston, Tennessee. [REDACTED] claimed this weapon was registered in Michigan. [REDACTED] when interviewed by Police officials of the APD, admitted ROBERT JOSEPH DUNAWAY had stayed at his home from approximately April 6, until approximately April 28, 1968. [REDACTED] claimed he had met DUNAWAY approximately one year before when DUNAWAY came to Kingston, Tennessee, and picked up [REDACTED] at that time was evading service of a subpoena to testify before a State Grand Jury in Detroit concerning LCN activities.

The Bureau is also requested to compare bullet and cartridge with any bullets and cartridges in unsolved LCN murders on file.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 2)(RM)
- 3 - Atlanta (2 - 44-2386)
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Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI LOS ANG.

1158PM URGENT 5-21-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATTENTION CRIME RECORDS,  
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN LAST IN  
CONNECTION WITH LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - QUOTE UNQUOTE  
PAREN LNU PAREN.

JERRY COHEN, STAFF WRITER, LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER,  
TODAY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES OFFICE AND ADVISED HE AND WILLIAM  
THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES, HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY  
THOROUGHNESS OF FBI INVESTIGATION BOTH IN IDENTIFYING JAMES EARL  
RAY AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO APPREHEND HIM AT THIS TIME. MR.  
COHEN ADVISED THE LOS ANGELES TIMES WOULD LIKE TO RUN AN ARTICLE  
CONCERNING THE VAST VOLUME OF LEADS BEING COVERED BY FBI IN ITS  
INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER, AND THAT THE PAPER DID NOT DESIRE  
ANY SPECIFIC NAMES OR PLACES BUT DID, IF SUCH STORY MET WITH  
APPROVAL OF FBI, WANT TO HAVE INCIDENTS SUCH AS LICENSE PLATES  
OF OUT OF STATE CARS BEING TRACKED DOWN AND OCCUPANTS CHECKED  
END PAGE ONE

MR DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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OUT, ETC. MR. COHEN REQUESTED THE BUREAU BE CONTACTED FOR POSSIBILITY OF APPROVING SUCH STORY. STORY IN GENERAL WILL BE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO ARTICLE PREPARED BY COLUMNIST DREW PEARSON WHICH APPEARED IN SOME OF LOCAL PAPERS ON MAY SIXTEEN LAST INDICATING THE WIDESPREAD, EXHAUSTIVE MANHUNT BEING CONDUCTED BY FBI.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE LOS ANGELES.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

CC: Mr. Bishop

5-22-68

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TO SAC LOS ANGELES

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MURKIN

44-38861-3370

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REURTEL MAY TWENTY-ONE LAST.

ADVISE MR. COHEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES, THAT ALTHOUGH HIS INTEREST APPRECIATED, NOT POSSIBLE FOR FBI TO BE OF ASSISTANCE RE HIS PROPOSED STORY. FURTHER ADVISE HIM THAT STATISTICAL INFORMATION RE LICENSE PLATE CHECKS, NUMBER OF LEADS COVERED, ET CETERA, NOT READILY AVAILABLE. IF COHEN DOES PREPARE WRAP-UP STORY BASED ON ARTICLES PREVIOUSLY IN PRINT, SUGGEST HE HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN REWARDS PRESENTLY OUTSTANDING FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO RAY'S ARREST.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Jones

NOTE: The Los Angeles Times has not evidenced any particular support of the Bureau's activities in the recent past.

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TO SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) 3571

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Martindale

MURKIN.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO LETTER RAY WROTE TO PATRICIA K. ANDERSON THROUGH "THE LOCAL SWINGER." SUTEL DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ANDERSON AS PUBLISHED BY "THE LOCAL SWINGER" WHICH CAUSED RAY TO SELECT HER AS A CORRESPONDENT. COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE:

"The Local Swinger" is a correspondence club in the Los Angeles area. Patricia K. Anderson received a letter from Ray dated 2/17/68 which had been forwarded through this club. Her name had been listed without her knowledge and she turned the letter over to postal authorities. Consideration is being given to placing advertisements designed to appeal to Ray with similar clubs.

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URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

TO: SACS, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES  
NEWARK

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

VIA TELETYPE  
MAY 22 1968  
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BUREAU IS CONTEMPLATING PLACING AN AD IN A PUBLICATION  
IN AN EFFORT TO POSSIBLY SURFACE THE SUBJECT. IT MUST  
BE DETERMINED WHAT PUBLICATIONS, IF ANY, WERE HABITUALLY  
READ BY SUBJECT RAY.

ACCORDINGLY, KANSAS CITY WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FELLOW INMATES OF SUBJECT,  
TO DETERMINE WHAT PUBLICATIONS SUBJECT HABITUALLY READ.  
BIRMINGHAM WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] ALONG SAME LINES  
AS SET FORTH FOR KANSAS CITY. NEWARK OFFICE WILL CONTACT  
LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE AT LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY, TO  
DETERMINE IN WHICH MAGAZINE THEIR AD WAS PLACED FROM WHICH  
SUBJECT ORDERED CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. CHICAGO WILL CONDUCT  
INVESTIGATION AT SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY TO DETERMINE  
IDENTITY OF PUBLICATION FROM WHICH SUBJECT AS GALT ORDERED MAY 23 1968

MERCHANDISE. LOS ANGELES WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TELETYPE SACS, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES

NEWARK  
RE: MURKIN

TIFFANY ENTERPRISES AND THE E. Z. FORMULA COMPANY TO DETERMINE  
FROM WHICH PUBLICATION SUBJECT ORDERED MERCHANDISE.

EACH OFFICE SUTEL RESULTS OF INQUIRY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

NOTE: We are contemplating placing an ad in the appropriate publication in effort to surface subject. The subject in the past has ordered numerous items via the mails and the purchasing of merchandise could be as a result from an advertising in various publications. In order to determine a publication most habitually read by subject to effect most coverage, the Birmingham, Chicago, Kansas City, Los Angeles and Newark Offices are being requested to conduct investigation.

KING ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS--FBI  
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 47

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*Section 47*

PORTING OFFICE <b>MIAMI</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/23/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/9 - 5/22/68</b>
FILE OF CASE  <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (Deceased) - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

**REFERENCES:** Bureau airtel to all SACs and Legats, dated 5/7/68.  
Miami airtel to Memphis, 5/16/68.  
Memphis airtel to Miami, 5/20/68.

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**- ADMINISTRATIVE -**

In accordance with Bureau instructions, all leads in this case are being handled within 24 hours and all leads are being set forth by telephone, teletype and airtel.

An information copy of this report is being furnished the Birmingham Office in view of the fact that the Bureau advised all offices by teletype dated April 7, 1968, to furnish results of investigation to the Bureau, Memphis and Birmingham.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
VIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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- 2 - Bureau (44-38861) (RM)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
 2 - Kansas City (RM)  
 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (RM)  
 2 - Miami (44-1854)

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*[Handwritten initials]*

MM 44-1854

All potential bombing suspects in the Miami Division were eliminated as being identical with subject, through physical observation and the fact their whereabouts were known at the time of the commission of the crime.

- INFORMANTS -

In accordance with the instructions set out in Bureau teletype to all SACs, dated April 22, 1968, and Memphis airtel to Knoxville, dated April 7, 1968, all criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants were contacted relative to any information concerning this matter.

By teletype dated April 26, 1968, the Bureau advised that on February 26, 1965, the Los Angeles "Herald Examiner" stated in effect that KEITH D. GILBERT, a Minuteman, had dynamite, was a racist, and was a threat to the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The same communication stated that [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] told him that they would not make the same mistake again and next time a high powered rifle would be used on KING.

By teletype dated April 29, 1968, the Miami Office advised the Bureau and Memphis as follows:

[REDACTED] was contacted April 26, 1968, and April 29, 1968. He advised he has almost daily contact with [REDACTED] who has not expressed any unusual interest in or knowledge of KING's death. He said [REDACTED] has not taken any recent extended trips from the Miami area and there has been no unusual activity around [REDACTED] home. He said [REDACTED] main interest presently seems to center around a "conservative church group" from South Carolina. He said [REDACTED] is getting old, not in good health, and appears to have some financial problems and therefore his activities have been limited.

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[REDACTED] advised on April 29, 1968, he has not been in contact with [REDACTED] for several months. He said he has had contact with some mutual acquaintances. He said he has heard of nothing to show [REDACTED] has any particular interest in or knowledge of KING's death. He knew nothing of [REDACTED] present interests or activities.

[REDACTED] could not recall details of information previously furnished concerning one GILBERT. He said he was sure he previously furnished all information available to him concerning this individual and he was unable to furnish further information at this time.

Both individuals mentioned above advised they would remain alert for possible information indicating [REDACTED] connection with this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:

May 23, 1968

Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File #:

44-1854

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title:

JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (Deceased) - VICTIM

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS

## Synopsis:

[REDACTED] located Palm Springs, Fla. Advised he served time in Missouri State Penitentiary with RAY, however, has had no contact with him since release and can offer no significant background information or information regarding whereabouts. Records destroyed Amacker Motors, Miami, Fla., where RAY allegedly purchased vehicle in 1954. Investigation dance studios, laundries using thermo-seal laundry marking machines, hippie hang-outs and other logical locations, Miami Division, developed no information regarding RAY. All records, Eastern Air Lines, reflecting passengers departing Atlanta via Eastern Air Lines between 4/4/68 and 4/12/68 reviewed. Leads set forth to eliminate all passengers having similar names to subject and/or aliases. All persons located Miami Division having similar names to subject and/or aliases used, located and eliminated as being identical. Appropriate stops placed with all logical agencies, including airlines, car rental agencies, Immigration and Naturalization Service, public health service, local authorities, and various other federal, state and local agencies. All look alikes located and eliminated. SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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I. INVESTIGATION AT PALM SPRINGS, FLORIDA,  
REGARDING [REDACTED], WHO SERVED  
TIME IN THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY  
WITH JAMES EARL RAY

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Information was developed through interview of [redacted] Georgia, who was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY in the Missouri State Prison, which indicated that another former inmate of the Missouri State Prison, [redacted], was currently residing at [redacted] Palm Springs, West Palm Beach, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted at West Palm Beach on April 26, 1968, by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted].

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[redacted] was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of this interview.

[redacted] advised he is presently living in [redacted] Palm Springs, with his wife [redacted] and five month old baby.

[redacted] stated he had been an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary for three years and while confined there he had met and known JAMES EARL RAY. He stated he was not very close or friendly with RAY but he did eat with him a number of times when he was in the kitchen visiting with his friend, [redacted]. He said he also watched a number of ball games and television programs with RAY.

[redacted] described RAY as being a guy who knew his way around but was not one of the wheels or leaders in prison; that RAY was a sharp intelligent guy who hung around with the boys who were always up to something and were in on all of the deals. [redacted] advised RAY never seemed to have a lot of money but always seemed to have enough to get whatever he wanted.

[redacted] said most of the guys (he cannot recall their names) that he, RAY, was with most of the time were on dope and were peddling it.

[redacted] continued by saying that RAY's big buddy was [redacted] who was a "big wheel" and the guy who ran the prison kitchen with "an iron hand." [redacted] stated [redacted] was the guy who got RAY into the kitchen which was a good deal (job).

[redacted] advised that [redacted] handled dope and peddled it in the Missouri State Penitentiary and he believes he is now in prison somewhere in Florida. He said that [redacted] would know for certain if RAY had been on dope and where and who he got the dope from.

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SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] further advised that [redacted] "a cut and dried con," who worked in the tag plant of the prison, was one of the leaders and knew RAY well and he might be able to furnish information about him if he would talk to the FBI.

[redacted] related that [redacted] also knew RAY pretty well and would know more about him than he did since they both worked in the kitchen together for quite a while. He said [redacted] had been living in Georgia.

[redacted] stated there had been trouble with some of the Negro prisoners in the Missouri State Penitentiary who were Black Muslims so some of the prisoners decided to teach them a lesson and three or four of the Negro leaders were killed. [redacted] stated he did not know if RAY was in on the actual killing, but he was close with the ones that did it and therefore could have been in on the killing or at least he knew who did kill the Negroes.

[redacted] would not make any further statements about the killing of the Negroes in the Missouri State Penitentiary and he stated he could not furnish any names or identities but he did say there were ten inmates who were in on the killing of the Negroes.

[redacted] said he could not recall RAY saying too much about Negroes and he does not believe from his conversations with RAY that he, RAY, was a racist, however, all of the inmates in the Missouri State Penitentiary did not like the Negroes because of their belligerent attitude and animosity toward the white inmates.

[redacted] stated RAY liked to wear his hair short in the summer months and long in the winter. He said RAY used to have a "butch" cut in the summer months.

██████████ stated from his association with RAY that he felt RAY would have a .45 automatic "stashed" on his person somewhere and he would not give up or be taken without a fight. ██████████ said RAY is a "killer" in his opinion and that RAY would not be easy to catch or find. ██████████ said RAY is "a city boy" and he does not figure him to be hiding out in the country. However, ██████████ stated he would not figure RAY would hide out in a really big city like New York, but would pick one about the size of Houston, Texas.

██████████ said he could not recall RAY telling him or mentioning any place in particular he, RAY, always wanted to go to or visit, but he felt RAY would be in a warm climate rather than a cold one.

██████████ stated he had not been contacted or heard from RAY since he got out of the Missouri State Penitentiary over two years ago and to the best of his knowledge RAY would not know where or how to contact him.

██████████ advised he had visited ██████████ in March, 1968, in ██████████ home in ██████████ Georgia, for a few days. He said that ██████████ is his best friend.

██████████ continued by saying he recognized the name of ██████████ and he thinks ██████████ was ██████████ in the prison guard force, but he did not know him and/or if ██████████ peddled dope in the pen.

██████████ stated he felt that there was a possibility RAY's escape was engineered by and assisted by outside help but he did not have any knowledge about it. Also he stated just about anything is possible with outside help and money, however, escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary is something else and is just about impossible in his opinion.

[redacted] stated he did not feel badly about MARTIN LUTHER KING getting killed, but he was sorry it happened in Memphis, Tennessee, and he would have rather seen KING killed in some Northern city. [redacted] said he is a Southerner and his feelings are Southern.

[redacted] stated that he is of course interested in the reward money and he could certainly use it. However, he said he really does not know if he would turn RAY in or not for the reward money if he had the opportunity. [redacted] stated he was certain RAY did the killing of KING himself and not involved with anyone else. [redacted] stated that he wanted to be honest with the FBI and he would have to think about this a couple of days as to whether or not he would or would not turn RAY in if he knew his possible or current whereabouts.

[redacted] stated he really does not know where RAY is and he said that RAY had not contacted him and he had not seen RAY for over two years.

[redacted] continued by saying he was a little surprised when he learned from the newspaper and television that RAY had been identified as KING's killer because he always figured RAY as being a guy that would be too smart to leave any clues or evidence around so that the police or the FBI would be able to trace and/or identify him.

[redacted] examined the photographs of RAY and said he would never recognize him with the tuxedo and bow tie outfit on and further he said he never saw RAY with his hair long as it is either. However, he said the guy with the bow tie and tuxedo on is RAY.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is a white male, born [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and resides [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Palm Springs, Florida.

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was recontacted on April 27, 1968,  
by S. [redacted] and advised that the only  
reason he previously said RAY would be apt to be hiding  
in a city the size of Houston, Texas, was because of the  
size of Houston and for no other reason.

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II. INVESTIGATION LOCATING FORMER  
OWNER, ABACKER MOTORS, MIAMI,  
FLORIDA, WHERE JAMES EARL RAY  
PURCHASED A VEHICLE IN 1954



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On April 25, 1968, the Kansas City Office of the FBI advised that a pre-sentence report for JAMES EARL RAY, dated April 26, 1955, contained information which indicated that when RAY was arrested on March 22, 1955, in Hannibal, Missouri, he was driving a 1949 Lincoln which had been purchased at Amacker Motors, 135 NE 36th Street, Miami, Florida on May 14, 1954.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Miami, Florida on April 25, 1968:

LUKE SELLARS, Proprietor, Luke Sellars Motors, 5500 NW 27th Avenue, Miami, advised he was the proprietor of Amacker Motors, 135 NE 36th Street, Miami in 1954. He dissolved this business in 1961 and has since destroyed all records for this business.

SELLARS further advised that the whereabouts of all former employees of Amacker Motors are unknown to him. SELLARS stated that he does not recall the sale of this vehicle to JAMES EARL RAY, however, if there was something unusual about the sale, he would have recalled the circumstances.

SELLARS was unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY or WALTER RIFE.

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III. DANCING STUDIOS

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The following investigation was conducted with reference to locating subject through dancing schools:

On April 15, 1968, all dancing schools within the Miami Division which encompasses cities and counties as far north as Vero Beach in Indian River County, to Key West in Monroe County, to the south, and Naples, Florida, in Collier County, to the west coast of Florida, were contacted without effecting any information relative to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD.

On April 18, 1968, the Los Angeles Office furnished the names of the following dance instructors who worked at the Continental Studios, New Orleans, during 1964 who reportedly were presently residing in the Miami area:

WILLIAM LAMPHERE

JACQUELINE COURVILLE CUTOLO

HARVEY A. DUNN

On April 18, 1968, no record could be located for WILLIAM LAMPHERE at the following agencies:

Miami Beach Police Department  
Miami Police Department  
Dade County Department of Public Safety  
Miami Municipal Court  
Credit Bureau of Greater Miami

On April 18, 1968, no record could be located regarding WILLIAM LAMPHERE through the voters' registration records, tax records, motor vehicle bureau records and the Polk directories and telephone directories for the greater Miami area from 1958-1968.

On April 18, 1968, all major dancing schools in the Miami, Florida area were contacted with negative results with regard to WILLIAM LAMPHERE.

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On April 18, 1968, no record could be located for HARRY A. DUNN at the Miami Beach Police Department, Dade County Department of Public Safety, Miami Police Department and Miami Municipal Court records.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Miami reflected that HARRY A. DUNN resided at [REDACTED], Miami, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 18, 1968, HARRY A. DUNN was located and interviewed at his residence, [REDACTED] Miami, Florida. He stated he was employed as a dance instructor at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, for four months in the latter part of 1964. Photographs and composites of suspect ERIC STARVO GALT were exhibited to DUNN with negative results.

DUNN advised he is not acquainted with WILLIAM LAMPHERE and believes that CHARLES HARTZELL left the Chicago area for St. Louis approximately one year ago to work at an independent dance studio.

DUNN further advised that LOUISE ANGLIN taught dancing during the afternoon hours at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, in late 1964 and might remember GALT if he took afternoon instruction at that time. ANGLIN's address is unknown to DUNN, but he did recall that her mother resides at [REDACTED], New Orleans, Louisiana.

DUNN does not know the current whereabouts of the following individuals:

MARCUS FELOS  
ARTHUR D. WOLFSON  
BERNICE "BUDDY" CONSTONTINE  
YVONNE BENOIT  
JOAN MOORE  
CORBETT DUHON  
RAY E. FARRIS

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SAMUEL CALON  
EVA BOROS  
CHARLES MILLER  
ROBERT STRICKLAND  
JOANNE NICHOLS  
JACQUELINE BOND  
ANITA BOUCHARD  
ROSE KATHLEEN CAVANAUGH  
or HOWARD OWENS

DUNN believes that SANDRA LOVIN is currently a hippy in a New Orleans hippy community.

On April 18, 1968, BERNARD REIN, Imperial Imports, Miami, advised VINCENT CUTOLO and his wife, JACQUELINE CUTOLO, were currently staying at [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, telephone number [redacted].

On April 18, 1968, Mrs. VINCENT CUTOLO, [redacted] Miami, the mother-in-law of JACQUELINE CUTOLO, furnished a blue zipper suitcase containing photographs and miscellaneous items to SA [redacted]. This suitcase and its entire contents were mailed to the Nashville FBI Resident Agency Office for review by JACQUELINE CUTOLO at that location.

On April 29, 1968, Mrs. VINCENT CUTOLO was contacted and the blue zipper suitcase belonging to her daughter-in-law, JACQUELINE CUTOLO, was returned to her. She had previously furnished this suitcase to SA [redacted].

Mrs. CUTOLO examined the suitcase and advised that it and its contents were all in order.

On April 18, 1968, the Knoxville Office advised that JUANITA WELCH, former dance instructor for Continental Studios, New Orleans, was last known to be working in a dance studio at the Congress Inn, Miami, in 1967 according to Mrs. JACQUELINE COURVILLE CUTOLO.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted].

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On April 19, 1968, all Congress Inns, Hotels and Motels in the Miami area were contacted regarding JUANITA WELCH. Officials at the Congress Voyager Motel, 12350 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, advised that WELCH was employed there as a dance instructor until approximately December, 1967, at which time she left to go North. Associates of JUANITA WELCH and officials at Congress Voyager Motel have no idea where she went or of her current whereabouts.

Employment records at Congress Voyager Motel contain no information regarding a Miami address or a forwarding address for WELCH.

On April 19, 1968, Credit records and arrest records in the greater Miami area were reviewed with reference to JUANITA WELCH and were found to contain no positive information. Polk's city directories and telephone directories contain no positive information regarding JUANITA WELCH.

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IV. THERMO-SEAL LAUNDRY MACHINE MARKS

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Re: Thermo-Sealed Marking Machine  
Manufactured by the Textile Marking  
Machine Company, Syracuse, New York

The following investigation was conducted in the area covered by the Miami Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

All laundries and dry cleaning establishments located in the Southern District of Florida covered by the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were contacted relative to their use of a thermo-sealed marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York.

In a small number of instances wherein this type of machine was used, it was determined that the laundries and/or dry cleaning establishments did not use any code similar to the questioned laundry marks reported.

In the one or two instances developed wherein a similar code was used, specimens were obtained and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison.

The FBI Laboratory subsequently reported that these specimens submitted by the Miami Division were not identical with the questioned laundry markings involved in this investigation.



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V. REVIEW OF ARRIVING AND DEPARTING  
PASSENGERS FROM AND TO FOREIGN  
PORTS, MIAMI DIVISION

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED], April 11, 1968, at Miami, Florida:

[REDACTED] Marine Division,  
Bureau of Customs, advised Customs maintains crew and passenger  
lists for all arriving commercial vessels at ports of entry  
in South Florida; lists of passengers only for departing  
foreign flag vessels; crew lists only for departing American  
flag vessels, and for pleasure vessels only lists of all  
persons on board for arrivals only. He stated no clearance  
was necessary on the departure of a pleasure vessel.

He furnished copies of form entitled "Record of  
Vessels Engaged in Foreign Trade - Cleared or Granted Permit  
to Proceed." This list covered all departures from the Port  
of Miami from April 4, 1968 through April 10, 1968. He also  
made available the appropriate lists concerning each vessel.

He also furnished copies of form entitled, "Record  
of Vessels Engaged in Foreign Trade - Entered or Arrived  
Under Permit to Proceed." This list covered all such vessels  
that entered or arrived during the period April 4, 1968  
through April 10, 1968. He made available the appropriate  
lists concerning each vessel.

In addition, he made available a list of all  
pleasure craft which arrived and was cleared by Customs  
during the period April 4, 1968 through April 9, 1968. He  
also made available for examination the appropriate lists  
concerning each vessel.

The foregoing lists made available by [REDACTED]  
were examined in detail, and it was found none of them listed  
anyone with the following last names:

GALT

LOWMEYER

LOWMYER

WILLARD

[REDACTED] Outside  
Division of Inspection and Control, U. S. Bureau of Customs,

Dodge Island, made available the alphabetical listing of passenger baggage declarations for all persons departing the Port of Miami via Chalk Airlines during the period April 1, 1968 through April 10, 1968. These declarations failed to list anyone with any of the last names previously mentioned.

[REDACTED], Marine Desk, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), advised his records would contain only the names of aliens departing on foreign flag clearances and the notification of any change in the crew of a foreign flag vessel. His records were reviewed and were found to duplicate those maintained by the Bureau of Customs and the shipping lines, which are set out below, but which were checked prior to the interview of [REDACTED].

It was determined further from [REDACTED] that the following are the cruise ships operating on regular schedules out of the Port of Miami:

"SS Ariadne"  
(Eastern Steamship Company)

"Bahama Star"  
(Eastern Steamship Company)

"Jamaica Queen"  
(Canadian Gulf Line)

"Sunward"  
(Shaw Brothers Shipping Company)

"Cabo Izarra"  
(Eller and Company)

The "Cabo Izarra" neither arrived nor departed during the pertinent period. The "SS Ariadne", "Bahama Star" and "Sunward" all departed on both April 5, 1968 and April 8, 1968, and the "Jamaica Queen" departed on April 8, 1968. The passenger manifests for all of the above trips had been previously made available by [REDACTED] who also had records of all crew changes.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] at Miami International Airport (MIA) on April 15, 1968:

A list was procured from the U.S. Bureau of Customs which shows all departing flights from MIA to foreign destinations. The passenger manifests of each flight were made available and were examined. No person with any of the last names previously set forth was noted as a passenger or crew member on any of the flights. The list of such flights and persons contacted at each airline will be maintained in the files of the Miami FBI Office.

The following investigation was conducted at Key West, Florida on April 11, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

Records of the U.S. Bureau of Customs and INS were reviewed for the names GALT, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER and WILLARD, and it was determined the records were negative regarding those names during the period April 4, 1968 through April 10, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at West Palm Beach, Florida on April 11, 1968:

Inquiry at U.S. Bureau of Customs and INS established that neither agency maintains adequate records of departure, which necessitated contacting the following-named carrier agencies regarding the names ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as Gault, HARVEY LOWMEYER, also known as Lowmyer, and JOHN WILLARD. The passenger manifests of the following carriers, examined from April 4, 1968 through April 11, 1968, did not reflect any reference to any of the above-named individuals:

"SE Grand Bahama Line"

Bahamas Airways, Ltd.

Tilford Flying Service (Charters)

Palm Beach Aviation (Charters)

Florida Airmotive, Lantana Airport (Charters)

Inquiry did develop that Eastern Air Lines flights out of West Palm Beach must be checked at Eastern Air Lines, Miami.

Coastal Aviation, a non-scheduled airline, is based in Orlando, Florida, and American Flyers, a non-scheduled airline, is based out of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Passenger manifests for these two lines must be checked at their home bases.

Check of Eastern Air Lines at Miami covered flights leaving the country from Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Key West and West Palm Beach, Florida.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at West Palm Beach, Florida, on  
April 11, 1968:

Inquiry at United States Customs and  
Immigration and Naturalization Service revealed that  
neither agency maintains departure records for shipping  
lines or airlines departing from West Palm Beach. The  
passenger manifests of the following carriers were  
examined for the names ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as  
GAULT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, and JOHN WILLARD,  
from April 4, 1968 through April 11, 1968:

"SS Grand Bahama Line", made available by  
[REDACTED]

Bahamas Airways, Ltd., made available by  
[REDACTED]

Tilford Flying Service (Charter), made  
available by [REDACTED]

Palm Beach Aviation (Charter), made available  
by [REDACTED]

Florida Airmotive, Lantana Airport (Charter),  
made available by [REDACTED]

It was determined that Coastal Aviation, a non-  
scheduled airline, has its base in Orlando, Florida, and  
American Flyers, a non-scheduled airline, is based in  
Ardmore, Oklahoma, and the passenger manifests for those  
two lines are maintained at their home bases.

On April 11, 1968, [REDACTED] United States  
Customs, Key West, Florida, advised SA [REDACTED]  
that a review of his files concerning arriving and departing  
vessels on April 4, 1968 to April 11, 1968, failed to disclose  
any listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as GAULT,  
HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [redacted] at Port Everglades, Florida, on  
April 11, 1968:

The list of crew members and passengers were  
reviewed for the following vessels, which entered or  
departed Port Everglades on the dates indicated, for a  
passenger or crew man using the name ERIC STARVO GALT,  
HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD:

"Hanseatic"	April 4, 1968
"Kungsburg"	April 4, 1968
"Sun Dev"	April 4, 1968
"V Pride"	April 4, 1968
"Bulk Enterprise"	April 6, 1968
"Doric Chariot"	April 6, 1968
"Kungsholm"	April 6, 1968
"Carsten Russ"	April 6, 1968
"Velk Viking"	April 8, 1968
"H. A. Wood"	April 8, 1968
"Helen S"	April 8, 1968
"Hotei"	April 8, 1968
"Mitchell"	April 8, 1968
"Carmania"	April 8, 1968
"Artlenburg"	April 9, 1968
"Leonardo da Vinci"	April 9, 1968
"Santa Rosa"	April 9, 1968
"Bolo"	April 10, 1968
"Cambridge Trader"	April 11, 1968
"Hanseatic"	April 11, 1968
"Lowella"	April 11, 1968

All records of United States Customs at Port  
Everglades for yachts arriving from foreign ports were  
examined for the period April 2, 1968 through April 11, 1968,  
for the above names with no record being found.

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VI. LOCAL AGENCY CHECKS, MIAMI DIVISION



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On April 9, 1968, the following checks were made for persons having the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER:

All financial institutions in the Miami Division which include banks, federal savings and loan associations and small loan agencies, voters' registration offices, city directories and telephone directories, credit bureaus, law enforcement agencies, drivers' license bureaus, as well as the Dade County Traffic Violator's Index, and the Homestead Air Force Base Locator Records.

The Miami telephone directory listed an R. A. GALT, South Miami, Florida, and a ROBERT B. GALT, Miami, Florida.

R. A. GALT, [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] and it was determined that her full name is Mrs. RUTH A. GALT, who is [redacted] employed at [redacted] South Miami, Florida.

ROBERT B. GALT, who was contacted by SA [redacted] was determined to be employed by [redacted]

Neither RUTH A. GALT or ROBERT B. GALT knows or has ever heard of anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

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VII. REVIEW OF EASTERN AIR LINES RECORDS  
FOR FLIGHTS DEPARTING ATLANTA  
APRIL 4, 1968 - APRIL 12, 1968

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REVIEW OF EASTERN AIRLINES RECORDS FOR  
FLIGHTS DEPARTING ATLANTA, GEORGIA,  
APRIL 4, 1968, THROUGH APRIL 12, 1968

During the period April 12, 1968, and May 10, 1968, records of Eastern Airlines (EAL) were checked for all flights departing Atlanta, Georgia, Municipal Airport for passengers using the name of the subject or his aliases for the period April 4 through April 12, 1968.

The tickets, reservation cards and IBM listings for tickets of other airlines used on EAL flights reveal as follows:

EAL ticket 007-222-684-108 issued April 9, 1968, at Greensboro, North Carolina, to JOHN A. GAULT. He purchased the ticket with a credit card of [REDACTED] Houston, Texas. The ticket indicated JOHN A. GAULT departed the Greensboro, North Carolina area 2:01 p.m., April 9, 1968, Flight 621 for Atlanta, Georgia, and Flight 341, April 9, 1968, at 4:45 p.m. for Houston, Texas. Contact point shown as telephone [REDACTED] Danville, Virginia.

EAL ticket 007-222-748-263 issued April 5, 1968, at Raleigh-Durham Terminal to N. GAULT for Flight 387, Raleigh to Atlanta departing 9:05 a.m., Atlanta Flight 249 for Raleigh departing 9:20 p.m. Contact point was shown as Raleigh, North Carolina, telephone [REDACTED] and Atlanta telephone [REDACTED].

EAL ticket 007-351-271-264 issued to W. C. WILLARD for Flight 632 departing Montgomery, Alabama, April 10, 1968, for Atlanta, Georgia, 7:15 a.m. and departing Atlanta, Georgia, Flight 270, 9:55 a.m. for St. Louis, Missouri, departing St. Louis, Missouri, Flight 803, April 10, 1968, 12:45 p.m. for Springfield, Missouri. The reservation card shows contact point at Montgomery, Alabama, telephone numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

EAL at Atlanta, Georgia, received a reservation from Delta Airlines, Detroit, for one RAYE for EAL Flight 124Y on April 5 from Atlanta to Philadelphia. The passenger was to travel Detroit to Atlanta on Delta Flight

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761Y on April 2, 1968, contact point shown as Detroit telephone [REDACTED] Extension 7, Room 324. No EAL ticket could be found indicating Delta ticket used.

A reservation was made at EAL, Atlanta, April 5, 1968, and ticket was purchased at EAL, Atlanta, April 6, 1968, for travel of W. J. WALTON, Mobile to Atlanta, on EAL flight 604F on April 12, 1968; Atlanta to Augusta on Delta Flight 410A on April 12; Augusta to Atlanta on Delta Flight 1609T on April 15, and Atlanta to Mobile on EAL Flight 601F on April 15, 1968. Contact point was Mobile home telephone [REDACTED] business telephone [REDACTED].

A reservation was made at EAL, Atlanta, April 5, 1968, and ticket number 007-396-718-957 purchased April 5, 1968, at Travel Affiliates, 220 West Live Oak, Pascagoula, Mississippi, for travel by JACK WALTON from Mobile to Atlanta on EAL Flight 664Y on April 5, 1968, and Atlanta to Chicago on EAL Flight 434YN on April 6, 1968, and Chicago to Seattle on United Airlines (UAL) Flight 143Y on April 6, 1968.

Reservation received February 17, 1968, by EAL, Atlanta, from Delta Airlines, Tampa, Florida, for travel of J. WALTON from Atlanta to Tampa on EAL Flight 273Y on April 12, 1968. No ticket located. Delta Airline message identifying number was 08716701.

Reservation received EAL, Atlanta, from Trans World Airlines (TWA), St. Louis, date not shown, for travel by one HEERAN from Atlanta to St. Louis on EAL Flight 510, April 10, 1968. Contact telephone number [REDACTED] No ticket located indicating TWA ticket used.

Reservation received EAL, Atlanta, on March 29, 1968, from Delta Airlines, Savannah, for travel by JOHN WILLARD from Atlanta to Miami on EAL Flight 277Y on April 11, 1968, Delta Service Message Number 18794006. Reservation confirmed by Delta, Savannah, message number 10794006 on April 1, 1968. The reservation card indicates the passenger contacted EAL, Atlanta, and gave contact point as Downtowner, Atlanta.

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Reservation made at EAL, Atlanta, by EAL, Chattanooga, on April 5, 1968, for travel of J. C. or T. C. GALT from Atlanta to Richmond on either EAL Flight 616T or United Flight 640A on April 10, 1968. No ticket located. Chattanooga contact shown as telephone [redacted] This reservation was made through Travel Agency, 615, by employee, [redacted]

EAL reservation card for Flight 248Y, April 9, 1968, indicates one JERRY HERRON made reservation at Atlanta 6:20 p.m., April 9, 1968, Atlanta to Chicago. Contact point reflected as Atlanta lobby. The agent making the reservation was 10B.

A review of the tickets for Flight 248 on April 9, 1968, do not contain a ticket for JERRY HERRON.

Thirteen first class tickets and 33 coach tickets for other airlines were used on EAL Flight 248 on April 9, 1968, Atlanta to Chicago. Airlines and ticket numbers are as follows:

Delta Airlines First Class Ticket Numbers

006-101-067121  
006-202-210107  
006-283-156607  
006-284-501905  
006-284-501906  
006-202-210106  
006-397-551247

Delta Airlines Coach Ticket Numbers

006-202-149500  
006-401-136044  
006-202-149822  
006-202-150477  
006-488-101482  
006-202-034626  
006-488-374958  
006-202-149823  
006-202-150476

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TWA First Class Ticket Number

015-404-012964

TWA Coach Ticket Numbers

015-230-194953

015-220-715318

United Airlines First Class Ticket Numbers

016-450-321877

016-233-680257

United Airlines Coach Ticket Numbers

016-260-304239

016-475-404829

016-350-033777

Southern Airways Ticket Number (Coach)

038-300-485528

North Central Airlines Coach Ticket Numbers

032-404-304276

032-204-634027

032-204-634018

Northwest Orient Airlines First Class Ticket Numbers

012-242-362240

012-242-355080

012-242-434027

Northwest Orient Airlines Coach Ticket Numbers

012-242-364991

012-242-365005

012-242-365004

012-242-365618

012-242-362269

012-242-365187

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Northwest Orient Airlines Coach Ticket  
Numbers (cont.)

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012-242-362266  
012-242-365591  
012-242-364989  
012-242-365008  
012-242-365617  
012-242-441326  
012-242-362265  
012-242-365590  
012-360-084858

On April 15, 1968, all Eastern Airlines flights with foreign destinations from Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach, for subject's name and aliases, for the period April 4 through April 12, 1968, were reviewed with negative results.

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He believes WILLARD's middle name is ORMSBY and described him as a white male, age 28, 5'8", 150 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, phonetic [unclear]



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On April 24, 1968, [REDACTED] Eastern Airlines Representative, South Florida College of Automation, 12585 N. E. 7th Avenue, North Miami, Florida, made available reservation cards for EAL flights 955 and 320 for April 5, 1968, and Flight 915 for April 6, 1968, for passengers boarding these flights at Atlanta, Georgia. The following information was obtained:

The following were Atlanta boarding passengers on Flight 320, April 5, 1968:

Rev. C. C. BOVEE

[REDACTED]  
Decatur, Georgia

No home telephone

Business telephone Atlanta [REDACTED]

Captain and Mrs. S. JAYNES

Home telephone Atlanta [REDACTED]

Business telephone [REDACTED]

The following were Atlanta boarding passengers on Flight 955 on April 5, 1968:

The records indicate that O. GONZALEZ and L. MALDONADO made reservations together on April 5 with Agent 16P, Atlanta. No telephones or addresses were shown.

Mrs. P. WHISBY made reservation April 5, 1968, with Agent 16J, Atlanta, no telephone or address shown.

The following reservations were made for Flight 915, April 5, 1968:

A. J. CARNEY and E. CARNEY

Home telephone Atlanta [REDACTED]

Business telephone [REDACTED]

The reservation card contains a notation under remarks, which was marked out, and stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Forest, Georgia.

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One reservation card is in the name of "POSS, SMITH, KLINE, RAGSDALE," with no further information shown. The KLINE reservation was apparently used by D. ANDRICH since RAGSDALE, ANDRICH, SMITH and GOSS were shown on tickets as having obtained travel through Southern Travel Agency, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia. No ticket used in the name of KLINE.

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The Atlanta Division on April 18, 1968 requested a print out of passengers and crews for Eastern Airlines, (EAL), Flights 955, 320, 328 and 106 for April 5, 1968 and Flight 915 for April 6, 1968. These flights being flights to foreign countries from Atlanta, Georgia.

On April 19, 1968, SA [REDACTED] determined that EAL does not print out passenger names, therefore, it was necessary that passenger names be obtained from a review of tickets used. Officials of EAL advised that reservation information was a possible source of addresses for persons having used tickets on these flights which are retained for ninety days at the originating station by date and flight number.

The flights which Atlanta requested be checked are Flights 915 to Mexico, Saturdays only, 955 to San Juan daily, 320 to Toronto, Canada daily, 328 to Toronto daily and 106 to Montreal, Canada daily. The passengers for the above flights are as follows:

Flight 106, April 5, 1968, Houston to Atlanta to New York to Montreal. Foreign Passengers:

Mr. and Mrs. M. BRUNET, Ticket issued March 28, 1968 by E. A. Meyer, #202, Jacksonville, Florida. Flight point of origin, Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. L. P. CARPENTIER, issued March 11, 1968. Point of Origin Montreal, March 16, 1968.

Mr. M. CORRIVEAY, issued March 18, 1968 by EAL Field Ticket Office (FTO), #6, Montreal. Flight Origin Montreal, March 18, 1968.

Flight 320, April 5, 1968, Atlanta to Pittsburgh to Buffalo to Toronto. Passengers:

Captain and Mrs. S. JAYNES, issued March 28, 1968 by EAL, Citizens and Southern National Bank, Broad and Marietta, Atlanta, Flight origin Atlanta.

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Reverend C. C. BOVER, issued March 26, 1968 by EAL Mail 2, Atlanta, Paid by Non Ref. COCS Flight origin Atlanta.

Mr. A. MEATS, issued March 1, 1968 by EAL-FTO #5, Tallahassee, Florida. Paid by invoice 007311362294-295, origin Toronto, Flight 321, March 21, 1968.

Mr. A. ROYLE, issued March 29, 1968 at EAL-FTO #1, Toronto. Paid by origin Meridian, Mississippi, SO 135, April 5, 1968.

Mr. W. J. HUMPHRIES, issued March 18, 1968 by Toronto, Flight 327, April 2, 1968. Paid by check. Origin

Flight 955, April 5, 1968, St. Louis to Atlanta to Miami to San Juan. Passengers:

ORLANDO GONZALES, issued April 5, 1968 at EAL-FTO #70, Atlanta. Paid by origin Atlanta.

Mr. MALDONADO, same information as ORLANDO GONZALES ticket.

Mr. T. WHISBY, issued April 6, 1968 by EAL-FTO #38, Atlanta. Paid by cash, origin Atlanta.

Flight 915, April 6, 1968, New York to Atlanta to New Orleans to Mexico City. Passengers:

Mr. RENE ROJAS issued March 23, 1968 by EAL-FTO #82, Atlanta. Paid by cash, origin Greensboro, Flight 629, April 6, 1968.

E. CARNEY issued April 3, 1968, by EAL-FTO #82, Atlanta. Paid by check, origin Atlanta, Flight 915, April 6, 1968. Final destination Acapulco, April 6, 1968.

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E. J. CARNEY, same information as E. CARNEY ticket.

HECTOR MARISCAL, issued April 2, 1968, Mexico. Paid by cash, origin Mexico City, EAL Flight 904/206, April 2, 1968.

Mr. P. RAGSDALE, issued April 3, 1968 at Augusta, by Southern Travel Agency, Inc., Augusta, Georgia, point of origin Atlanta. Final destination Acapulco, April 6, 1968, return Atlanta April 13, 1968. Tour Code IT - AX - 84 - 06.

Mr. D. ANDRICH, MR. H. SMITH, Mr. P. GOSS, all three same as RAGSDALE ticket.

Mr. S. LOPEZ (or Mrs. LOPEZ), issued April 3, 1968 at Baltimore. Paid by GTR, number illegible, origin Flight 677, April 3, 1968. Almost entire ticket illegible. Mexico City final destination.

The following information regarding "off line" tickets per EAL computer print out for foreign bound passengers, who boarded instant flights at Atlanta, on which only ticket numbers and airlines are available:

Central African Airways, Ticket #063-401-124833 and 124828.

Alitalia - Linee Aeree Italiane, Ticket #055-477-412537.

Flight 320, April 5, 1968:

United Airlines Ticket #016-213-278339.

Flight 328, April 5, 1968:

Air Canada Ticket #014-390-647283.

On April 19, 1968, it was determined by SA [redacted] at EAL, Miami, Florida, that the crew members of flights requested on April 5, 1968 are as follows:

Flight 106 originating at Houston to Atlanta to JFK Airport to Montreal:

T. R. CRANE-Pilot, [redacted], Matowan, New Jersey.

CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON-Flight Attendant, [redacted] Kew Gardens, New York.

LUCELLEN LOREIN-Flight Attendant, [redacted] New York, New York.

DIANE SARAH TREMBLY-Flight Attendant, [redacted] New York, New York.

E. L. FOSS, JR.-Pilot, [redacted], Bridgewater, Connecticut.

D. W. GROSMAN-Pilot, [redacted], Old Bridge, New Jersey.

MARGARET IRENE MINCHIN-Flight Attendant, [redacted] Miami, Florida.

DOROTHY JEANNE CORDES-Flight Attendant, [redacted], #211, Miami, Florida.

MARILYN MICHELLE MORRISON-Flight Attendant, [redacted], Miami, Florida.

R. B. ANKOR-Captain, [redacted] Miami Springs, Florida.

CHARLES MARTYKAM-First Officer, [redacted], Marlow Heights, Maryland.

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Flight 320 originating at Atlanta to Pittsburgh to Buffalo to Toronto, Canada.

W. H. PATE-Pilot, [REDACTED]  
Decatur, Georgia.

R. G. DISTEL-Pilot, [REDACTED]  
College Park, Georgia.

MARY BONITA COULTER-Flight Attendant, [REDACTED]  
Hapeville, Georgia.

JILL HENSLEY-Flight Attendant, [REDACTED]  
Atlanta, Georgia.

DIANE ELIZABETH ROSSITER-Flight Attendant, [REDACTED]  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Flight 328 originating Miami to Atlanta to Pittsburgh to Buffalo to Toronto, Canada.

T. H. WALTER-Pilot, [REDACTED]  
Georgia.

F. H. ALLEY-Pilot, [REDACTED]  
College Park, Georgia.

JOCELYN LOUISE BREAKWELL-Flight Attendant, [REDACTED]  
College Park, Georgia.

RENDER EUTIS HARRIS-Flight Attendant, [REDACTED]  
Griffin, Georgia.

CORENTHIA LEONORA HICKS-Flight Attendant, [REDACTED]  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Flight 955 originating at St. Louis to Miami to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

CLYDE D. ODOM-Pilot, [REDACTED]  
Miami, Florida.

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RICHARD RAY CRUMBLISS-Pilot  
Miami, Florida.

ANDREW LEONARD ZACCARIA-Pilot,  
Miami, Florida.

JOHN M. GUERRIE-Flight Attendant,  
Miami Springs, Florida.

EUGENE WALLACE-Flight Attendant,  
Hialeah, Florida.

ROBERT ELDON-Flight Attendant,  
Miami, Florida.

On April 6, 1968, Flight 915 originating New York  
to Atlanta to New Orleans to Mexico City, Mexico:

R. A. HOUGHIN-Pilot, Sparta,  
New Jersey.

C. E. STOW-Pilot, Delran,  
New Jersey.

RUTH LEHR CHASE-Flight Attendant,  
Dannville, New Jersey.

C. ZABORONEK-Flight Attendant,  
Highland Park, New Jersey.

CORRINE CONNOR-Flight Attendant,  
New York, New York.

JOAN EVELYN HULZDA-Flight Attendant,  
New York, New York.

CAROL ANN SCOTT-Flight Attendant,  
Brooklyn, New York.

E. D. HARTMENT-Pilot,  
Great Neck, New York.



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The following Eastern Airlines (EAL) crew members of EAL flight 955 from Atlanta, Georgia taken on April 5, 1968, to San Juan, Puerto Rico were contacted by SA [REDACTED], Miami, Florida. Each stated, after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that they did not recall him as having been a passenger on any of their flights nor were they able to furnish any information of value to this investigation:

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Flight</u>
ANDREW LEONARD ZACCARIA [REDACTED] Miami, Florida	Pilot	St. Louis to Atlanta to Miami
JOHN M. GUTHRIE [REDACTED] Miami Springs, Florida	Flight Attendant	Miami to San Juan
EUGENE WALLACE [REDACTED] Hialeah, Florida	Flight Attendant	Miami to San Juan
ROBERT ELDON [REDACTED] Miami, Florida	Flight Attendant	Miami to San Juan

The above were contacted on April 22, 1968.

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On April 22, 1968, the following Eastern Airlines (EAL) crew members for the following EAL flights from Atlanta, Georgia taken on April 5, 1968, to foreign countries were contacted by SA [REDACTED] Miami, Florida. Each stated, after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that they did not recall him as having been a passenger on any of their flights nor were they able to furnish any information of value to this investigation:

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Flight</u>
CLYDE D. ODOM [REDACTED] Miami, Florida	Pilot	955 - St. Louis to Atlanta to Miami
RICHARD RAY CRUMBLISS [REDACTED] Miami, Florida	Pilot	955 - Miami to San Juan, Puerto Rico
Mrs. MARGARET IRENE MINCHIN [REDACTED] Miami, Florida	Flight Attendant	106 - JFK to Montreal, Canada
Miss DOROTHY JEANNE CORDES [REDACTED] Miami, Florida	Flight Attendant	106 - JFK to Montreal, Canada
Miss MARILYN MICHELLE MORRISON [REDACTED] Miami, Florida	Flight Attendant	106 - JFK to Montreal, Canada

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED], at Miami, Florida:

In connection with the exhibiting of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, to members of the flight crews of all foreign-bound flights departing Atlanta, Georgia, on April 5 and 6, 1968, the following members of Eastern Airlines (EAL) flight crews were interviewed on April 22, 1968; were shown the photographs of RAY, and were unable to furnish any information of value to the investigation:

EAL Flight 955 to San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 5, 1968

Flight Attendant LISE D. BOSHELL, [REDACTED], Hialeah, Florida.

Flight Attendant JANET EILEEN DWORKIN, [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], Miami, Florida.

Flight Attendant NANCY KOVAR SARGEANT, [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], Miami, Florida.

Captain J. R. MAHON, [REDACTED], Miami, Florida.

(Flight attendant JOAN M. HEMPEN, [REDACTED],  
Miami Springs, Florida, was determined to be in Bimini,  
Bahamas, on extended vacation).

EAL Flight 106 to Montreal, Canada, April 5, 1968

Captain R. B. ANKROM, [REDACTED], Miami Springs,  
Florida.

First Officer CHARLES MARTYKAN, [REDACTED], Marlow  
Heights, Maryland. (Interviewed at Crossways Inn, 1850 North-  
west LeJeune Road, Miami, Florida)

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The Newark Division on April 20, 1968, advised that CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON was in the Miami area, and that T. R. CRANE would be in the Miami area.

On April 20, 1968, SA [REDACTED] was advised by Captain J. CRANE, who had previously been identified by EAL officials at Miami and New York as T. R. CRANE, that he flew Flight 106 from Atlanta to Montreal on April 5, 1968. After viewing photographs and composites of suspect ERIC STARVO GALT, he was unable to recognize neither the photograph or the composite as a person who was on board Flight 106 on April 5, 1968 or any other flights on which he has been pilot.

On April 20, 1968, NANCY ALLIN, Ground Supervisor, EAL, Miami International Airport, advised SA [REDACTED] that CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON arrived in Miami at approximately 2:30 PM, April 20, 1968 and departed for New York at approximately 3:00 PM. She advised that BRONSON could be contacted at [REDACTED] Kew Gardens, New York after 2:00 AM on April 21, 1968.

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The Charlotte Division on April 22, 1968, advised that [redacted] Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 12, 1968, advised he traveled from Atlanta to Houston, Texas by Eastern Airlines, (EAL), Flight 133 leaving Atlanta, Georgia at 11:05 AM. Upon reviewing the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, he advised he was sure that RAY was a passenger on this flight and was the only person to leave the plane at Houston, Texas.

Miami was requested, through EAL, to determine the individual's names on this flight from Atlanta to Houston. Review of EAL records on April 22, 1968 by SA [redacted] revealed that there were 28 passengers who departed Flight 133 at Houston, Texas, one of which was [redacted].

On April 23, 1968, SA [redacted] determined that the flight crew on EAL Flight 133, Atlanta to Houston on April 12, 1968 was as follows:

Captain WILLIAM R. BOMAR

[redacted]  
Atlanta, Georgia

Pilot PAUL EDWARD THOMPSON

[redacted]  
Decatur, Georgia

Pilot DONALD R. SMITH

[redacted]  
Falls Church, Virginia

Flight Attendant JOE L. DUNCAN

[redacted]  
E. Point, Georgia

Flight Attendant MARILYN A.  
NAWROCKI

[redacted]  
College Park, Georgia

Flight Attendant JUDITH  
ANN TENISON

[redacted]  
E. Point, Georgia

The Atlanta Division on May 1, 1968, requested EAL flights from Montreal, Canada to Atlanta or Birmingham be reviewed for period August 22, 1967 through August 26, 1967 to determine if subject on board a flight under his name or aliases.

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On May 2, 1968, SA [redacted] reviewed the records of EAL which reflected that flights 109 and 131 were scheduled Montreal to Atlanta on August 22, 1967 through August 26, 1967. These flights being from Montreal to Atlanta at which time Birmingham passengers would connect with a flight for Birmingham.

A review of the tickets for the flights during the period August 22-26, 1967 did not reflect that the subject, using his true or aliases, was a passenger aboard any of the EAL flights.

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VIII. UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINT CHECKS  
AT POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND SHERIFF'S  
OFFICES IN THE MIAMI DIVISION AGAINST  
THE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY

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On April 29, 1968, the following investigation was conducted at all police departments and Sheriff's offices in the Miami Division with regard to any unidentified latent fingerprints maintained in their files. These agencies were requested to compare any unidentified latent fingerprints in their records with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

All police departments and Sheriff's offices in the Miami Division advised that they had checked all latent fingerprints in their files since April, 1967, with the prints of JAMES EARL RAY and all checks met with negative results.



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IX. INVESTIGATION REGARDING LONG DISTANCE  
TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM THE TELEPHONE  
BOOTH IN THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS  
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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TELEPHONE BOOKERS - SAINT FRANCIS HOTEL  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised on April 29, 1968, that JAMES EARL RAY resided in and near the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California during January, February, and March, 1968. It was determined that telephone number [REDACTED] Oxon Hill, Maryland, was called from a telephone booth in the Saint Francis Hotel on February 11, 1968.

The Baltimore Office of the FBI on May 4, 1968, determined that this telephone number is listed to a JUDY MENDELSON who received a telephone call from her father MAX MENDELSON on February 11, 1968, who was then residing in the vicinity of the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California. It was determined from JUDY MENDELSON that her father was currently residing at [REDACTED] North Miami Beach, Florida.

MAX MENDELSON was located at Miami, Florida at the [REDACTED] where he is employed as a [REDACTED]. MENDELSON advised that he resided with his sister at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California during the months of February and March, 1968.

MENDELSON advised that he used a public telephone in the Saint Francis Hotel to call his daughter JUDY in Oxon Hill, Maryland. The only occasion MENDELSON had to enter the Saint Francis Hotel was to use the telephone. At no time did MENDELSON ever see anyone who resembled the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

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TELEPHONE BOOTHS - SAINT FRANCIS HOTEL  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised on April 29, 1968, that telephone number 564-2371, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was called on February 15, 1968, from a telephone booth in the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California. JAMES EARL RAY resided at and near the Saint Francis Hotel during January, February and March, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted at Fort Lauderdale, Florida by SA [REDACTED] on April 30, 1968:

Current Fort Lauderdale, Florida telephone directory indicates that telephone number 564-2371 is the listed telephone number for the Holy Cross Hospital, 4725 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale.

Hospital officials advised that no record is maintained of persons receiving telephone calls coming into the hospital through the hospital switchboard.

Photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to hospital officials and employees of the hospital, and none were able to identify the photograph of RAY.

Hospital patient records were reviewed with reference to RAY and all aliases used by RAY. These records contained no information identifiable with RAY or any of his aliases. A wanted flyer of RAY was furnished to hospital officials who posted this wanted flyer on the hospital bulletin board.

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X. INVESTIGATION REGARDING JAMES EUGENE  
GALT WHOSE DATE OF BIRTH IS JULY 20,  
1931, THE SAME DATE OF BIRTH USED BY  
SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

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On April 18, 1968, the St. Louis Office of the FBI through a check of Missouri Drivers Licenses identified JAMES EUGENE CAULT as a suspect in this case in view of his birth date July 20, 1931, which is the same birth data used by ERIC S. GALT.

Investigation at St. Louis indicated that CAULT's current address is [REDACTED] Miami, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Miami, Florida, from April 19, 1968, to April 23, 1968:

After several negative attempts to contact CAULT at various addresses and hospitals in the Miami area, he was located at the [REDACTED] and was eliminated as a suspect in this matter on the basis of his physical appearance and facial characteristics.

XI. INVESTIGATION REGARDING GUY E. RAY  
AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND FLORENCE,  
ALABAMA

[redacted] Hialeah, Florida, advised on April 25, 1968, that [redacted] handled a matter in the name of GUY E. RAY on April 3, 1968, in which RAY furnished a Miami address. This address was determined to be fictitious. A previous address was listed as [redacted] Killen, Alabama, and [redacted] Queens Cross Roads, Alabama. [redacted] contacted a [redacted] Muscle Shoals, Alabama, with regard to RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by the Birmingham Office on April 26, 1968:

[redacted] Florence, Alabama, advised on April 26, 1968, that he has known GUY ERSKIN RAY for about two years. RAY operates [redacted] in Muscle Shoals, Alabama and resides in Killen, Alabama, and travels extensively for business purposes.

[redacted] described RAY as being 20 years old, 6'1" tall, weighing 210 pounds, and has a noticeable scar on his mouth and jaw. He in no way resembles JAMES EARL RAY.

XII. DISSEMINATION OF IDENTIFICATION ORDERS AND  
WANTED FLYERS OF SUBJECT TO AIRLINES, CAR  
RENTAL AGENCIES, U. S. IMMIGRATION AND  
NATURALIZATION SERVICE, U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH  
SERVICE, LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND VARIOUS OTHER  
FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES AT POINTS OF  
EXIT AND ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY

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The following investigation was conducted at Miami, Florida, on April 22, 1968, by SA [redacted]

Copies of Identification Order #4182 containing photographs, fingerprints and physical description of JAMES EARL RAY along with wanted flyer also containing photographs and description of RAY were furnished to all airlines and all car rental agencies at the Miami International Airport on April 22, 1968. Copies of the identification order and wanted flyer were also distributed to the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, U. S. Public Health Service and the U. S. Customs at the airport.

Copies of the identification order were given to each individual latent fingerprint examiner at the Dade County, Florida, Sheriff's Department and additional copies were provided for distribution to the Detective Bureau and detectives investigating narcotics-type cases.

Copies of the identification order were given to latent fingerprint examiners at the Miami and Miami Beach Police Departments and additional copies made available for distribution to detectives in each of these two departments.

Copies of the identification order and wanted flyer were furnished to the various Federal Government agencies in the City of Miami who are involved in law enforcement. This included the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit of the Treasury Department; the Federal Narcotics Bureau; the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs; the U. S. Coast Guard; the U. S. Customs Agency Service; the Immigration and Naturalization Service; the U. S. Border Patrol; the U. S. Postal Inspectors; the U. S. Secret Service and the Office of Security, U. S. State Department.

XIII. EFFORTS TO LOCATE WALTER LOHMEYER  
THROUGH JOHN B. SWIFT, TAVERNIER,  
FLORIDA

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On April 13, 1968, the New York Office advised that efforts to locate WALTER LOHMEYER had determined that LOHMEYER was employed at [REDACTED], Syosset, New York, and that LOHMEYER could be located possibly at Tavernier, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 13, 1968, Mr. JOHN B. SWIFT, Tavernier, Florida, advised he has had no contact with WALTER LOHMEYER since 1959. Mr. SWIFT stated that he last heard that LOHMEYER was employed with [REDACTED] New York. Mr. SWIFT could not furnish the current address, nor could he furnish the name of anyone who may know of LOHMEYER's current whereabouts.

Mr. SWIFT stated that LOHMEYER had one brother, CARLTON LOHMEYER, who was approximately 55 years of age and who worked in a [REDACTED] in a city in Pennsylvania, city unknown. Mr. SWIFT described WALTER LOHMEYER as being in his sixties and having been married several times, but not believed to have had any children through these marriages.

Mr. SWIFT stated that possibly STEVE SABATELLI, New York City telephone number [REDACTED], might be contacted inasmuch as LOHMEYER formerly carried automobile insurance with the Aetna Casualty Insurance Company through SABATELLI's firm.

Mr. SWIFT advised that WALTER LOHMEYER married his first wife, THELMA CAVITE ANDERSON, in South Norwalk, Connecticut in approximately 1935 and that his parents may still be residing there.

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XIV. INVESTIGATION REGARDING MICHEL ST. PIERRE  
AND A CADILLAC BEARING VIN F7112795 STOLEN  
IN MONTREAL, CANADA, AUGUST 21, 1967

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INVESTIGATION REGARDING MICHEL ST. PIERRE  
AND STOLEN 1967 CADILLAC, BEARING VEHICLE  
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER F7112795

On April 30, 1968, the Atlanta Office of the FBI advised that on November 30, 1967, a 1967 Cadillac DeVille, VIN F7112795, bearing 1967 Florida license 1W 179130, was found abandoned at the Atlanta Airport. It had been determined that this car was stolen on August 21, 1967, from Montreal, Canada, while in the possession of LOU EISENBERG.

Investigation reflected this car was registered to a MICHEL ST. PIERRE, 2151 N.W. 119th Street, Miami, Florida. It had been determined that the Famous Door Lounge was located at this address, however, no one by the name of ST. PIERRE was known at that address. Mail had been received at the Famous Door Lounge, in particular, correspondence from the Phillips 66 Petroleum Company for ST. PIERRE.

On May 1, 1968, the Kansas City Office determined that Phillips Petroleum records reveal that a MICHEL ST. PIERRE, 2151 N. W. 119th Street, Miami, Florida, made three purchases of Phillips products using a Shell credit card. This card number was determined to be [REDACTED]. The card was used three times for boat rentals on September 1, 2, and 3, 1967, at Craft Limited, Inc., Oakland Boulevard Bridge, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

On May 1, 1968, checks in the vicinity of 2151 N. W. 119th Street, Miami, Florida were conducted regarding a MICHEL ST. PIERRE by SA [REDACTED] and all checks met with negative results.

On May 2, 1968, SA [REDACTED] conducted the following investigation at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida:

A MICHEL ST. PIERRE, [REDACTED] (local address 2151 N. W. 119th Street, Miami), rented boats from Crafts Limited, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, September 2 and 3, 1967. He used a Shell credit card [REDACTED] to pay for these rentals and gas and oil.

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Agents for Crafts Limited, Inc. viewed photographs of RAY and were unable to identify. Telephone number appearing on contract was ~~514-1111~~. Area code ~~514~~ determined to be area code for Montreal, Canada vicinity.

JENNIFER WARNER, Title Clerk, Scott Motors, Hallandale, advised she handled transfer of title for MICHEL ST. PIERRE at request of ANGELO CIULLA, owner, Autorama, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Autorama was determined to be out of business and CIULLA is currently being sought for interview in connection with an automobile ring involving Canadian cars. His present whereabouts is unknown.

In connection with this car ring case, it was determined that CLAUDE DAOUST, an alias of JEAN-CLAUDE BISSONNETTE, was arrested on September 12, 1967, in Montreal, Canada. When arrested, BISSONNETTE had in his possession a Shell credit card in the name of MICHEL ST. PIERRE, 2151 N. W. 119th Street, Miami, Florida, and a Florida registration issued August 31, 1967, for a 1967 Cadillac convertible, VIN F7112795, Florida registration 1W 179130.

On May 2, 1968, two rental agreements between Crafts Limited, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and a MICHEL ST. PIERRE dated September 2-3, 1967, bearing renter signature MICHEL ST. PIERRE together with three Shell credit card invoices bearing the same signature were furnished to the FBI Laboratory for handwriting examination.

On May 6, 1968, the FBI Laboratory concluded that the MICHEL ST. PIERRE signatures on the credit cards and the rental contracts were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

On May 9, 1968, the FBI Laboratory advised that none of the latent fingerprints developed on the credit cards or rental agreements were identical with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

On May 6, 1968, the Albany Division of the FBI located MICHEL ST. PIERRE in Vermont, Quebec, Canada. ST. PIERRE advised at this time he lost his credit cards on August 1, 1967.

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It was further determined from the Montreal Police that CLAUDE DAOUST, who was also known as JEAN CLAUDE BISSONNETTE, is a leading car thief in the Montreal, Canada area and his last known whereabouts was the Palm Beach County Jail, West Palm Beach, Florida, as of February 29, 1968.

On May 6, 1968, SA [redacted] determined from Palm Beach County, Florida authorities that CLAUDE DAOUST was released from their custody on the evening of April 4, 1968. The current whereabouts of DAOUST was not known to the Palm Beach County authorities.

On May 1, 1968, the Albany Office advised that [redacted] Montreal Police Department, Auto Theft Squad, had developed no suspects or additional information regarding the theft of this Cadillac in Montreal on August 21, 1967.

XV. INVESTIGATION REGARDING [REDACTED] WHO  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] JOKINGLY TOLD [REDACTED] A GIRL  
FRIEND OF [REDACTED] THAT THEY HAD KILLED  
MARTIN LUTHER KING



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On May 3, 1968, the Birmingham Office of the FBI advised they had received a letter from [redacted] Okeechobee, Florida, advising them she had possession of urgent information and desired to talk to an Agent of the FBI.

On May 3, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Okeechobee, Florida:

[redacted] stated that at about midnight, April 4, 1968, she received a telephone call from her former fiancée, [redacted] from Birmingham stating he and [redacted] were on the run. She said that [redacted] told her MARTIN LUTHER KING was dead and that they did it. He asked her to hide them out for a few weeks. He mentioned a payoff of \$100,000 to be delivered to them near Dothan, Alabama on April 5, 1968, and said they would see her the next night.

[redacted] and [redacted] allegedly are members of an unknown secret organization.

The Atlanta Office of the FBI determined on May 4, 1968, that [redacted] and [redacted] both were at work at Gray, Georgia, on April 4, 1968. [redacted] employer, [redacted] advised [redacted] told him on April 5 or April 6, 1968, that [redacted] had played jokes on his girl friend in Okeechobee, Florida. He stated [redacted] had said he and [redacted] had killed Doctor KING and needed to be hidden out. [redacted] advised he reprimanded [redacted] stating these kind of joking statements could cause trouble.

[redacted] was interviewed and confirmed the joke telephone call and also confirmed that [redacted] has been telling his girl friend, [redacted], horror stories. [redacted] stated all was false about any secret organization and made apologies and promised to disassociate himself from [redacted].

Some of the foregoing information was received by [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police

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Department on April 16, 1968, after he had been in contact with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Okeechobee, Florida. This information was immediately furnished by the Milwaukee FBI Office to the Miami Office by telephone.

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XVI. INVESTIGATION AT HIPPIE HANGOUTS MIAMI DIVISION

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On April 24, 1968, information was developed that JAMES EARL RAY was a narcotics addict using injections of Amphetamine.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on April 25, 1968, at Miami, Florida:

All hippy hangouts and psychedelic art and trinket shops in the greater Miami area were contacted and furnished with wanted flyers of subject JAMES EARL RAY. None were able to identify subject although they all agreed to post the wanted flyers in their respective business establishments.

On April 25, 1968, all hippy hangouts and psychedelic art and trinket shops were contacted throughout the Miami Division and wanted flyers of subject RAY were furnished to the proprietors without effecting an identification. All agreed to post the wanted flyers in their shops.

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XVII. INVESTIGATION OF SUBSCRIBER TO  
TELEPHONE NUMBER 813-657-3181,  
IMMOKALEE, FLORIDA, CALLED FROM  
A TELEPHONE BOOTH ON TEXAS  
INTERSTATE HIGHWAY TEN, VIDOR,  
TEXAS, BETWEEN DECEMBER 15-17, 1967

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PUBLIC TELEPHONE CHECKS ALONG INTERSTATE 10,  
TEXAS, DECEMBER 15 - 17, 1967

On May 5, 1968, the Houston Office of the FBI advised that CHARLES STEIN and JAMES EARL RAY traveled on Interstate 10 between December 15 and 17, 1967. A telephone call was made from a public telephone at Vidor, Texas, telephone number 769-9108 to Inverness, Florida, telephone number 313-657-3181.

The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] at Inverness, Florida, on May 7, 1968:

Mr. CHARLES MARKLE, Foreman, H. L. Hunt Packing Co., telephone 657-3181, advised he has never heard of Vidor, Texas, and does not recall receiving a telephone call from there on December 15, 1967, and has no way of checking such a call to determine the identity of the caller. He stated he was lining up a crew in and around McAllen and Farr, Texas during the middle of December, 1967, and it is possible that a business call was made in that regard, but he does not recall it.

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XVIII. INVESTIGATION REGARDING [REDACTED]  
WHO ALLEGEDLY THREATENED TO KILL DOCTOR  
KING IN 1966 IN THE PRESENCE OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] A HITCHHIKER

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On April 26, 1968, the Pittsburgh Division developed information from [redacted] that his nephew, [redacted] claimed he and two others through a newspaper advertisement, obtained a ride in 1966 with one [redacted]. While traveling through Kansas City, Missouri, [redacted] disappeared with their belongings. Before [redacted] disappeared, he allegedly told them he was going to shoot KING. The Pittsburgh Office of the FBI determined that [redacted] was currently residing at [redacted] Sebastian, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Sebastian, Florida, on April 26, 1968:

[redacted] Sebastian, Florida, advised that when his nephew, [redacted] was hitchhiking from San Francisco to Vermont in 1966, the above described incident occurred. [redacted] was unable to recall any reference to MARTIN LUTHER KING. He advised his nephew, [redacted] was currently residing at [redacted] San Diego, California, and was attending college there.



XIX. INVESTIGATION REGARDING [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA,  
WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD INQUIRED OF A  
KU KLUX KLAN OFFICIAL IN 1966 HOW  
MUCH MONEY THEY WOULD PAY TO KILL  
MARTIN LUTHER KING

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1.

THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On September 9, 1966, information was received in the Miami Office of the FBI that [REDACTED] in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, had allegedly inquired of an official of the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, how much money they would pay to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment. He was advised of his rights by [redacted] as shown on an unexecuted warning and waiver form. He was advised that the purpose of the interview concerned his attempt to join Klavern #6 of the United Klans of America, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and a statement reportedly made by him inquiring how much money the Klavern would pay to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed.

[redacted] stated he would furnish any information and desired to cooperate fully since he had nothing to hide whatsoever, consequently, he advised as follows:

About a year and a half ago, perhaps sometime in September, 1966, he became quite concerned about the racial situation in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and was upset regarding the racial integration of schools in Ft. Lauderdale and the effect thereof on his daughter.

He expressed an interest in joining the Ku Klux Klan of Ft. Lauderdale and through a [redacted] he believes that he submitted written application for membership. Subsequent to submission of his application he was contacted telephonically by an unknown person concerning his application.

He was not recontacted concerning the Klan and was not accepted for membership. As far as he knows, the Klan would not accept him and did not want him as a member. He advised that the reason for his rejection was probably because he is an alcoholic. He admitted that he has been an alcoholic for quite awhile and is attempting to "stay on the wagon," however, he has not been able to completely conquer this problem.

He does not recall making any inquiry of anyone regarding how much the Klavern would pay to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. He advised that he may have made derogatory

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 5/3/68

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statements concerning KING during this period of time, however, he denied saying that he would ever kill KING or wanted to know how much would be paid for killing KING.

He advised that his statements must have been misconstrued or taken out of context.

He advised that on April 4, 1968, he was working at the [redacted] and denied being in Memphis, Tennessee.

He further denied he had anything whatsoever to do with the killing of Doctor KING or being involved as a conspirator. He stated that his presence in Ft. Lauderdale on April 4, could be verified through his employer, [redacted] and co-worker, [redacted].

He reiterated that he had made application to join the Klan in Ft. Lauderdale but denied that he ever inquired of the Klan how much money they would pay to kill KING.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted]
Occupation	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Employer	[redacted]
Date of birth	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Admits to using two dates of birth, [redacted] and [redacted] at [redacted]
Height	5'7"
Weight	180 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Reddish and sallow
Hair	Gray
Build	Heavy

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Wife  
Children  
Home telephone  
number  
Peculiarities

[REDACTED]  
Two girls

[REDACTED]  
Admitted to being an  
alcoholic

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [redacted] on May 2, 1968, at Ft. Lauderdale,  
Florida:

[redacted] advised he is acquainted with [redacted]  
who is a [redacted] at this [redacted] and who as far  
as she knows was working with her on April 4, 1968, and  
April 5, 1968, and could not possibly have been in Memphis,  
Tennessee on those dates.

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XX. INVESTIGATION AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN  
EFFORTS TO LOCATE PAULA SIMONE GALT  
THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION  
SERVICE RECORDS

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The St. Louis Division on April 10, 1968, advised Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) records, St. Louis, Missouri, reflect the INS file concerning PAULA SIMONE GALT had been transferred to INS, Miami, 1a November, 1967.



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Date 4/10/68

U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, (INS), U. S. Federal Building, Miami, Florida advised that a review of their records failed to reflect any information identical with an ERIC STARVO GALT, ERIC K. C. GAULT or an ERNEST GAULT.

advised that the only records that the Miami Office of the INS had on last names ending in GALT or GAULT were on a PAULE SIMONE GALT, INS SIMONE GAULT, INS and LAZARA GAULT, INS.

Further advised that INS records Miami, Florida reflected that file on LAZARA GAULT had been transferred to the New York Office of U. S. INS on October 4, 1967 and any further information on this file would have to be obtained through the New York Office.

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A review of U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, (INS), records conducted by SA [redacted] at the U. S. Federal Building, Miami, Florida reflected the following information on the following individuals:

PAULE SIMONE GALT nee GONDEZ, widowed DUPUREUR,  
aka Paula Simon Galt, INS [redacted]

Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5' 2 1/2"
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Husband	WARREN MILTON GALT, born [redacted]
	Employed: [redacted]
	St. Louis, Missouri
Children	[redacted] born [redacted]
	born [redacted]
Address	[redacted]
(as of 5/27/49)	St. Louis, Missouri
Address	[redacted]
(as of 12/1/67)	[redacted] Manatee, Florida

MARIE DELIMA SIMONE GAULT nee MATTE, aka SIMONE  
MATTE GAULT, INS [redacted]

Sex	Female
Race	White
Citizenship	Canadian
Date of Birth	[redacted]

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Place of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5' 2"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Husband	JOSEPH JAMES GAULT
Address	[REDACTED]
(As of 7/22/55)	New York, New York

There are no photographs or handwriting samples available in these files on WARREN MILTON GALT or JOSEPH JAMES GAULT.

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On April 12, 1968, JOSEPH JAMES GAULT and SIMONE MAITE GAULT, [redacted] Miami, Florida, was interviewed by SA [redacted]. Mr. and Mrs. GAULT advised they were not related to or acquainted with anyone named ERIC STARVO GALT or KARL GALT and do not know anyone by those names. Mr. GAULT advised he was born in [redacted] on [redacted] and stated that GAULT and GALT are both accepted versions of spelling and are often used interchangeably.

He advised he has a son by a former marriage, DONALD CAMERON GAULT, born in [redacted]. He is apparently in the U. S. Navy and whom he has not seen since 1928. He further advised that his former wife and mother of DONALD CAMERON GAULT is [redacted], who resides at [redacted] New Jersey, and in all probability knows the whereabouts of DONALD CAMERON GAULT.

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XXI. CHECKING VIN FOR RE-REGISTRATION  
FOR 1967 WHITE MUSTANG

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On April 10, 1968, the Birmingham Office advised that the white 1967 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647 registered to ERIC STARVO GALT could possibly be re-registered in another state.

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[redacted], Miami, Florida Police Department, Auto Theft Squad, on April 11, 1968, caused records of his department's Communication Division, which contains listings of all vehicles registered in Dade County, Miami, Florida, to be searched under the description of a 1966 Mustang automobile, VIN GT07C190647, 1968 Alabama license 1-38993.

[redacted] advised as of April 11, 1968, no record identifiable with the aforementioned 1966 Mustang automobile was located in the files of the Miami, Florida Police Department Communication Division.

[redacted] advised no reference was located which would indicate as of April 11, 1968, the Mustang automobile is presently or has ever been registered in Dade County, Miami, Florida.

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XXII. CONTACTS WITH SALVATION ARMY AND WELFARE  
AGENCIES, MIAMI DIVISION



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The following investigation was conducted in the Miami Division on May 22, 1968:

All Salvation Army Centers, county, city and local welfare agencies in the Miami Division were contacted, with regard to JAMES EARL RAY. All of these agencies were furnished with Identification Orders and Wanted Flyers of RAY, and none were able to identify him.

All church welfare agencies were also contacted and furnished with Identification Orders and Wanted Flyers of JAMES EARL RAY.

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XXIII. LOOK-ALIKES

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On April 22, 1968, the New York Office advised that [REDACTED] B-11page, New York, and his wife had observed an individual at the Sea Ranch Hotel, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Florida, whose name was [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] arrived at this hotel on April 16, 1968, and departed on April 19, 1968, and [REDACTED] resembled a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 23, 1968, RICHARD OSEN, Manager, Sea Ranch Hotel, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, advised [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] Houston, Texas, stayed at the hotel from April 16, 1968, to April 19, 1968.

Upon viewing a photograph of GALT, Mr. OSEN advised that there was no resemblance between [REDACTED] and GALT. Mr. OSEN advised that the [REDACTED] may still be vacationing in the Miami area; however, their whereabouts were unknown to him.

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On April 21, 1968, [redacted] Miami, telephone number [redacted], furnished the following information.

Around 3:00 p.m. on April 21, 1968, while working at his place of employment, [redacted] Miami, he observed two white males, one of whom fitted the description of subject, driving a 1952 or 1953 blue Dodge bearing Alabama license number [redacted]. [redacted] advised that one of the occupants of this vehicle inquired of him if he knew of a way to bypass the city to make connections with U. S. Highway 41.

[redacted] further advised that he conjectured that possibly these two individuals may have been en route to Tampa, Florida.

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On April 23, 1968, the San Francisco Office advised that [redacted] National Airlines (NAL), Houston, Texas, had observed around Noon, April 21, 1968, an individual resembling subject boarding a flight to the West Coast en route to either San Francisco or Los Angeles, California. This individual was described as a white male, 6 feet 1 inch, brown hair, cowboy straw hat, horned rimmed glasses with dark shaded lenses, wearing beige Levi jacket and having a neatly trimmed goatee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 23, 1968, NAL stewardesses MONA LEVINE, SUSAN CARBONE, JOANN HARRINGTON and JOANNE MC CLAIN were interviewed upon arrival of NAL Flight 48 at Miami, Florida.

These stewardesses advised that they had been aboard NAL Flight 47 on April 21, 1968, and they all stated that they had not seen or noticed any person on NAL Flight 47 that fitted the above described individual.

Photographs of subject and WALTER T. RIFE were exhibited to each of the above mentioned stewardesses and they advised that no one on NAL Flight 47 on April 21, 1968, resembled either photograph to the best of their recollection.

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On April 18, 1968, the El Paso Office advised that an individual named [REDACTED] was reportedly "on the run" and that he had left New Orleans the morning of April 18, 1968. It was further reported that [REDACTED] allegedly fitted the description of the subject.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Fort Lauderdale, Florida, advised that her son, [REDACTED] resides with another son, [REDACTED] Wellborn, Florida. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] has resided with [REDACTED] for the past four years and that [REDACTED] helps out on [REDACTED] farm and does 4-H work.

[REDACTED] advised she last saw [REDACTED] just before Christmas, 1967. She said that [REDACTED] was very thin at that time and in no way did he look similar to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT which was displayed to her. [REDACTED] displayed a photograph of [REDACTED] noting that this photograph did not resemble the subject.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was formerly in the U. S. Army for about ten years; however, he was discharged about ten years ago. She described him as a white male, born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. She said that [REDACTED] was about 5 feet 9 inches, weighed 130-135 pounds, had sandy hair and very thin features.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] concerning an individual who placed a note in some stationery destined for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Miami, Florida, regarding anonymous note that stated, " [redacted] KING will be dead by 4/4/68", which note was subsequently determined to be authored by [redacted] Ashland, Ohio.

On April 10, 1968, [redacted] Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company (PPGC), [redacted] Miami, Florida, advised she had ordered some stationery supplies from the A. L. Garber Company, Printers, Ashland, Ohio, through the PPGC and that this stationery arrived at PPGC, Miami, Florida on April 10, 1968.

[redacted] advised she opened the outer package and removed one inner package and started to remove a second inner package when she noted a 3" x 1/2" piece of paper which had been ripped from the package copy of the shipping bill. Written on this slip of paper was "Dr. Rev. MARTIN L. KING will be dead by 4/4/68." This slip of paper together with the shipping bill was taped with cellophane tape to a package of paper pads.

[redacted] advised that the Garber shipping number was 52360 and that this package was picked up by the United Parcel Service on April 5, 1968, and delivered on April 10, 1968.

The above described items were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C. for comparison and examination purposes.

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On April 12, 1968, the New York Office advised that it had been reported that an individual named [REDACTED] who resided in Vero Beach, Florida, allegedly resembled the subject.



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[redacted] Vero Beach, Florida; mailing address, [redacted] Vero Beach, Florida, was interviewed at his residence. He furnished the following information:

He is not currently employed and has not been employed since he resigned his position with the [redacted] with whom he worked as an [redacted] from October, 1966, through April, 1967.

[redacted] broke a rib shortly following his resignation and was "laid up" for four weeks.

[redacted] was unable to find a suitable position and remained unemployed until [redacted] when he entered the Veterans Administration Hospital on Montrose, New York. He was treated at the hospital for his general physical run down condition and for his condition due to a nervous disorder. He was released from the hospital on [redacted]. He straightened up his personal affairs in New York State, including the sale of his former residence at [redacted] Stony Point, New York, and he came to Vero Beach, Florida, at the end of January to reside with his mother and stepfather.

He has resided with his mother and stepfather since the end of January, 1968, and has taken no trips out of Vero Beach, which have lasted more than one day.

[redacted] advised that he had not been outside the State of Florida, since the end of January, 1968. He did not recall his activities on March 29 and 30, 1968, but he did recall that on April 4, 1968; he slept until

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by SAS [redacted]

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about noon. He spent the afternoon out at either the beach or the public library, and he believed that he rented an adding machine for his mother from O'Hare's Business Machine Company in Vero Beach, Florida. He was home for dinner and stayed at his residence on the evening on April 4, 1968.

is described from observation and interview as follows:

Name:	[REDACTED]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	[REDACTED]
POB:	[REDACTED]
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	130 pounds
Hair:	Reddish brown
Eyes:	Hazel
Scars and Marks:	None
Occupation:	[REDACTED]
Residence:	[REDACTED]
	Vero Beach, Florida
Former residence:	[REDACTED] STONY
	Point, New York
Former Employment:	[REDACTED]
Relatives:	
Mother:	[REDACTED]
	same address
Stepfather:	[REDACTED] same address
Former wife:	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED] Staten Island, New York
Daughter:	[REDACTED] age 8, same as above

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Daughter: [redacted], age 5  
same as above  
Grandmother: [redacted]  
Colchester, Vermont  
Brother: [redacted]  
New York City, New York  
Arrest Record: [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Military  
Service: Formerly in U. S. Army,  
had U. S. Army SN [redacted]

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On April 12, 1968, [redacted] mother, and [redacted] stepfather, both of whom reside at [redacted] Vero Beach, Florida, were interviewed separately. Each advised that [redacted] had spent every night at the above residence since he first came to live with them in late January, 1968. They recalled that he had slept late on the morning of April 4, 1968, and that he had eaten dinner with them on the evening of April 4, 1968. They also recalled that he had spent the evening of April 4, 1968, watching television in his room.

On April 15, 1968, [redacted] Vero Beach Public Library, advised that she is acquainted with [redacted]. She stated that in recent weeks he has frequently visited the library. She advised that she does not recall whether or not he was in the library on April 4, 1968. She stated that he did not withdraw any books on April 4, 1968, but that he frequently came to the library without withdrawing books.

She further advised that it was very possible that he may have been at the library on the day in question.

On April 15, 1968, JACK O'HARE, Manager, O'Hare's Office Machine Store, 1422 20th Street, Vero Beach, Florida, advised that he had rented an adding machine to [redacted] Vero Beach. He advised that [redacted] son had picked up the rented machine and to the best of his recollection this had been on April 4, 1968. He stated that he could not be sure of the exact date because of the fact that no written record was made of the transaction.

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On April 18, 1968,

[redacted] Dade County, Florida, telephonically advised that he is employed as a [redacted] and a part-time [redacted]

[redacted] Miami, Florida.

[redacted] stated that while servicing a 1967 red Mustang on the evening of April 17, 1968, he recalls that the driver of this vehicle closely resembled the photograph of ERIC SIARVO GALT which appeared in the "Miami Herald" newspaper of April 18, 1968.

[redacted] stated that the driver would not leave this vehicle and that the individual had a "funny look on his face". He said that this individual purchased \$1.00 worth of gasoline and noted that this individual had the windows of the automobile rolled up even though it was warm outside.

[redacted] stated that this individual had sandy brown hair and was wearing a recently grown "CLARK GABLE style" mustache.

[redacted] advised that the above mentioned Mustang bore 1967 Iowa license plate number [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 19, 1968,

[redacted] Miami, Florida, advised the writer that the 1967 Ford Mustang bearing 1967 Iowa license [redacted] was sold on January 29, 1968, to [redacted] Miami, Florida. He has no idea as to who [redacted] might have sold this automobile.

On April 19, 1968, [redacted] was contacted at his place of business, [redacted] Miami, Florida. [redacted] stated he sold the 1967 Ford Mustang bearing 1967 Iowa license [redacted] on April 15, 1968, to [redacted] Miami, Florida.

On April 19, 1968, [redacted] at, Miami, Florida, was contacted at [redacted] Miami, Florida. [redacted] advised he was driving the 1967 red Ford Mustang bearing 1967 Iowa license [redacted] on the evening of April 17, 1968. Further, he advised that he is the son of the owner of [redacted] [redacted] denied having been in Memphis, Tennessee except when he was a small child, about twenty years ago. He further advised that he had no involvement in the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6 feet 2 inches
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown, curly
Eyes	Light brown
Military	Florida National Guard
	No [redacted]
Peculiarities	Extremely high cheek bones

The following investigation pertains to information relating to a [REDACTED] Memphis, Tennessee.

On April 9, 1968, Florida Highway Trooper [REDACTED] Miami, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] brother-in-law, [REDACTED], who presently resides at Hollywood, Florida, and who is employed as a firearms salesman, informed Trooper [REDACTED] on the evening of April 8, 1968, that during October, 1967, he [REDACTED] had an occasion to occupy a booth at a firearms show in Memphis, Tennessee. According to [REDACTED], on October 29, 1967, one [REDACTED] Memphis, Tennessee, appeared at the firearms show and at his booth purchased a .22 caliber rifle. During the course of this sale, [REDACTED] commented that he owned a 30.06 caliber automatic rifle.

Trooper [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] recalled that [REDACTED] fitted the general description of the man that was seen running from the building from which the shot was fired that killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[REDACTED] had informed Trooper [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was employed at [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] Memphis, Tennessee. [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a "weird and funny talking" individual.

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The following investigation pertains to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], LaGrange, Georgia.

On April 9, 1968, an anonymous note scribbled on a scrap of paper was received at the Miami Office of the FBI in an airmail envelope addressed to the FBI, Miami, Florida, which bore the postmarking of Miami Beach, P. M., April 7, 1968.

This note stated as follows: "Get [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], in LaGrange, Ga. You will have KING's killer".

This anonymous note was furnished to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C. for comparison purposes.



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The following investigation was conducted regarding an individual observed at Eatonville and Orlando, Florida, on April 7 and 8, 1968, as furnished by the Tampa Office on April 15, 1968.

On April 15, 1968, Mr. A. J. STROUDMIER, Greyhound Bus Driver, 11780 S.W. 188th Street, South Miami Heights, Florida, advised SA [REDACTED] that on April 8, 1968, he made Greyhound run number 311 from Orlando to Miami, Florida, departing Orlando at 8:15 a.m.

Mr. STROUDMIER was unable to identify anyone resembling subject as being a passenger on his Greyhound Bus on the above mentioned date.

• On April 16, 1968, Mr. CHARLES TITUS, 17621 N.W. 10th Court, Miami, advised SA [REDACTED] that he is a Greyhound Bus Driver. Mr. TITUS advised that he made Greyhound run number 363 from Orlando, Florida to Miami, Florida on April 8, 1968, noting that the Greyhound Bus departed Orlando at 9:20 a.m. Mr. TITUS was unable to recall seeing anyone who fitted the description of the subject as being a passenger on the above mentioned Greyhound Bus.

An artist's conception of the subject was shown to both of the above mentioned Greyhound Bus Drivers without effecting an identification as such.

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The following investigation relates to an individual seen by [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, at the lobby of the Miami International Airport.

On April 18, 1968, St. Louis Office advised that a [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, had observed an individual resembling the subject seated in the lobby of the Miami International Airport Hotel, Miami, Florida, on April 11, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 18, 1968, photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT were exhibited to employees of the Miami International Airport Hotel, Miami, Florida. These employees stated that they had no recollection of observing anyone who looked like the individual in the photographs or anyone fitting the description of GALT at the Miami International Airport Hotel in the past several days.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
[redacted] regarding information furnished by  
[redacted] Tilford Flying Service, West Palm Beach,  
Florida, concerning [redacted]

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Tilford Flying Service, Palm Beach International Airport, West Palm Beach, Florida, advised persons identifying themselves as [redacted] and his wife, [redacted], arrived at that airport during the late afternoon of April 5, 1968, in a private Beechcraft Debonair, Number [redacted], from Memphis, Tennessee, en route to the Bahamas. They returned from the Bahamas during the afternoon of April 8, 1968, intending to return to Memphis that date, but learned the Memphis airport was closed. They did depart West Palm Beach in the above aircraft, which [redacted] was piloting, to go on towards Memphis, but did not file a flight plan, which is not required, so their exact immediate destination was not known.

[redacted] said [redacted] was using a credit card in the name of [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, which is the address of [redacted] Memphis. She described [redacted] as about 40 years of age, 5'10" tall, 185 pounds, with a fair complexion and brown or sandy-colored hair. She said his hairline was somewhat receded and thinner in front than in back, making it appear somewhat sandy in front and more brown in back. The hair was combed straight back. He is built wider in the hips than in the shoulders, and appeared to be slightly knock kneed and had a slight paunch. [redacted] was described as about 27 years of age, 5'8" tall, 145 pounds, with brown hair. [redacted] noted neither [redacted] nor [redacted] were wearing wedding rings.

[redacted] said when [redacted] first arrived at the terminal in West Palm Beach and she learned he was from Memphis, she mentioned what a nasty thing the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING was. [redacted] took an attitude of no remorse about this, and indicated KING got just what he deserved; that he was just making things bad in Memphis, and that was the reason they got out of Memphis for a while. [redacted] then said she would not want to shoot anyone or have anyone shoot her, and no response was made to this, but [redacted] gave her a very "dirty look." On learning of his return trip that the Memphis airport was closed, apparently because of the KING matter, [redacted] again voiced disgust, indicating

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KING was the fault of this, and such actions following the death of KING are not justified.

... said after she first saw ... she observed in a local newspaper an artist's conception of the person who killed KING, which drawing she believed was attributed to a newspaper in Memphis. When she saw this drawing she was struck by the resemblance with ... She said a combination of all these things made her believe the matter should be reported for what it was worth.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at West Palm Beach, Florida regarding an individual resembling subject in "Jet Magazine":

On April 16, 1968, [redacted], West Palm Beach, Florida, furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated he had just seen the current issue of "Jet Magazine". On Page 43 was a photograph of the composite of the suspect in the assassination of Reverend Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. [redacted] stated that on Page 47 of this magazine was a photograph of a man who had previously made an attempt against Dr. KING in Selma, Alabama.

[redacted] stated, in his opinion, there was a definite resemblance between the two photographs.

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On April 19, 1968, the Jacksonville Office advised that North Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper [redacted] Catawba County, North Carolina, had observed an individual resembling subject on the night of April 9, 1968 at Newton, North Carolina driving a 1955 or 1956 Dodge four-door with an off white top, dark green on sides, hood and trunk and with an off white bottom bearing 1968 Florida license [redacted] followed by four or five digits.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 19, 1968, the Broward County Auto Tag Agency, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, advised that Florida licenses with the number prefix [redacted] are assigned to Broward County, Florida.

The Broward County Tag Agency advised that since they are not computerized, it would require physically pulling and observing over 150,000 registration cards in order to segregate the 1955 and 1956 Dodge automobile registered in Broward County, Florida. Further that since these records are located in five different agencies, the task of pulling these registration cards in this regard would be an overwhelming task.

The Broward County Tag Agency advised that since the State Automobile Registration Bureau in Tallahassee, Florida is computerized, the possibility exists that the state agency could possibly obtain a "read out" of all such automobiles for the entire state of Florida; and that in this matter, the [redacted] tags could then be obtained from this "read out".

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On April 20, 1968, the Milwaukee Office of the FBI advised [redacted] telephonically furnished the following information to the Milwaukee FBI Office:

[redacted] stated he and his wife had recently returned from a vacation in Florida. They stayed at the Sun Castle Club, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, Pompano, Florida, which [redacted] stated was operated by an ERNEST CASTLE.

[redacted] stated after seeing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that a bellboy at the Sun Castle Club closely resembled RAY both in looks and general description. He stated that this bellboy's name was [redacted] and that he had told people at the club he was leaving to work [redacted] in Tennessee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Pompano Beach, Florida from April 23, 1968, to April 29, 1968:

HERB BLONSTRUM, Assistant Manager, Sun Castle Motel, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, Pompano Beach, Florida, advised that the individual named [redacted] was probably [redacted] of [redacted] Randolph, Massachusetts. His Social Security Number was listed as [redacted]

After an exhaustive search for pertinent records, BLONSTRUM determined [redacted] was employed from March 28, 1968, to April 1, 1968, as a bellboy. He remembered that [redacted] mentioned going to Tennessee but could not remember the name of the city.

BLONSTRUM was unable to locate the employment application for [redacted] and admitted his records were extremely disorganized. His motel has highly transient help and in fact the supervisor of [redacted] had since departed.

BLONSTRUM viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and said he did not believe this photograph was identical



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with [REDACTED] He indicated [REDACTED] has more shallow cheeks and a wider nose.

Credit and criminal checks at Pompano Beach and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, regarding [REDACTED] met with negative results.

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On April 24, 1968, the Savannah, Georgia Office of the FBI advised as follows:

Investigation on April 24, 1968, at Darien, Georgia, had determined that on April 9, 1968, an individual identifying himself as [redacted] who closely resembled artist's conception of the assassin of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was seen in Darien, Georgia. [redacted] had made inquiries at Darien, Georgia concerning a money order which was to be forwarded to him at New Smyrna, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted at Boca Raton, Florida by SA [redacted] on April 25, 1968:

[redacted] advised she has been living at this address about two weeks and comes from Clinton, North Carolina. She advised she [redacted] in Clinton, North Carolina, about the last week in March, 1968. She stated since that time she has been with [redacted] every day both in Clinton, North Carolina and in Boca Raton, Florida. She advised they came to Florida together and plan on getting married when she is divorced from her separated husband. She advised [redacted] was definitely in Clinton, North Carolina, with her on April 3, 4, 5, 1968.

She advised [redacted] is working at [redacted]

[redacted] was located at the [redacted] and eliminated as being subject by fingerprint comparison.

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On April 24, 1968, the Tampa Office of the FBI advised that [redacted] of North Largo, Florida, had furnished information to the effect that on April 8, 1968, he had flown from Miami, Florida, to St. Croix, Virgin Islands. He flew on Pan American Airways (PAA) Flight 429 and believes he saw a person identical to JAMES EARL RAY sitting in Seat [redacted] or Seat [redacted].

The following investigation was conducted at Miami, Florida, by SA [redacted] at PAA, Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida, from April 25 to April 29, 1968:

FRANK WARFIELD, Assistant Passenger Manager, PAA, advised his records indicate that Seat [redacted] on Flight 429 from Miami to St. Croix, Virgin Islands, was occupied by [redacted] on April 8, 1968. WARFIELD further advised that it would take approximately two or three days to determine when [redacted] was residing at the time he made his reservation. Seat [redacted] on this flight was not occupied.

On April 29, 1968, FRANK WARFIELD advised that [redacted] left as a contact point telephone number [redacted] at Pompano Beach, Florida, which number is listed to [redacted].

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Pompano Beach, Florida, on April 29, 1968:

[redacted] Pompano Beach, Florida, advised that [redacted] was employed on a job in Pompano Beach, Florida, on April 4 and April 5, 1968, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

[redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, 6' tall, slender build, who has two fingers missing on one hand and one finger missing on the other as a result of a 1963 accident. He stated that there was a possibility that [redacted] resembled JAMES EARL RAY, however, he positively stated that [redacted] is not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

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On April 25, 1968, the Atlanta Office of the FBI advised that WILLARD F. RAY previously resided at [redacted] Atlanta.

Investigation indicated that RAY had since moved to [redacted] Coral Gables, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] at Miami, Florida, on April 26, 1968:

Attempts to locate WILLARD F. RAY at [redacted] Coral Gables, Florida, met with negative results. It was determined that WILLARD F. RAY resides at [redacted]. RAY was contacted and was eliminated as a suspect through a check of his fingerprints.

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On May 6, 1968, [REDACTED] advised the Tampa Office of the FBI that she and her husband had stayed at the Buena Vista Hotel, 409 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, from approximately April 18, 1968, to April 25, 1968. She further stated that while residing at the Buena Vista Hotel, an individual known to her only as [REDACTED] was also staying at the Buena Vista Hotel and resembled pictures of JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted at West Palm Beach, Florida by SA [REDACTED] on May 6, 1968:

WILLIAM COCKRIN, Manager, Buena Vista Hotel, West Palm Beach, Florida, stated that a [REDACTED] registered there on April 19, 1968, and departed the following day. COCKRIN stated that [REDACTED] was definitely not identical with JAMES EARL RAY. He further stated that [REDACTED] was at least six feet tall, was less than 30 years old, had a very crooked "Dick Tracy" type nose, and a large prominent chin.

[REDACTED]

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On April 24, 1968, the San Francisco Office of the FBI advised that they had received information to the effect that witnesses at Douglas, Georgia believed JAMES EARL RAY hitchhiked through Douglas, Georgia on April 20, 1968.

He allegedly stayed overnight at the Ivy Minor Hotel using the name [REDACTED] and gave his address as [REDACTED] Carmel Valley, California.

His parents were contacted by the San Francisco Office and they advised their son [REDACTED] was currently employed at the [REDACTED], Boca Raton, Florida and furnished a photograph of their son.

The following investigation was conducted at Boca Raton, Florida by SA [REDACTED] on April 24, 1968:

[REDACTED] advised her records reflect [REDACTED] went to work for [REDACTED] April 3, 1968, as a [REDACTED]. He worked until April 19, 1968, when he left, leaving a forwarding address of, in care of [REDACTED], Carmel Valley, California, a sister. She advised his supervisor was [REDACTED]. She stated he is described as a white male, born [REDACTED], 5'11" tall, 182 pounds, brown hair and brown eyes. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised after viewing a photograph of RAY, that [REDACTED] was not similar in appearance to RAY. She stated [REDACTED] was definitely at the [REDACTED] and working for her on April 3, 4, 5, 1968, and through April 19, 1968, when he left to return to California.

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The Baltimore Office of the FBI advised on May 5, 1968, that [redacted] while traveling through the State of Georgia on February 12, 1968, met three men in a restaurant, name and location not recalled.

[redacted] saw these men at intervals while traveling along the highway. When they stopped at a gasoline station somewhere in Florida, [redacted] advised that one of these men identified himself as [redacted] and stated that he was traveling to Naples, Florida. [redacted] furnished a description and address for [redacted] at Naples, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] at Naples, Florida:

On May 8, 1968, [redacted] advised she has known [redacted] for over eight years. She stated he recently visited her and her husband and left about a month ago. He was alone and was traveling by bus back to his home in Alliance, Ohio.

She described [redacted] as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 35 years
Height	5'8" tall
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Light blond, straight
Teeth	Two front teeth missing
Marital Status	Married
Brothers	None

[redacted] stated [redacted] in no way resembles JAMES EARL RAY. She produced two snapshots she stated were taken of [redacted] and the person on the snapshots did not resemble RAY.

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On April 30, 1968, the Minneapolis Office of the FBI received information from [redacted] that an unidentified individual delivered a variety of seafood to Michael's Restaurant, Minneapolis, on April 30, 1968. [redacted] advised that this individual appeared to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY and that the seafood was delivered from an Alterman Transport Lines, Inc. truck with home offices in Miami, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Miami, Florida, on May 1, 1968:

DAVID ALTERMAN, proprietor, Alterman Transport Lines, Inc., 2424 N. W. 46th Street, Miami, Florida, advised that the truck bearing 1967 Florida license 1-0-614 left Miami for Minneapolis dated April 27, 1968, and was driven by [redacted] accompanied [redacted] on this trip as a helper.

It was determined from company records that both these individuals were working for Alterman Transport Lines in the greater Miami, Florida area on April 4, 1968.



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On April 25, 1968, the Buffalo Office of the FBI advised that [redacted] has advised their office that she and her family had recently visited Eleuthera, Bahamas. While there, she observed a man in the Rock Sound Club who bore a remarkable resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 26, 1968, this information was furnished by SA [redacted] by telephone to [redacted] Bahamas Police Force, Nassau, Bahamas. [redacted] had previously been furnished with several copies of wanted flyers and identification orders pertaining to JAMES EARL RAY.

[redacted] contacted the officials at the Rock Sound Club, Eleuthera, and none were able to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as being those of any guest at the club.

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On April 23, 1968, the Chicago Office of the FBI advised that they had received an anonymous telephone call in which the caller stated that JAMES EARL RAY was staying at Perrine, Florida, using an assumed name and wearing a disguise. The caller advised he would call back at a later time and furnish the alias RAY was using. However, the caller never called back.

On the same date, the following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Dade County authorities, Perrine Sub-Station #4, were contacted and advised there were no hotels, motels or flop houses in the Perrine area wherein individuals of RAY's description would stay. There is no agency in Perrine, Florida, that maintains records of new arrivals in the Perrine area.

All detectives and police officers at the sub-station of the Dade County Department of Public Safety, Perrine, Florida, were furnished with copies of wanted flyers and identification orders and 64 identification orders were furnished to businesses and restaurants in the Perrine, Florida area. No positive information was developed regarding RAY as a result of this investigation.

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On April 19, 1968, [redacted] North Nashville, Tennessee, advised the Nashville Office of the FBI that he observed a 1965 or 1967 blue Mustang bearing Florida license [redacted]. A passenger in this vehicle looked very much like JAMES EARL RAY.

Investigation by the Jacksonville Office at Tallahassee, Florida, on April 24, 1968, indicated that 1967 Florida license [redacted] was issued to [redacted] Lake Worth, Florida, for use on a 1965 Ford Mustang.

1967 Florida license [redacted] is a non-existent number.

[redacted] advised the possibility existed that the [redacted] in the Florida license could be mixed up.

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA [redacted] at Lake Worth, Florida,  
May 7, 1968:

[redacted] Lake Worth, Florida, advised that her husband owns a 1965 Ford Mustang, navy blue in color, bearing a Florida license, number not recalled.

[redacted] advised her husband is a [redacted], Lake Worth, Florida, but recently changed position. She advised her husband is now employed at a [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, and stated that they were now in the process of moving the family to Nashville. She advised her husband moved to Nashville on about April 2, 1968, and believes he is residing in a room at [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee.

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## REPORT

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## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

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May 23, 1968

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

92546

TO: SAC, New Orleans

RE: UNSUB.;

1968 OLDSMOBILE

VIN 388698M311780

1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 19A308

ITSMV

## REFERENCE:

Letter 5-9-68

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New Orleans

## SPECIMENS:

Six lifts

One film pack

Numerous other items from 1968 Oldsmobile

*o marker*

Specimens examined and latent impressions of value found or developed as follows:

Two fingerprints and one palm print on two lifts marked "from inside left window of frt. left door"

Two fingerprints on one lift marked "from left inside glass of back door" and in three negatives from film pack

One palm print on lift marked "from left door window"

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① - Bufile (44-38861)

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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SAC, New Orleans

May 23, 1968

Five fingerprints on inside rearview  
mirror

One fingerprint in negative #4 from  
film pack

One fingerprint on binoculars

Two fingerprints on Pepsi-Cola bottle

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints of  
James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. No palm prints Identification  
Division files for Ray.

Four negatives from film pack retained. Other  
negatives in which no latents of value appear destroyed. Other  
items being returned under separate cover.

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Date: 5/23/68

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 FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

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ReSDtel to Bureau and Memphis 5/7/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three (3) copies of an  
 investigative insert and for the Memphis Division fifteen (15)  
 copies reflecting location and interview of \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- ③ - Bureau (Encs. 3)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encs. 15)
- 1 - San Diego

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*1cc: enc Legat, Mexico City*  
*1cc: enc - Mr. Long*  
*5-28-68*

*Doing Affair*

ENCLOSURE

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 MAY 27 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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The following investigation was conducted at  
Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico:

On 7-10-68, the State Judicial Police, Tijuana,  
Baja California, Mexico, conducted inquiry in the vicinity  
of [redacted] Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico,  
and determined the following information:

W. G. LEWIS was interviewed for approximately  
two years. [redacted] was born [redacted] at [redacted]  
and resided for some time in Chula Vista, California. [redacted]  
[redacted] who resided in [redacted] Chula Vista, California, was stated as a person who would  
be able to furnish the address of [redacted].

The following investigation was conducted at  
Chula Vista, California, on 7-10-68, by [redacted]

[redacted] advised that approximately three  
to four months ago she started receiving correspondence  
from individuals who indicated they had received her name  
and address through the "Swingers" magazine.

Since that time, she has received approximately  
twelve letters from different individuals. At first she  
held on to these letters, but later when these letters  
appeared to be of a vulgar nature she disposed of all of  
them.

[redacted] could not recall having received any  
letter from a JAMES EARL RAY or an ERIC STARVO GALT.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to  
[redacted] and she advised she has no information concerning  
him. She further advised that in none of the letters  
received by her through the "Swingers" magazine were there  
contained any photographs of the senders.

ENCLOSURE

44-38861-



FBI

Date: 5/17/68

Transmit the following in

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re St. Louis teletype to the Bureau, 5/16/68, re Grapevine Tavern, St. Louis, Missouri.

Kansas City Telephone Directory lists the subscriber to telephone number 931-0848 as the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Union #83, 101 East Armour Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri. A photograph of subject was displayed to this office, and no information was obtained as to anybody connected with that union as being identical with subject.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- ③ - Bureau
  - 1 - Memphis (Info)
  - 1 - St. Louis (Info)
  - 1 - Kansas City
- RBH:lw  
(6)

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44-38861-3874

10 MAY 23 1968

C. C. Bishop

12 MAY 28 1968

Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 5-17-68

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AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are 3 copies, and for Memphis 2 copies, of a self-explanatory insert concerning re-interview with former cellmate of subject, [REDACTED]

No leads in connection with this are being set forth by the Kansas City Office. They are being left to the discretion of the Bureau or Office of Origin. Copies are being furnished the Bureau inasmuch as the Bureau may wish to disseminate them to Canada and Mexico.

(3) - Bureau (Enc. 3)  
2 - Memphis (Enc. 2)  
2 - Kansas City  
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The following investigation was conducted by SA

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On May 15, 1968, [redacted], also known as [redacted] who requested that his identity as the source of this information be concealed, was contacted [redacted], and he furnished the following information:

He knew JAMES EARL RAY for quite some time [redacted] at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). He had had some minor dealings with RAY in poker. RAY himself played very little poker, but he would lend money to inmates who did play poker at the "3 for 2" rate requiring \$3 to be repaid for every \$2 loaned. RAY was "too tight" to play poker, and even when he loaned money at the exorbitant interest rates he required some kind of collateral. If RAY was a "walk man" in the MSP, having reference to an inmate whose duties called for his moving freely around the cell block, then RAY would have been a carrier for the usual prison lotteries dealing with numbers and parleys over ball game scores, in which cigarettes were bet, and the "walk man" would deliver the numbers slips and the winners' cigarettes, and would be paid a percentage by the inmate who ran the lottery through this association, but the "walk man" would perform the service strictly for his commission and would not necessarily be "close" to the person running the lottery, but would be selected because he had access to other inmates' cells. He has no information that RAY was ever a "walk man" or ever engaged in lotteries as described above.

In his conversations with RAY he learned that RAY was more interested in Mexico than in Canada. In speaking of places to go to "cool off" or "hide out", he suggested to RAY that it would be easier for a white American to hide out in Canada than in Mexico, since his skin color and language would be the same as the natives, but RAY had spent some time in Mexico and apparently liked the area and he expressed very little interest in Canada.

RAY discussed a newspaper article which was published in which an Italian criminal's escape to Italy from the U. S. was apparently accomplished through his obtaining a Canadian passport, and it was suggested and RAY was apparently aware of the custom of the Episcopal Church and Church of England and its branches in Canada of keeping baptismal records and records of birth for years, which records would be easily accessible to anyone wanting to assume a new identity. They discussed how one could go to a medium-sized Canadian city, find records of birth through an open, easily accessible church, for an individual about one's own age, verify through local inquiry or source material that some such person is deceased, then write to the Provincial capital of that province requesting a copy of the birth certificate for that person, thereby securing documentary evidence of a new identity to use in securing a Canadian passport. RAY did not express a great deal of interest in this process and made no mention of planning to use such a technique to escape or change his identity. He did not say anything about any plans to go to Canada or to Mexico and thereby to a third country, and he never mentioned any interest in Rhodesia or other country with a view of flight there in hopes of avoiding extradition. RAY did say that he had considered Australia as a place to go to avoid apprehension for a wanted person, but indicated that he had dismissed Australia as a refuge because of the sparse population and the lack of tourists. RAY told him that he had written to Queensland, apparently before 1962, to some Government agency inquiring about the type of employment available there for foreigners, but his conversation indicated he had no interest in Australia at that point.

Most of RAY'S conversation revolved around Mexico when speaking of places to go after "pulling some job". He made no mention of narcotics smuggling to Mexico, and he did not say how he planned to obtain the "big haul" he wanted to make in order to "retire", other than that he might happen onto a large supermarket with a lot of money on hand which he could rob. He did not mention any specific supermarket or area of the country in this regard. From his conversation, he felt that RAY had actual experience in and knowledge of

smuggling small appliances into the Campeche Bay area of Mexico for resale. He mentioned that there were some dollars to be made in this racket with a very small investment required. RAY'S associate [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or some similar name previously described by [REDACTED] as described by RAY was a real person, and [REDACTED] remembered the name he gave because it was similar to the name of a "wet back" he had known previously in prison.

RAY spoke of the possibility of obtaining colored contact lenses to wear to change the color of his eyes in avoiding detection. RAY did not say where he would try to obtain contact lenses or that he had actually ever tried to obtain them or that he had ever worn contact lenses. RAY'S eyes as [REDACTED] recalls them are a faded, pale blue, or "sky blue", and he would want to darken the appearance of his eyes in changing his appearance. He told [REDACTED] how he had experimented in the past on portions of his skin covered by his clothing with staining his skin a darker color using some kind of "walnut dye". He had apparently tried the dye out of curiosity to see how long the stain would last, and he told [REDACTED] that the dye would "just have to wear off". As to changing his appearance, [REDACTED] feels it is significant to note that RAY'S weight would vary greatly from month to month. RAY would go through periods of weight-lifting, strictly for the exercise, and he would occasionally become concerned over his weight from a health standpoint and would lose weight quickly. RAY was not a competitive weightlifter and would probably not seek out a gymnasium to practice weightlifting, but he was concerned over a heart problem he imagined that he had, and he wanted the exercise to strengthen his heart. He mentioned that he knew it would be easy to obtain a fictitious Social Security card simply by filling in a form in any name, state that he had been self-employed, and he would be mailed a new Social Security card. He did not mention any problem with regard to obtaining a driver's license under an assumed name.

RAY told [REDACTED] about a shack he rented on the outskirts of Campeche, Mexico, and how he had considered the possibility of buying the shack instead of paying rent. Money and not paying more for anything than necessary was of constant concern to RAY. He told [REDACTED] of the difficulty in

Mexico for a foreigner to own any property. He told of the practice of "Rentista Papers" through which a foreigner by paying a fee could receive permission from the Mexican Government to own a small business in Mexico or purchase property on a small scale in Mexico. He mentioned how it was an effort to have anything done by local Government officials in Mexico since everyone moved so slowly, and how in order to obtain "Rentista Papers" one would apparently have to pay two or three persons "under the table" a few pesos in order to get the papers through the Government red tape, and from his conversation, it appeared that RAY never was in Mexico long enough to wait out the process of obtaining "Rentista Papers".

FBI

Date: 5/20/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)

RE: MURKIN  
CR

ReButel 4/25/68, to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 and U.S. Highway 90 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly travelled 12/15-17/67. Set forth below are some telephone calls made from the San Antonio Division 12/15-17/67, according to the available records of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., San Antonio.

Houston will determine from the subscriber or person receiving the call the identity of the caller. If the caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information. Determine if the subscriber or person receiving the call has any information concerning JAMES EARL RAY. *R*

Unless pertinent information is developed during the source of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

3-Bureau  
10-Houston (44-1509)  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-SA  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
12/17/67	223-7892	[REDACTED]	
"	432-9595	[REDACTED]	EMMA JOHNSON
"	432-9629	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	563-9719	[REDACTED]	
12/17/67	432-9553	[REDACTED]	
"	426-8810	[REDACTED]	
"	426-8832	[REDACTED]	
12/15/67	426-8835	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	432-9447	[REDACTED]	
12/15/67	426-8819	[REDACTED]	
"	426-8835	[REDACTED]	
"	278-9030	[REDACTED]	
12/17/67	278-9086	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	223-8000	[REDACTED]	
12/17/67	432-9621	[REDACTED]	
"	223-7892	[REDACTED]	
"	426-8810	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	278-9086	[REDACTED]	
12/17/67	432-9347	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	278-9083	[REDACTED]	



<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
12/17/67	379-9083	[REDACTED]	Houston
"	426-8835	[REDACTED]	
"	426-8832	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	223-0349	[REDACTED]	Name on card "CURLY MAYS"; notation to bill
12/15/67	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	666-9793	[REDACTED]	
"	223-8116	[REDACTED]	
12/15/67	432-9200	[REDACTED]	
12/17/67	661-9070	[REDACTED]	
12/16/67	223-8202	[REDACTED]	
12/17/67	426-8835	[REDACTED]	
"	426-8810	[REDACTED]	
"	426-8835	[REDACTED]	

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

Re San Francisco teletype, dated 5/17/68.

RE: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Enclosed are fifteen (15) copies of an insert for the Memphis Office covering the interview of ~~XXXX~~ on 5/17/68.

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22 MAY 23 1968

- (2) - Bureau (RM)
  - 2 - Memphis (Encls. 15)(RM)
  - 2 - San Francisco
- MTG:jal  
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62 MAY 28 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop *JB*

DATE: 5-21-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Early this month, the Director turned down a request from Jerry O'Leary (a reliable contact at "The Evening Star" who has written two outstanding articles regarding the Director) and "The Reader's Digest" for an article to be written for that magazine by O'Leary regarding the Martin Luther King investigation. Both O'Leary and "The Reader's Digest" have expressed continued interest in this matter; and the purpose of this memorandum is to set forth reasons why, at this point in the investigation to locate James Earl Ray, it is felt additional consideration should be given to such an article.

In February, 1968, when Hobart Lewis (President and Executive Editor of "The Reader's Digest") came to the Bureau with Associate Editors John Barron and Kenneth Gilmore, they discussed with the Director the possibility of publishing another article concerning one of our "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." (It will be recalled that in the Fall of 1960, an article in "The Reader's Digest" concerning fugitive Joseph Corbett, Jr., the kidnapper of Adolph Coors III, produced leads from readers of the magazine which resulted in the apprehension of Corbett in Canada.) At the time of this visit, the Director told Mr. Lewis that we would remain alert for another "Ten Most Wanted Fugitive" to be featured in the magazine.

In the Coors case, inestimable savings of investigative time and funds resulted from publication by "The Reader's Digest" of the article regarding fugitive Joseph Corbett, Jr. Many of the same elements as existed in the Coors case also are found in the King investigation--prominent victim; intense public interest in the case; and the fugitive in both instances being a prison escapee with a reputation as a "loner" and a penchant for using fictitious names and backgrounds to conceal his true identity.

It was the broad international circulation of "The Reader's Digest" which produced the leads that resulted in Corbett's arrest in Canada.

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Bishop

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - C. L. McGowan

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M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo  
RE: MURKIN

In the King case, we again are dealing with a fugitive known to have been in both Canada and Mexico during the past year, and who may be out of the United States at this time. "The Reader's Digest" has a large readership throughout the Western Hemisphere. Last month, for example, the Legal Attache in Buenos Aires, Argentina, advised that through its Spanish and Portuguese editions, "The Reader's Digest" receives "the widest distribution of all mass communications media in this area"--and he suggested the possibility of an article regarding James Earl Ray in "The Reader's Digest."

Jerry O'Leary

He has done a tremendous amount of reading, interviewing and "reportorial digging" on the King case in Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta and other places. Other newsmen consider him the best-read and -informed writer on the King case, and this is why "The Reader's Digest" sounded him out on this assignment.

In view of his strong background in this case, O'Leary could, of course, write an article on his own concerning fugitive James Earl Ray. Naturally, if such an article is to be published, it would greatly be to our advantage to have the benefit of reading it, and offering any changes we feel necessary, prior to publication.

It is O'Leary's intent to limit the article to material which has previously been published, together with what he has dug up himself with regard to Ray's background and character traits.

O'Leary has pointed out that day-by-day the true facts of this case and the accurate picture of fugitive James Earl Ray are being thrown more and more out of focus by the distorted articles written by such irresponsible characters as Louis Lomax. He feels that "The Reader's Digest," with its multimillion circulation in the United States and abroad, affords an excellent medium for straightening out the misrepresentations of others, as well as for producing leads which (as in the case of Joseph Corbett, Jr.,) may possibly assist in the apprehension of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitive" Ray.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That we extend to O'Leary and "The Reader's Digest" the same cooperation in regard to an article on "Ten Most Wanted Fugitive" James Earl Ray as was rendered in the Joseph Corbett, Jr., fugitive investigation.

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5/22/68

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Date: 5/21/68

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Via AIRTEL

URGENT

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)  
 RE: MURKIN  
 CR

Re L.L. 4/25/68, to El Paso, et al, advising that each office should determine from the telephone company the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on U. S. Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67. Subject reportedly made eight long distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth by Field Division are some of the telephone calls made from the San Antonio Division, 12/15-17/67, which were obtained from available Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records. The various Field Divisions will determine from the subscriber or person receiving the call the identity of the caller. If the caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information. Further, determine if the subscriber or the person receiving the call has any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

Unless information is developed during the course of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

(3) - Bureau	2 - Memphis (44-1987)
3 - Birmingham	3 - Mobile
7 - Dallas	2 - Richmond SEC-41
3 - El Paso	2 - Sacramento
2 - Kansas City	2 - Tampa
2 - Knoxville	6 - San Antonio
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in Charge

62 MAY 2 1968

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>BIRMINGHAM</u>			
12/15/67	223-0232	[REDACTED]	Birmingham, Alabama
12/17/67	661-9063	[REDACTED]	Cullman, Alabama
12/16/67	674-9761	[REDACTED]	Huntsville, Ala.
<u>DALLAS</u>			
12/15/67	432-9020	[REDACTED]	Eulless-Hurst, Texas
12/15/67	875-4029	[REDACTED]	Burleson, Texas
12/15/67	432-9224	[REDACTED]	Fort Worth, Texas
12/17/67	223-7735	[REDACTED]	Fort Worth, Texas
12/17/67	278-9013	[REDACTED]	Menard, Texas
12/15/67	223-7892	[REDACTED]	Luther, Texas
12/15/67	223-8000	[REDACTED]	San Angelo, Texas
12/16/67	875-9030	[REDACTED]	Abilene, Texas
<u>EL PASO</u>			
12/16/67	278-9093	[REDACTED]	El Paso, Texas
12/17/67	674-9761	[REDACTED]	Guadalupe Peak, Tex.
12/17/67	278-9041	[REDACTED]	Alpine, Texas
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>			
12/17/67	674-9104	[REDACTED]	Kansas City, Missouri From SAM DANIEL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>KNOXVILLE</u>			
12/17/67	674-9914	[REDACTED]	Knoxville, Tenn.
<u>MEMPHIS</u>			
12/16/67	379-9953	[REDACTED]	Murfreesboro, Tenn. to BETTY STANLEY
<u>MOBILE</u>			
12/16/67	674-9893	[REDACTED]	Atmore, Alabama
12/17/67	674-9603	[REDACTED]	Mobile, Alabama
12/16/67	661-9063	[REDACTED]	Foley, Alabama
<u>RICHMOND</u>			
12/17/67	674-9724	[REDACTED]	McLean, Virginia
12/17/67	674-9724	[REDACTED]	McLean, Virginia
<u>SACRAMENTO</u>			
12/17/67	538-9598	[REDACTED]	Fresno, California
12/17/67	563-9747	[REDACTED]	Fowler, California
<u>TAMPA</u>			
12/17/67	674-9761	[REDACTED]	Winter Haven, Fla.
<u>SAN ANTONIO</u>			
12/16/67	278-9086	[REDACTED]	Chilton, Texas
12/15/67	674-9915	[REDACTED]	Waco, Texas

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>SA ANTONIO</u>			
12/15/67	278-9088	[REDACTED]	Waco, Texas
12/17/67	432-9277	[REDACTED]	Killeen, Texas
12/16/67	432-9665	[REDACTED]	Richland Springs, Texas
12/17/67	432-9665	[REDACTED]	Richland Springs, Texas.

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FBI

Date: 5/21/68

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

Re Memphis teletype dated 5/20/68.

On 5/20/68, [redacted], Salinas, Calif., who had been previously interviewed by SA [redacted] on 5/4/68, was reinterviewed by SA [redacted] on this date.

[redacted] according to SA [redacted], furnished the following information:

She stated that the real name of her boyfriend correspondent whom she previously identified as [redacted] is [redacted] who resides at [redacted], San Francisco, telephone [redacted]. She stated that he is employed at the [redacted] in San Francisco, telephone number [redacted] and that she has been corresponding with this man for over one year. According to [redacted], she did not furnish the correct identity of this individual since she did not want her boyfriend "chased off" by the fact that she had furnished information about him.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
2 - San Francisco  
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15 MAY 23 1968

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Special Agent in Charge

SF 173-65  
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[redacted] specifically requested that if it were necessary to interview [redacted] that she not be identified as the person who identified him.

Photos of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to her and she positively stated that the individual in these photos was not identical to [redacted]. She described [redacted] as WMA, age about 28, 5'9" tall, 150 pounds, who was born in [redacted] and has resided in SF for the past five years.

[redacted] aka [redacted] residing [redacted] SF, Calif., telephone [redacted], was interviewed 5/21/68 by SA [redacted] at his place of employment, the [redacted] [redacted] SF. He stated he has been employed as a [redacted] in the [redacted] since March, 1965, having been discharged as a [redacted] in the [redacted] Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, in December, 1964 from the Army.

He said he has had no leave from his job with the exception of 5/20/68 and a half day on 5/21/68 which he took as Annual Leave to visit Carmel, Calif.

In January, 1967, he corresponded to the California Friendship Club (CFC), Long Beach, Calif., in an effort to make friends with persons of his own age. This was supposed to be a confidential friendship club but immediately after corresponding to this club he received approximately 200 letters from friendship clubs throughout the U. S. He added that it was through this club that he met [redacted]

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He stated that [REDACTED] told him on 5/17/68 that the FBI was going to talk to her concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said [REDACTED] is a little unstable and has a drinking problem, making her an alcoholic. He stated she is unemployed and is supported by her mother.

[REDACTED] stated he also joined the Swingers Club in Michigan and as a result of joining the CFC and the Swingers Club he has corresponded and sent photographs of himself to about five different women. He stated that he belongs to a friendship club in SF called the Jet Set, which is a social organization of men and women who dine at various dinner spots in SF and enjoy dancing.

Photos of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to [REDACTED] and he stated he recognized these photos as the person who the FBI has been looking for for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he also read on 5/18/68 that JAMES EARL RAY had been involved with a friendship club in Long Beach, Calif.

[REDACTED] advised he was not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY, did not recognize his photos and did not know anyone who would know anything about this person.

Interviewing Agent observed that while [REDACTED] height, weight, and build were similar to that of RAY's, he was not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained through interrogation and observation:

Born [REDACTED]

Height  
Weight  
Hair

[REDACTED]  
5'9"  
170 lbs.  
Reddish brown

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Eyes  
Build  
Occupation

Blue  
Heavy

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], San Francisco

Employed

3/65 continuously to present  
time

Armed services

Discharged 12/64, U. S. Army,  
[REDACTED]  
Fitzsimmons General Hospital,  
Denver, Colorado

Social Security  
Number

[REDACTED]

Scars & marks

3" scar left shoulder resulting  
from bone tumor operation  
1948, Little Rock, Arkansas

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Date: 5/22/68

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PRIORITY

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau 5/1/68 regarding alleged offer of \$100,000 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK), Jackson, Mississippi, to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

Enclosed for Las Vegas is one copy each of Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 6/6/67; Kansas City airtel to Bureau 7/21/67; and Dallas airtel to Bureau 5/1/68, which are background information.

By communication dated 5/8/68, Atlanta advised that on 5/8/68, [REDACTED] Atlanta, Georgia, advised [REDACTED] is no longer employed by that company, having left approximately 12/67, to go to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was employed by [REDACTED] stated he recently learned that [REDACTED] is working in Panama City, Florida, [REDACTED]

3-Bureau  
2 Las Vegas (Enc. 3)  
1-Jackson (Info)  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Jacksonville  
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He stated the name of [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] and the company office is located in Reno, Nevada.

Investigation by the Jacksonville Division at Panama City, Florida, has determined that as of 5/16/68, the files of the Bay County SO and the Panama City PD failed to reflect any information concerning [REDACTED]

On 5/16/68, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Panama City, advised the only information in her files concerning [REDACTED] is a notation indicating that as of January, 1966, he was residing at [REDACTED] which is the address for the [REDACTED]

On 5/20/68, [REDACTED] advised that his records are not available prior to 1/67, and that he has no record of [REDACTED] having ever residing at the [REDACTED]

On 5/20/68, [REDACTED] Gulf Power Company, Panama City, Florida, advised that his files contained no record of [REDACTED]

#### LEADS

#### LAS VEGAS

#### AT RENO, NEVADA

Will locate [REDACTED] through the company offices of [REDACTED] and interview him for any information he may have obtained regarding the alleged offer to kill KING since [REDACTED] release from jail on [REDACTED]

For the information of the Las Vegas Office, the Jackson Office, in 7/67, advised the WKKKK were in bad financial strait, having a difficult time raising enough money to defend members of this organization after their arrest.

Information copy being furnished to Jackson inasmuch as present investigation being conducted by that Division.

FBI

Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

to \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

Re San Francisco airtel, 5/2/68.

Re: Suspect \_\_\_\_\_  
aka \_\_\_\_\_

Referenced San Francisco airtel, 5/2/68, set out a lead for Los Angeles to locate \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Los Angeles reported coverage of this lead in their airtel dated 5/13/68, a copy of which is enclosed for Memphis.

Investigation in the San Francisco area requested in referenced airtel has been completed and is being forwarded as enclosures to this airtel.

- (1) FD-302 re \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Insert of SA \_\_\_\_\_ re travel to Orange County.
- (3) Insert of SA \_\_\_\_\_ re gasoline bills.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (Encls. 4) (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco

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Special Agent in Charge

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M Per \_\_\_\_\_

FBI

Date: May 22, 1968

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: Memphis)

Reference San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated  
5/9/68.

On 5/16/68, [REDACTED] Department  
of Motor Vehicles, Tallahassee, Florida, advised that 1967  
Florida License [REDACTED] issued to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Perry, Florida, for use on a 1960 Mercury  
Comet, VIN [REDACTED]

On 5/21/68, [REDACTED] was contacted and advised he has  
been in Perry, Florida, since August, 1967, working for the  
[REDACTED] Perry, Florida, formerly with the  
same company in Memphis, Tennessee. He advised his vehicle  
has not been out of the State of Florida since he left Memphis  
and license plate has always been attached to vehicle. Vehicle  
is a powder blue station wagon. [REDACTED] did not fit description  
of JAMES EARL RAY.

C. C. Bishop ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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- ③ - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (RM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
1 - San Francisco (173-55) (RM)  
2 - Jacksonville  
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2 MAY 24 1968

Approved: *REG*

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

2 MAY 28 1968

Special Agent in Charge



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Date: 5/22/68

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via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Publicizing Subject RAY in "Men's Hair Stylists" and "Professional Barber."

Re Bureau letter to Chicago dated 5/17/68.

On 5/22/68, FRANK MILHAFT, President, Professionelle Inc., which company publishes "Professional Barber" and Miss ANN CHARLES, Editor, "Men's Hair Stylists", both accepted photographs and narrative data concerning Subject JAMES EARL RAY and agreed to publish same in the near future.

Both magazines are monthly magazines, however, "Professional Barber" mails 70,000 free copies whereas "Men's Hair Stylists" has 65,000 paid subscribers.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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C. C. - Bishop

12 MAY 23 1968

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis
- 1 - Charlotte
- 1 - New York

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62 MAY 22 1968

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Date: 5/22/68

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in AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
RE: MURKIN

RECORD OF UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs, 5/9/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are fifteen (15) copies of insert reflecting check of Bureau of Vital Statistics records for Alabama, 5/16/68.

It is noted that only one unidentified death has been recorded since 4/5/68, that being a Negro male.

The Mobile Office will be advised by BVS, Montgomery, of future unidentified deceased who will be checked in line with Bureau instructions.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- (3) - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encls. 15)  
1 - Birmingham  
2 - Mobile  
JTB:iwd  
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14 MAY 24 1968

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FBI

Date: 5/22/68

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Director 5/18/68 and Knoxville telephone to Director 5/20/68, air mail copies to Memphis and Los Angeles.

Referenced Los Angeles teletype sets out information received from [redacted] to effect that [redacted] and/or [redacted] made calls from his residence to the following telephone numbers Knoxville, Tennessee [redacted] Sweetwater, Tennessee [redacted] Chattanooga, Tennessee [redacted].

Results of Chattanooga telephone number set out in referenced Knoxville teletype.

A review of the Knoxville City Directory disclosed that Knoxville telephone number [redacted] is listed for [redacted].

[redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] on 5/18/68 at which time she advised that she is not acquainted with [redacted] or [redacted] and cannot recall having received any call from either of them.

On 5/20/68, investigation at Sweetwater, Tenn. shows telephone number [redacted] registered to [redacted].

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 2 - Knoxville

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Approved: [redacted]

Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] Sweetwater, Tennessee and this registration has been in effect for 12 years. [REDACTED] are in their late 60's and he is a retired [REDACTED]. Their home is a private residence and is not a rooming house.

UAC, no further investigation at Knoxville being conducted re these phone calls.

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Date: 5/18/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

o AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 RM  
 OO: MEMPHIS

SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE while in Montgomery, Alabama, on other official business on 5/16/68, secured a list of approximately 4500 licensees of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board which establishments are licensed to serve beer and/or "minutres" at their premises. Birmingham is considering distribution of Identification Order of subject RAY to each of these establishments. Arrangements may be effected through the Auto Typist Letter Service of Birmingham for addressing the IO's at a rate of \$30 per 1,000 which is considered reasonable and cheaper than it could be done by Bureau personnel.

Bureau advice is requested as to whether the above distribution is considered warranted and whether the expenditure is authorized.

As regards the State controlled and operated liquor stores in the wet counties of Alabama, arrangements were effected for distribution of Identification Orders to each store without problem through the use of Addressograph plates.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS:

- REC-41
- 3 - Bureau
  - 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
  - 2 - Birmingham
- HAS:jam  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

W. B. Bishop  
 Special Agent in Charge

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5/22/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 3887

MURKIN

ReBHAirtel 5/18/68.

Bureau authority is not granted for circularization of establishments which are licensed to serve beer and/or "miniatures" in the State of Alabama.

You should, however, in your daily contact with establishments of this type involving leads in Murkin as well as other cases, provide a copy of the IO concerning Ray to the appropriate person of such establishments.

Armed and dangerous.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE: Birmingham requested authority to circularize approximately 4,500 establishments licensed to serve beer and/or "miniatures" at a cost of approximately \$120. It is felt that this is not necessary at this time. Bureau authority is not being granted, however, Birmingham should, in their daily contact with establishments of this type in leads # Murkin and other, provide copy of IO to such establishments.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FBI

Date: 5/22/68

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
RE: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 5/16/68.

[redacted] advised on this date that all records of overseas telephone calls made from Santa Barbara and San Bernardino, California during March and April 1968 have been reviewed. One call to Auckland, New Zealand, was located. This call was made by [redacted] Santa Barbara, telephone number [redacted] to [redacted] Auckland, telephone [redacted]. The call was placed on 4/28/68 at 4:03 P.M. and the duration was three minutes.

The above call does not appear to be either call described in Auckland, New Zealand press of 3/14/68 or 4/30/68. Los Angeles will not interview or further identify [redacted] at this time.

Los Angeles will check with established sources at Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, and determine if any further action can be taken to identify call to Auckland.

Bureau and Memphis will be advised.

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- 3 - Bureau
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
  - 2 - Los Angeles
- BKS:vjh  
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Approved: W99

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 23, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach	1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McDonough	1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Martindale	

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] was at Missouri State Penitentiary and has previously furnished background information regarding Ray. [redacted] has been reinterviewed and has advised as follows.

[redacted] Ray discussed a newspaper article concerning the escape of an Italian criminal from the United States to Italy through the use of a Canadian passport. Ray was aware that a Canadian passport may be readily obtained under a false identity. (This appears to be true and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are checking all passports issued since Ray's escape from prison.)

Ray expressed more interest in hiding in Mexico than in Canada and did not seem impressed when [redacted] suggested it would be easier for an American to blend into the scene in Canada. Ray said he had once considered Australia as a place to hide and sometime prior to 1962 had written to Queensland inquiring about employment opportunities but had lost interest in Australia because it is sparsely populated and there are few tourists.

Ray spoke [redacted] about changing the color of his eyes by wearing colored contact lenses. He also said he had experimented on darkening his skin with a walnut dye that had to wear off.

[redacted] described Ray as too tight to play poker but said he loaned money to poker players and required repayment of \$3 for every \$2 loaned.

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TEXT



Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

In addition to the widespread investigation being conducted throughout the United States, Mexican and Canadian authorities are conducting extensive inquiries at our request and specific inquiries have also been made in various other foreign countries including England, Rhodesia, the Netherland Antilles, Guatemala, Venezuela, New Zealand, and Australia. Newspaper publicity of Ray's fugitive status has literally blanketed the free world with articles appearing in such disparate areas as Germany and Hong Kong.

ACTION:

This investigation is being afforded top priority.

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FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 23 1968

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

FBI LOS ANG

TELETYPE

11:21PM URGENT 5-22-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

REURTEL MAY TWENTY TWO INSTANT, CONCERNING "LOCAL  
SWINGER" LIST.

JAMES E. O'DOWD, CO-OWNER "LOCAL SWINGER" DID NOT HAVE  
THE ORIGINAL LIST OF SWINGERS FROM WHICH JAMES EARL RAY SELECTED  
PATRICIA ANDERSON. O'DOWD STATED HE HAD TAKEN MOST OF THESE  
ADVERTISEMENTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS AND OTHER LISTS.  
THE LIST WHICH O'DOWD MADE AVAILABLE WAS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO  
HE RECALLED HAD COMMUNICATED WITH THE CLUB AND WHO MIGHT POSSIBLY  
HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY RAY, BUT HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION  
ON HOW ANDERSON WAS ADVERTISED IN THE "LOCAL SWINGER" INASMUCH  
AS ORIGINAL LIST IS NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED  
ANDERSON HAS ADVISED THE SWINGER CLUB MUST HAVE GOTTEN HER  
NAME FROM OLD SUBSCRIPTION LIST INASMUCH AS SHE HAD NEVER  
CONTACTED THEM. ANDERSON'S NAME IS NOT INCLUDED IN NEW LIST OF  
THE "LOCAL SWINGER."

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

END

JCR

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cc to Long

6/2/68

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SAC, DENVER (105-203)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/22/68, [REDACTED], was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] at the request of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who has FBI # [REDACTED] stated he desired an interview inasmuch as he was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY as an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, during [REDACTED]. He stated he is of the opinion RAY was hired by members of the Ku Klux Klan and was killed by Klan members after the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[REDACTED] advised he is from Birmingham, Alabama, and in view of the fact he has been a criminal most of his life is acquainted with most bootleggers, criminals and Klan members in the Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi areas. He stated he will be [REDACTED] at Atlanta, Georgia, in approximately two months [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] plans to locate the body of RAY, which he feels he can accomplish in approximately three weeks. He stated the only reason he is furnishing the above information is the fact he is certain RAY is dead and if not dead would furnish no information concerning RAY. He stated his only contact with RAY was at Leavenworth and he knows nothing concerning RAY's habits, associates, hangouts or possible whereabouts.

The above information is being furnished in the event the name of [REDACTED] should come to the attention of the Bureau in the future.

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2-Bureau  
1-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Denver  
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Date: 5/23/68

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to A I R T E L

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago, et al except Newark, dated 5/22/68 and Chicago teletype to the Bureau, Newark, and Kansas City dated 5/10/68.

RE CORRESPONDENCE LOCKSMITHING COURSES

Previous contact with Nelson-Hall, Inc., 325 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, revealed that their firm publishes a book, "Modern Locksmithing," which was sold to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. The book is also sold to individual answering advertisements in "Popular Mechanics" magazine. Records have been reviewed against the name of the subject and known aliases for the period of 1/1/67 to 5/10/68 with negative results. This firm does not offer a correspondence course in locksmithing.

No stop will be placed against individuals ordering the book, "Modern Locksmithing," since it is assumed that this book was furnished to the subject by the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, when the subject enrolled in the locksmithing correspondence course.

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- REC-41  
44-38861-3892
- ③ - Bureau
  - 1 - Buffalo (44-374) (AM)
  - 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
  - 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
  - 1 - Newark (44-854) (AM)
  - 1 - Sacramento (AM)
  - 1 - Chicago
- RJD:jap  
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8 MAY 24 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 24 1968

FBI KNOXVLE

TELETYPE

11-21 AM URGENT 5-24-68 CKH

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC, ATLANTA:

SAC, MEMPHIS

SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) 1P

MURKIN

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU DATED MAY TWENTY THIRD,  
LAST: KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY, LAST; ATLANTA  
TEL TO BUREAU DATED MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE LEAD TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS SET OUT AS LEAD BY TELETYPE FROM KNOXVILLE  
TO BUREAU AND ATLANTA DATED MAY TWENTY, LAST.

ATLANTA TELETYPE DATED MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST ADVISES  
[REDACTED] RESIDES [REDACTED] GEORGIA. [REDACTED]  
SISTER OF [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST AND SHE ADVISES THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THE  
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES. REQUESTED TO ADVISE KNOXVILLE WHETHER EDITOR  
THOMAS, "LOS ANGELES TIMES" IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LNU.

END PENDING.

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FBI WASH DC

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62 MAY 28 1968

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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*hdy*  
*W. J. Jones*

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FBI

Date: 5/23/68

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

RE: MURKIN  
(OO: ME)

680527001

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau and interested offices, 5/20/68; CV airtel to Bureau, 4/29/68, and MM airtel to Bureau, 4/11/68.

LETTER BEARING RETURN ADDRESS,  
CLOUD 13, PUEBLO, NORTH KOREA,  
SIGNED ERIC S. GALT, POSTMARKED  
MANSFIELD, OHIO, 4/23/68

In Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68, a letter and envelope were enclosed that had been addressed to Rev. HAL LLOYD, United Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa., dated 4/17/68, bearing the return address of Cloud 13, Pueblo, North Korea, signed ERIC S. GALT, bearing the postmark of Mansfield, Ohio, 4/23/68.

In CV airtel to Bureau, 4/29/68, CV advised that the individual who wrote the note "Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will be dead by 4/14/68", which had first been brought to the attention of the Bureau by MM airtel dated 4/11/68, was identified as

4-Bureau  
2-Memphis (44-1987) (info)  
1-Philadelphia (info)  
2-Cleveland

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D. A. Bishop

44-38861-3894

4 MAY 24 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Per \_\_\_\_\_

CV 44-565

It is suggested that since Ashland, Ohio, is in rather close proximity to Mansfield, Ohio, the location where the above described letter was mailed, that a comparison of the contents of the letter and the note enclosed with MM airtel to Bureau, 4/11/68, be made to determine if [REDACTED] might possibly be the writer of the letter and envelope enclosed in Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68.

FBI

Date: 5/24/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

680527062

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Baltimore airtel, 5/14/68.

RE: THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY TAPES

Enclosed for the Laboratory are five samples of Thermo Seal Laundry Tapes which contain the code 02B-6 and which were obtained from Textile Marking Machines.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed tapes bearing the code 02B-6 with specimens previously submitted in this case.

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20 MAY 25 1968

C. C. Bishop

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 5) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Baltimore

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

55 MAY 3 1968

Agent in Charge



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>PORTLAND</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/23/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/4/68 - 5/13/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>MURKIN</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>abk</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

REFERENCE: Memphis letter to Bureau and Portland, 5/20/68

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### ADMINISTRATIVE

Two copies of this report are furnished to the Bureau and three copies to Memphis, in accordance with current instructions in Civil Rights cases. Two copies are furnished to Kansas City.

However, the extra copies of the inserts will be retained by Portland for 30 days, should the Bureau or Memphis request additional copies of this report.

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CONTACTS WITH INFORMANTS

All symbol number criminal informants, all potential criminal informants, and appropriate security and racial informants and sources of the Portland Division have been contacted three times since April 4, 1968.

The first time was immediately after April 4, 1968, when only the name "LOWMEYER" was known. The second time was after arrival of the photographs of "ERIC STARVO GALT" taken at the bartender school in California in 1968. The third time was after identification of "GALT" as JAMES EARL RAY and the arrival of additional photographs of RAY.

All contacts with informants were completely negative as to identification of photographs or any knowledge of the name and all known aliases of JAMES EARL RAY.

Number of criminal informants and potential criminal informants contacted was 124. Number of security and racial sources contacted was 15.

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Title:

JAMES EARL RAY;  
Murder of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
April 4, 1968

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO  
AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Investigation to identify person or persons responsible for murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, 4/4/68; or to locate and apprehend JAMES EARL RAY, negative to date, State of Oregon. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:AT PORTLAND, OREGON, AND THROUGHOUT STATE OF OREGON

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ERNEST EMIL JOSELLIS - SUSPECT - ELIMINATED

JOSELLIS shot himself, not seriously, on the early morning of April 16, 1968 while seated in his car in the southeast section of Portland. He claimed to Portland Police officers that he had been shot by "Communists" and to have been sent to the United States from East Germany by "Communists" to murder Negro civil rights leaders.

Investigation at his place of employment shows he was working the graveyard shift at [redacted] from 11:30 p.m., March 30, 1967 to 6:00 a.m., March 31, 1968. He quit his employment at [redacted] at noon, April 2, 1968.

His ex wife, [redacted] stated to Special Agent [redacted] on April 17, 1968, that JOSELLIS has telephoned her or seen her nearly every day since April 2, 1968 and was never out of Portland, Oregon, during April, 1968.

JOSELLIS was under sedation and could not be interviewed April 17, 1968, but Special Agent [redacted] observed him in the Portland Sanitarium Hospital, Portland, Oregon. He has a pug nose, very long wavy blond hair, and facial characteristics entirely dissimilar from those of JAMES EARL RAY.

JOSELLIS is considered positively eliminated as a suspect in this case.

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RUTH E. GALT and LOWELL T. GALT - SUSPECTS - ELIMINATED

On April 12, 1968, [redacted] First National Bank of Oregon, Tillamook Branch, Tillamook, Oregon, telephoned Special Agent in Charge W. B. SOYARS, JR., Portland FBI Office, in response to Portland circular letters to all financial institutions concerning ERIC STARVO GALT. She stated that one RUTH E. GALT had on April 3, 1968, opened a checking account giving the address [redacted] Oceanside, Oregon. This is a motel.

Subsequently, on the same day, [redacted] called again stating that additional checking had been done by the bank and that RUTH E. GALT was married to LOWELL T. GALT who had been employed for 20 years by the [redacted]

In view of the fact that the name GALT has been determined to be an alias of JAMES EARL RAY, no further action will be taken concerning this lead.

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ERICK GAULT - SUSPECT SUGGESTED BY [REDACTED] PORTLAND, OREGON

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

On March 19, 1968 at about 6:00 p.m., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Portland, Oregon, telephoned Special Agent in Charge W. B. SOYARS, JR., FBI Portland Office, and stated he had been contacted by an ERICK GAULT on March 11, 1968, [REDACTED]

Special Agent [REDACTED] immediately went to the [REDACTED] and interviewed [REDACTED] who is age 62 and apparently a sober and solid citizen, has sold cars in the Portland area for many years. At about 7:30 p.m., March 11, 1968, [REDACTED] received a telephone call from a person who wanted to talk to a salesman. The caller stated that his name was ERICK GAULT, that he was passing through town, was calling from a bar and was stopping at a motel on Union Avenue, Portland, Oregon. He said he did not know the name or the address of the motel. He stated he was looking for a 1964 Chevrolet station wagon with air conditioning and had \$1600 in cash. He said he had a Mustang, but did not desire to trade it in as he was going to give it to his brother. [REDACTED] told the caller that he thought he knew where he could get such a car and invited the caller to the showroom. [REDACTED] then called [REDACTED] Portland, Oregon, telephone [REDACTED] but found that the station wagon [REDACTED] had for sale was a 1963 Ford Country Squire and had no air conditioning.

The individual who called himself ERICK GAULT arrived at the [REDACTED] showroom alone about 8:00 p.m. the same night and said he was not interested in the Ford. He stayed only a short time and said he would contact [REDACTED] on the following day. Nothing further was ever seen of GAULT by [REDACTED]

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\_\_\_\_\_ saw the car "GAULT" was driving and thinks it was a light colored Mustang with California plates, but could not be sure about either since he was not planning to take the car in trade.

\_\_\_\_\_ was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the above suspect is definitely not identical with RAY. He described the above suspect as follows:

Name	ERICK GAULT	<i>B. APRIL 1933-1940</i>
Sex	Male	
Race	White	
Age	28-35 years	
Height	5'7" (possible one inch shorter)	
Weight	185 pounds (obese with a large paunch)	
Eyes	Not noted	
Hair	Light brown (receding noticeably at temples)	
Complexion	Medium (sunburned or tanned)	
Dress	Light sports shirt, open collar, color not noted; plaid sports jacket, varied colors, colors not noted; dark trousers; shoes not noted; sloppy appearance; accent not noted.	

\_\_\_\_\_ is an Oregonian by birth.

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Although the description does not fit and RAY's Mustang had already been recovered in Atlanta, Georgia before March 11, 1968, a squad of Agents checked all motels on Union Avenue, Portland, on March 20, 1968, looking for an "ERICK GAULT" registration or an out-of-state Mustang registration on pertinent dates which might fit with the information furnished by \_\_\_\_\_. Results were entirely negative.



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On April 23, 1968, GLENDORA SMITH, Postmaster, Grass Valley, Oregon, stated that on [redacted] came to her post office seeking to obtain a letter, which he had written from WINTERHAVEN, CALIFORNIA in care of General Delivery to a friend of his. He said the friend was not coming to Grass Valley, Oregon as he had thought and he wanted to get the letter back. She did not give him the letter because of postal regulations. She believed [redacted] resembled photographs she had seen of JAMES EARL RAY.

Sheriff LEO ROBERTS, Sherman County, Wasco, Oregon, stated on April 23, 1968, that he had at that date stopped an old Chevrolet pickup truck and checked [redacted] out. Sheriff ROBERTS stated that [redacted] had proper identification for the vehicle, which bore Washington license [redacted]. The sheriff, who has photographs and identifying data concerning RAY, stated [redacted] did not resemble RAY in any respect in that he was shorter, lighter, has black-greying hair and definitely hazel eyes.

However, in view of the importance of this matter Seattle was requested by communication dated April 24, 1968, to determine the registered owner of Washington license [redacted] and if [redacted] is the registered owner, determine if the vehicle was registered to [redacted] prior to April, 1967, the month in which RAY escaped from confinement.

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UNKNOWN SUSPECT SUGGESTED BY  
CRESCENT CITY, CALIFORNIA

On April 29, 1968, at approximately 3:10 p.m. [redacted], Crescent City, California, telephone Crescent City [redacted] telephonically contacted the Medford, Oregon FBI Resident Agency and informed SAs [redacted] as follows:

At 2:45 p.m. on April 29, 1968, he was having lunch at Glenn's Bakery and Coffee Shop, 3rd and H Street, Crescent City, California. An individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY sat next to him and drank a cup of coffee and left.

He stated this suspect was wearing a checkered gray sports coat with gray slacks and white shirt. He said the suspect had dark hair and fit the description and appearance of RAY as set forth in the newspapers and on television.

[redacted] stated he was unable to determine what type of vehicle this suspect was driving since he had to pay his bill for his lunch and by the time he did that the man had gone. He stated the suspect appeared very nervous and that he had a side and front view of the man and felt he look just like RAY. The above information was furnished to the San Francisco Office by communication dated April 29, 1968.

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SUSPECT - ELIMINATED

On May 13, 1968, [redacted] telephoned [redacted] telephoned SAC WILLIAM B. SOYARS, JR. He stated that he is a [redacted] and works part-time at [redacted] Portland, Oregon.

He stated that sometime last week the [redacted] hired a new man who [redacted] thinks resembles photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that this suspect has a large black mustache and fits the general description of RAY.

SAs [redacted] and [redacted] went to the [redacted] Portland, Oregon, on May 13, 1968. The new employee with the mustache was determined to be [redacted] was located and interviewed. He bears a superficial resemblance to photographs of RAY in that his nose is similar; however, he is much younger having been born [redacted] at [redacted] and is 23 years of age. He has no dimple or cleft in his chin and is six feet tall. He is definitely not identical with RAY. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force and his Air Force serial number is [redacted].

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UNKNOWN SUSPECT SUGGESTED BY [REDACTED], EUGENE, OREGON

AT EUGENE, OREGON

On April 16, 1968, [REDACTED] Eugene, who is a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Springfield, Oregon, contacted Special Agent [REDACTED] at the Eugene, Oregon Resident Agency of the FBI and furnished the following information:

In early April, 1968, [REDACTED] was attending an [REDACTED] meeting at San Francisco, California. On the night of April 4, 1968, at approximately 12 midnight, [REDACTED] stopped at the Extension Twenty One, a tavern on Gary Street.

[REDACTED] described the tavern as follows:

When you enter, directly facing the bar there are approximately six stools along the front side of the bar. [REDACTED] sat in the second stool from the left next to the bar. There were two white males seated in the third and fourth stools from the left. The males are described as follows:

Number 1:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Weight	180 pounds (muscular)
Complexion	Very ruddy and weather beaten
Face	hook nose
Age	early 50's
Dress	Leather or corduroy waist length jacket; dirty shirt and pants (color unknown, work-type clothes); work-type cowboy boots (low heel); cowboy hat

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Characteristics	East Texas accent; may be missing teeth; ranch-type person and spoke in the idiom of a rancher
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Number 2:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Weight	Approximately 180 pounds
Build	Stocky, muscular
Age	Early 40's
Hair	Black, slightly curly, looked shiny and greasy
Face	Round
Dress	Sports shirt and slacks, color unknown
Characteristics	Louisiana accent; more intelligent looking than Number 1

The pair were apparently slightly drunk and were having an altercation with the bar maid. They talked of putting a shotgun across the bar at the bar maid and wondered what her reaction would be. They further talked of guns in general. The conversation turned to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. [redacted] overheard Number 1 state "He said he would do it, but I didn't think he would." Number 2 stated, "I didn't think he would do it." The conversation continued.

[redacted] only heard parts of the conversation and at another time, Number 2 stated to Number 1 "Now you are talking like a "cajon". For a time, they spoke in Ranch Spanish.

[redacted] explained this is a type of Spanish utilized by ranch people in Texas who employ Mexicans. It is a form of "pidgeon" Spanish.

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attempted to engage the pair in conversation without success. further stated that the bar was very dark and he could not provide a better description of the two. He does not feel the bar maid knew the pair but would surely remember them as she had a definite argument with them and at one time walked away in anger.

stated he is from Texas and is almost certain that they spoke with an East Texas and Louisiana accent respectively.

The above information was furnished to the San Francisco Office by communication dated April 16, 1968.

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INTERVIEW WITH MRS. GLADYS HARRISON, COOS BAY,  
OREGON, WHOSE MAIDEN NAME WAS GAULT

By communication dated April 15, 1968, the Sacramento Office stated that they had interviewed a Mr. and Mrs. WESLEY I. GAULT at Salmon River, California, who did not know of any relative by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT. They suggested that WESLEY GAULT's elder sister, Mrs. GLADYS HARRISON, whose maiden name was GAULT, be interviewed since she has the names and address of all of their relatives.

AT COOS BAY, OREGON

Mrs. GLADYS HARRISON, ~~SA [redacted]~~ informed SA ~~[redacted]~~ on April 17, 1968, that her maiden name is GAULT (not GALT) and she knows of no family named GALT or any member of her family who may have dropped the "u" from their name. She said she knows no member of her family named ERIC or STARVO.

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SUSPECT - ELIMINATED

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

[redacted] Portland [redacted] came to the Portland Office on April 12, 1968, and suggested as a suspect one [redacted] because of his resemblance to the artist's conception then appearing in the newspapers. [redacted] was in the Army in Korea in 1953. [redacted] who was then psychotic and had an extreme hatred of Negroes, went berserk in Korea and in the summer of 1953 was court martialed and allegedly sentenced to twenty years imprisonment in Leavenworth Penitentiary. He is believed to be now at large, but [redacted] has had no contact with him since 1953. [redacted] was from the State of New Jersey.

[redacted] described [redacted] as a white male American, age approximately 26 years in 1953, 5'10" to 6'0" tall, light complexion, sandy brown hair, 160 to 170 pounds, wiry build. [redacted] has no other information concerning [redacted]

By communication dated April 14, 1968, the FBI Identification Division furnished the FBI Identification Record of one [redacted], who was convicted of [redacted] while in the United States Army in 1953 and hence is probably the same [redacted] named as a suspect by [redacted]

The FBI Identification Record of this individual shows arrests in New Jersey in 1961, 1964, and 1965, and he therefore can not be identical with JAMES EARL RAY who was confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary during those years.



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UNKNOWN SUSPECT IN SAN FRANCISCO REPORTED BY  
CORVALLIS,  
OREGON, APRIL 12, 1968

AT CORVALLIS, OREGON

On April 12, 1968, [redacted] stated that at 9:45 AM, April 10, 1968, he left Palo Alto, California, on a commuter bus, company unknown, arriving at the Seventh Street Station, San Francisco, California, at 11:00 AM.

As he was standing in the aisle to leave the bus he observed a man who appeared similar to the pencil drawing of the unknown subject which appeared in newspapers early in this investigation. This suspect occupied a window seat about three seats in front of the long lateral seat on the left side of the bus. The bus stopped several times between Palo Alto and San Francisco, and [redacted] does not know whether the suspect boarded at Palo Alto or later.

The suspect got off the bus at the Seventh Street Station, San Francisco, California, apparently without luggage or packages and was not seen thereafter by [redacted]

[redacted] knew no one on the bus. He described the suspect as a white male American, age middle or late twenties, 5'8" to 5'10" tall, 130 to 140 pounds, frail build in appearance. Hair lightish brown, but some strands darker, slightly wavy on top, brushed straight back, receding moderately, giving widow's peak appearance, not newly cut, but not long, no sideburns. Eye color unknown. Complexion pinkish. Trace of small reddish mustache. Nose long, slim and slightly turned up. Face thin and delicate looking. Chin fairly long and pointed, but not prominent. Mouth.

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small, petulant, with slightly puffy lower lip. Tattoo on back of right hand, probably diagonal, "Ku Klux Klan" in squared block capitals, 1/4 to 3/8 inches high, usual blue tattoo color. Another complex design tattoo, nature unknown, on right forearm. Wore light weight, light colored sport shirt, not highly patterned; light weight, light tan slacks; light weight, light colored cloth jacket.

The above information was furnished to the San Francisco Office by communication dated April 12, 1968.

By communication dated April 15, 1968, the San Francisco Office advised that CLARENCE HUTCHINSON, [redacted] San Francisco, California, who was the driver of the Greyhound Bus which departed Palo Alto, California, at 9:45 AM, April 10, 1968, which is the only transportation company furnishing commuter service between San Francisco and Palo Alto, stated that none of the passengers on this trip resembled the drawing of the unknown subject which appeared in the newspapers insofar as he can recall. He stated that he did not know the identity of any passengers on this trip.

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INTERVIEW WITH MARTIN H. GALT

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

By communication dated April 11, 1968, the Salt Lake City Office requested interview with MARTIN H. GALT, who formerly resided at Kanab, Utah, and left that area approximately four years ago and presently resides at [REDACTED] Portland, Oregon. MARTIN H. GALT is said to be an employee of the [REDACTED]

MARTIN H. GALT, [REDACTED] Portland, Oregon, a retired employee of the [REDACTED] was interviewed on April 11, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]. He is over 65 years of age and definitely not identical with the subject. He stated that he is not acquainted with any ERIC STARVO GALT or person of similar name.

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LOOK-ALIKE GREYHOUND BUS PASSENGER FROM SAN  
FRANCISCO NORTH ON APRIL 29, 1968

By communications from Sacramento, May 7, 1968, and from Seattle, May 10, 1968, information was received that a woman at Olympia, Washington, stated on May 3, 1968, that she traveled from San Francisco to Olympia, Washington, via Greyhound Bus leaving Gate 22 at San Francisco, California, at 10:20 PM, April 29, 1968. A man, allegedly resembling JAMES EARL RAY entered the bus after waiting at Gate 23 for the Portland bus with several other passengers.

The woman said that this suspect did not proceed beyond Portland, Oregon. She described the suspect as a white male American, 35 to 40 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10" tall, thin build, dark brown hair, in need of a hair cut and hair down back of neck, sprinkled with gray, definite widow's peak in front. He needed shaving and his beard was dark brown with a light brown mustache covering most of his upper lip with a "phony" appearance. His face was thin and tanned with an oily forehead, possibly coated by suntan makeup. He had sky blue eyes with a nose which appeared sharper than on the Identification Order. He wore buckskin colored shirt and pants and a sweater or jacket, with suede type casual shoes. He talked to no one on the bus and sat near the rear.

Portland was requested to interview bus driver THERON E. NAUTA who drove the bus from Redding, California, to Klamath Falls, Oregon, and STANFORD A. COTTER, who drove the bus from Klamath Falls, Oregon, to Portland, Oregon.

The informant was of the opinion that this look-alike passenger disembarked at Portland, Oregon, and did not proceed north to Olympia on the same bus as the informant.

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AT KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

On May 10, 1968, THERON E. NAUTA, [REDACTED] who is a Greyhound Bus Driver, informed SA [REDACTED] that he did drive the above bus from Redding, California, to Klamath Falls, Oregon, in the early morning hours of April 30, 1968. He was furnished a description of the unknown man who was observed by the informant on this bus and was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

He was unable to identify the suspect and stated that he has seen no one resembling JAMES EARL RAY riding on that bus or any other bus driven by him.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

STANFORD A. GOTTER, [REDACTED] Oregon, informed SA [REDACTED] on May 13, 1968, that he did drive the above bus from Klamath Falls, Oregon, to Portland, Oregon, in the early morning hours of April 30, 1968. He was furnished a description of the unknown man observed by the informant on this bus and was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that he is unable to identify the suspect suggested by the informant and does not recognize photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as anyone who rode on that bus or any other bus driven by him.

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ALSO KNOWN AS  
- SUSPECT

On April 5, 1968, [redacted] Portland, Oregon, furnished the following information, stating that [redacted] is of the utmost importance that she remain anonymous.

She has a brother, [redacted] address unknown in Memphis, Tennessee, telephone [redacted], who is employed by the [redacted] wife's brother, [redacted] also known as [redacted] is suspected by [redacted] as possibly being the assassin because of news reports that the assassin wore a grin.

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She described [redacted] as follows:

Race	White
Age	About 37
Height	5'8"
Hair	Light Brown
Complexion	Reddish

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He is a veteran of the Korean War, a battle hero, fond of guns, "a little simple minded," and always wears a silly grin. [redacted] resides with his parents, names and address unknown, in Forest City, Tennessee, and visits [redacted] in Memphis.

This information was furnished to the Memphis Office for evaluation by communication dated April 5, 1968.

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JOHN WILLIARD - SUSPECT

On April 6, 1968, [REDACTED] Eugene, Oregon, telephonically advised the Portland Office that after reading about the KING murder in the newspapers, she was reminded of JOHN WILLIARD that she knew at the University of Missouri during the late 1930's. He went from the University of Missouri to either the University of Arizona or Arizona State to set up a student bible class.

[REDACTED] She last saw him about 23 years ago in San Francisco, and has heard since that he is still residing there [REDACTED] C1118

She described WILLIARD as follows:

Race	White	<u>APPROX 1918-1920</u>
Sex	Male	
Age	Now 48 or 50 years of age	
Height	5'11"	
Build	Slender	
Hair	Dark	
Characteristics	Has silly grin, meticulous dresser, of religious nature	

[REDACTED] has no idea where WILLIARD may be located [REDACTED]

This information was furnished to Memphis for evaluation by communication dated April 6, 1968.

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UNKNOWN SUSPECT REPORTED BY  
BILLINGS, MONTANA

By communications dated April 9, 1968 and April 10, 1968, the Butte Office stated that [redacted] of Billings, Montana, stated that on April 5, 1968, at approximately 5:50 p.m., he observed an individual at the Portland, Oregon International Airport sitting in the front row of chairs near a telephone booth in the area of some television sets. He felt the individual might be identical with the subject in this case. [redacted] gave only a general description and did not observe the suspect leave.

On April 12, 1968, SA [redacted] contacted a large number of persons at the Portland International Airport and exhibited the photographs which were then available, namely, the ones taken at the Bartender school at California in 1968.

After JAMES EARL RAY had been identified as the subject, additional photographs had been reviewed. Results were completely negative on both occasions.



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SUSPECT - ELIMINATED

On April 11, 1968, information was received that one [redacted] appeared at Nehalem, Oregon, a small town on the Oregon coast, on the night of April 9, 1968, from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. [redacted] reportedly was similar in appearance to the sketch of the unknown subject which had appeared in newspapers and talked about the KING murder. [redacted] was interviewed on April 11, 1968, by SA [redacted] and stated that he was in Washington, D.C. on April 4, 1968, to confer with his attorney, [redacted] concerning a divorce. [redacted] appeared to be possibly mentally disturbed.

By communication dated April 12, 1968, the Washington Field Office advised that attorney [redacted] stated [redacted] contacted him personally and by telephone on April 3, and April 4, 1968, and that Holiday Inn records, Washington, D.C., show that [redacted] was a guest there April 4, and April 5, 1968. [redacted] is considered eliminated as a suspect.

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UNKNOWN SUSPECT SUGGESTED BY  
[REDACTED], PORTLAND, OREGON

On April 10, 1968, [REDACTED] Portland, Oregon, telephoned the Portland Office and stated that at about 12:15 p.m. that date he had seen a person at the Chuck Wagon Cafe at 60th Avenue and S.E. Foster Road, that looked very much like the man we were looking for in the KING case.

SA [REDACTED] was immediately dispatched to the Chuck Wagon Cafe where he interviewed the manager and two waitresses, the only employees in the establishment then, and he also interviewed four individuals in adjacent establishments. None of the individuals could recall seeing any person resembling the description of the unknown subject in this case.

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UNKNOWN SUSPECT SUGGESTED BY

On April 10, 1968,

Portland, Oregon, was interviewed by SA [redacted].  
She made available a copy of a letter which she received from  
[redacted] also known as [redacted] Oakland, California.  
In the letter, the following quotation is contained: "I  
knew whites was going to kill that man," referring to Dr. KING.

This information was furnished on April 10, 1968,  
to the San Francisco Office.

By communication dated April 12, 1968, the San  
Francisco Office advised that they had located and inter-  
viewed [redacted] also known as [redacted] who  
acknowledged that she was the author of the above-mentioned  
letter, but denied having any knowledge as to the identity  
of the subject.

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PASSPORTS - IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE and INTERNATIONAL  
AIRLINES

In accordance with Bureau instructions issued April 18, 1968, personal contacts were made with the following on April 19, 1968:

[redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, Portland, Oregon, by Special Agent in Charge W. B. SOYARS, JR.

[redacted] U. S. District Court, Portland, Oregon, who handles passport matters in Oregon.

All airlines, domestic and overseas at Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon, including contacts with the Airport Police, car rental agencies, and the two bars at the airport.

Current wanted flyers concerning JAMES EARL RAY were left with all parties contacted. None recalled seeing RAY but promised to immediately contact the Portland FBI Office in the event he appears.

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CONTACTS WITH NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES

In accordance with Bureau instructions on April 22, 1968, a supply of the most recent wanted flyers was shown to the following who promised to contact their informants concerning RAY:

[REDACTED] U. S.  
Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, U. S. Courthouse,  
Portland, Oregon.

[REDACTED] Narcotics Bureau, Portland Police  
Department, Portland, Oregon.

No leads have been received from the above sources to date.

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INVESTIGATION IN VICINITY OF ROGUE RIVER, OREGON

By communication dated April 23, 1968, the Kansas City Office advised that ~~James Earl Ray~~ Warsaw, Missouri, furnished the following information requesting that his identity not be disclosed to persons interviewed:

He stated that while serving sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary, he became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY. He recalled that RAY frequently mentioned his liking for the Rogue River area of Oregon and got the impression that RAY had lived in that area and possibly had relatives there. He never heard RAY mention any relatives. RAY gave the impression that he was familiar with sawmill work in Oregon and "riding on a chair while sawing logs". ~~James Earl Ray~~ got the impression that Rogue River as referred to by RAY was a town in Oregon. RAY would talk about fishing and mentioned fishing in streams. ~~James Earl Ray~~ believed this to be trout fishing. RAY spoke of logging in a pond in the Rogue River area and spoke of sawmill type work in that area of Oregon of which he was fond.

The Kansas City Office advised that they have no information indicated that RAY has relatives or associates in Oregon.

There is a city named Rogue River in Southwestern Oregon. It has a population of about 700 and is in the center of the logging industry of Southwestern Oregon. A famous fishing river, namely, the Rogue River, runs through the city. There are numerous sawmills in Southwestern Oregon as well as other parts of the state inasmuch as logging is the principal industry in the State of Oregon.

Only small sawmills in this area have a man riding on the saw carriage back and forth as the log is sawed. For nearly the past 20 years, the "sawyer"s has not ridden on the saw carriage. The man who rides is known as a "setter" and his job is to fit the "dogs" in the logs. He is given instructions by the "sawyer" by finger signals to set the log for cut (1 inch, 2 inch, 3 inch, 4 inch, etc.) by number.

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of fingers shown. The "sawyer" remains in a stationary position, operating the controls; he is a highly skilled and highly paid workman, and usually an older, experienced man. Even the job of "setter" is a key job and it is unlikely that RAY, who was only 31 years of age before his most recent incarceration, and who could have had only limited mill experience because of his frequent incarcerations, would have been given any such job in a mill.

All the larger mills have had automated saws for the past 25 years or more, and no one rides back and forth on the saw carriages of such installations.

The majority of the small mills, which would have been using the older type equipment prior to 1960 are so-called "gyppo" mills, operate non-union, and frequently go out of business, change ownership, or change location. The chances of finding a small mill in the same location and with the same ownership as in 1960 are slim. This also applies to the chances of finding employment records.

For the above reasons, circularization through union sources will likely prove non-productive. However, should circularization through union sources be desired, it can be accomplished at Portland, Oregon, through the only two unions to which saw mill workers belong, and can be accomplished for the eleven Western states, through addressograph equipment available at Portland, Oregon.

Since many workers do not come to the attention of the unions, even in union plants, and since the majority of the smaller mills are non-union, a more effective method of circularization would be through employment groups including many non-union mills. The names and addresses of these employer groups have been obtained.

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By communication dated April 23, 1968, the possibilities for the circularization of the logging industry were furnished to the Bureau, but no reply or authorization for such circularization has been received to date.

On April 23 and 24, 1968, Special Agent [redacted] conducted an intensive investigation at Rogue River, Oregon and vicinity including contacts with all sawmills logging operations, and lumber workers' labor organizations. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to all persons interviewed. No person recalled seeing RAY or furnished any information concerning RAY.



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INVESTIGATION IN "HIPPIE" COMMUNITIES,  
PORTLAND, OREGON

On April 24, 1968, instructions were received from the Bureau that investigation be conducted in all "Hippie" communities.

The only Hippie community in Oregon is a scattered one located primarily on the West Side of Portland, Oregon.

On April 25, 1968, specific assignments were made to seven Special Agents of the Portland Office who have informants or contacts within the Hippie community.

They immediately made extensive contacts throughout the Hippie community on April 25 and April 26, 1968. No persons were located who could furnish any information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

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SPANISH LANGUAGE WANTED FLYERS  
RE: JAMES EARL RAY

The only concentration of Spanish speaking persons in the State of Oregon is located in Malheur County at the extreme eastern edge of Oregon where large numbers of Mexican and individuals of Mexican nationality are employed in the sugar-beet industry.

On April 23, 1968, SA [REDACTED] who is Resident Agent covering Malheur County, made a wide spread distribution of the Spanish Language Wanted Flyers concerning JAMES EARL RAY in all the principal Post Offices, City Halls and labor camps in Malheur County.

No leads have arisen as a result of this distribution.

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REVIEW OF ITSMV CASES FOR CARS STOLEN  
IN GEORGIA SINCE MARCH 23, 1968

A review was made on April 29, 1968 of the 24 pending and closed files concerning cars recovered in the State of Oregon from March 23, 1968 through April 26, 1968. No cases were located concerning vehicles stolen from the State of Georgia.

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CHECK OF OREGON DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS  
CONCERNING MALES BORN JULY 20, 1931

In accordance with instructions received from the Bureau on April 16, 1968, arrangements were made with the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, Salem, Oregon, to obtain a list of males born July 20, 1931, as contained in the records of the Oregon Motor Vehicles Drivers License Division. In accordance with the instructions furnished by the Bureau, Negroes, males over 6'0" tall and males under 5'7" tall were not included in the list.

The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles furnished a list of twenty-seven white males born July 20, 1931, and with the above height limits.

Leads were set out on April 18, 1968, to have these twenty-seven men checked out as suspects in this case.

On April 20, 1968, the following receipt of information from the Bureau advised that JAMES EARL RAY, born March 10, 1928, had been positively identified as identical with "ERIC STARVO GALT." Investigation concerning these twenty-seven suspects was discontinued since the date July 20, 1931 was no longer relevant to this investigation.

By communication dated May 3, 1968, the Memphis Office concurred with this decision since this lead is no longer of value.

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ISSUANCE AND CANCELLATION OF APB  
RE ERIC STARVO GALT AND WHITE MUSTANG

Immediately upon the receipt April 11, 1968, of instructions that an All Points Bulletin be issued for ERIC STARVO GALT and a 1966 white Mustang hardtop, 1968 Alabama license 1-38993, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647, an APB was issued at 2:03 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Immediately upon receipt of instructions on April 11, 1968, that any APB concerning GALT and the Mustang be cancelled, a cancellation APB was sent out at 3:35 p.m., April 11, 1968.

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REVIEW OF UNIDENTIFIED  
LATENT FINGERPRINT FILES

Arrangements were made with the appropriate offices of all law enforcement agencies in the State of Oregon, which maintain unidentified latent fingerprint files to compare their unidentified latent fingerprints received since April 23, 1968 to date against the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY as they appear on IO #4182. No identifications were effected.

The only agencies in the State of Oregon which maintain unidentified latent fingerprint files and the agencies contacted as above are:

Portland, Oregon Police Department;

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Portland,  
Oregon;

Oregon State Bureau of Identification, Salem,  
Oregon;

Klamath Falls, Oregon Police Department.

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CHECK OF OREGON VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS RE  
MALES BORN JULY 20, 1931

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

On Monday, April 15, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Oregon State Bureau of Vital Statistics, State  
Office Building, made available the books containing the  
original birth records of all persons born on July 20, 1931,  
in the State of Oregon.

These records were personally reviewed by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. No record of an ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD,  
or HARVEY LOWMYER, as well as all variations of these names,  
was found. The names of the parents of all males born  
July 20, 1931, were also examined and nothing of significance  
was noted.

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#### CONTACTS WITH NEWS MEDIA

Immediately following receipt of instructions to do so on April 17, 1967, all newspapers and television stations in Portland, Oregon, were furnished with copies of the two photographs of "ERIC STARVO GALT" then in the possession of the Portland Office. Additional copies of these photographs were made and were mailed to newspapers and television stations outside the city of Portland on April 18, 1968.

On May 7, 1967, the proof and mat article concerning JAMES EARL RAY was mailed to all newspapers in Oregon.

On May 8, 1967, the two new photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, taken in 1967 in Mexico and in 1958 in California were mailed to all television stations and newspapers in Oregon.

It was noted by monitoring the television and press that the television stations and all daily newspapers in Oregon received the above photographs through their wire services and used them even in advance of receipt of the material furnished by the Portland Office. It was also noted that the television stations and daily press have been giving concentrated and daily coverage to the developments in this case, including both locally written articles and editorials and syndicated material.

There are eleven television stations, twenty-one daily newspapers, and 102 weekly newspapers in Oregon, all of which were fully furnished the material as above.



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HARVEY LOWMEYER OR  
LOWMYER - SUSPECT

Following receipt of information on April 8, 1968, that a rifle abandoned near the scene of this crime was purchased by an individual using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, specific assignments were made and carried out immediately and the following were checked, all with negative results:

- (1) All city directories in Oregon
- (2) All telephone directories in Oregon
- (3) Records of Oregon Drivers License Division, Salem, Oregon
- (4) Records of Oregon Motor Vehicle Division, Salem, Oregon
- (5) Voter Registration Records in all of the 36 counties in Oregon
- (6) Credit and criminal checks in all of the law enforcement agencies and credit bureaus in Oregon

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ERIC SIARVO GALT - SUSPECT

Immediately upon receipt on April 11, 1968, of information that one "ERIC SIARVO GALT" was a suspect in this case, specific assignments were made and the following sources were contacted, all with negative results:

- (1) All city directories in Oregon
- (2) All telephone directories in Oregon
- (3) Records of Oregon Drivers License Division,  
Salem, Oregon
- (4) Records of Oregon Motor Vehicle Division,  
Salem, Oregon
- (5) Voter Registration Records in all of the  
36 counties in Oregon
- (6) Credit and criminal checks in all of the  
law enforcement agencies and credit bureaus  
in Oregon

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JAMES EARL RAY  
ALSO KNOWN AS - SUSPECT

Immediately upon receipt of information on April 19, 1968, that "ERIC STARVO GALT" is in fact JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, W. C. HARRON, HARVEY LOWMYER, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JOHN WILLARD, and "JIM," specific assignments were made and the following sources were re-contacted, all with negative results:

- (1) All city directories in Oregon
- (2) All telephone directories in Oregon
- (3) Records of Oregon Drivers License Division, Salem, Oregon
- (4) Records of Oregon Motor Vehicle Division, Salem, Oregon
- (5) Credit and criminal checks in all of the law enforcement agencies and credit bureaus in Oregon

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BOMBING SUSPECTS  
PORTLAND DIVISION

Immediately upon receipt of instructions, April 8, 1968, that all bombing suspects in this Division be checked out, a review was made of the Portland files and it was determined that Portland presently has no bombing suspects.

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CHECK OF OREGON MOTOR VEHICLE  
REGISTRATION DIVISION RE WHITE MUSTANG

In response to instructions, SA [REDACTED] made inquiry at the Oregon Motor Vehicle Division, Salem, Oregon, on April 11, 1968, for possible re-registration of the white 1966 Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT. Results were negative.

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### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

In accordance with Bureau instructions, a circularization was made April 10, 1968, to all financial institutions in the State of Oregon, asking that they check their records to determine if they have ever had a checking account, savings account, or other records of HARVEY LOWMEYER (or LOWMYER), or ERIC STARVO GALT.

Response was completely negative.

Financial institutions in the State of Oregon circularized were:

Banks	318
Savings and Loan Associations	34
Credit Unions	<u>31</u>
Total	383

INTERVIEWS WITH UNITED STATES RESIDENTS  
WHO WERE AT HOTEL RIO PUERTO VALLARTA,  
MEXICO IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1967

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN WADDINGHAM, [REDACTED] informed SA [REDACTED] on April 30, 1968, that they stayed at the Hotel Rio Puerto Vallarta, Mexico only the night of October 27, 1967, during a vacation trip to Mexico. They do not recognize JAMES EARL RAY by description, name, aliases or photograph as anyone they have ever seen at Puerto Vallarta, Mexico or elsewhere.

The only U.S. residents with whom they had contact at the Hotel Rio were Mr. and Mrs. HARVARD PALMER of Mercer Island, Washington, with whom they had dinner on the night of October 27, 1967.

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REVIEW OF UNSOLVED OREGON  
BANK ROBBERY CASES

On April 24, 1968, SA [redacted] bank robbery coordinator of the Portland Office, reviewed all unsolved bank robbery matters in the Portland Division occurring since April 1, 1967. The only case in which JAMES EARL RAY appears to in anyway approximate the description of the subject is a case entitled: "UNSUB; U.S. National Bank of Oregon, Metropolitan Branch, Portland, Oregon, 8/11/67, BR" [redacted]

SA [redacted] who is the case agent in the above entitled bank robbery case, has shown the photograph of RAY to the lone witness in this case but the witness expressed no interest in the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.



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#### CONTACTS WITH DANCING SCHOOLS, STATE OF OREGON

In accordance with instructions received from the Bureau April 14, 1968, all dancing schools in the State of Oregon which offer dancing instruction to adults were contacted. The respective proprietors were shown the photographs of the subject then available, namely the photographs taken at the bartender's school in California in early 1968, and were furnished with the descriptive and background data concerning the subject as then known.

None of the dancing school proprietors contacted recalled ever having had any contact with an ERIC STARVO GALT or anyone resembling him.

Eleven dancing schools were contacted in Portland, Oregon. Eighteen dancing schools located in Oregon in cities outside of Portland were contacted.

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THERMO SEAL MARKING TAPES

Immediately upon receipt of instructions, April 9, 1968, that investigation should be conducted to determine whether laundry marks were made by a Thermo Seal Marking Machine, the following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

It was determined from LARRY B. GERVAN, Laundry and Dry Cleaning Department, Van Waters and Rogers, 3950 NW Yeon Boulevard, Portland, Oregon, that only sixteen laundry or dry cleaning establishments in Oregon use Thermo Seal Marking Machines. A list of these sixteen businesses was obtained from Mr. GERVAN, and all sixteen were contacted telephonically. In each instance, the laundry marking involved was gone over with the company representative carefully and in all instances, the persons contacted advised that this is not their laundry mark. All stated that their Thermo Seal Marking Machines began with either one numeral or two numerals rather than a letter such as "D" or "O". None of them use "O" as a prefix.

By communication dated April 10, 1968, the Albany Office furnished a list of businesses in Oregon which allegedly use Thermo Seal Marking Machines. A check of the file disclosed that all of them had been contacted as above except the Eagle Cap Laundry and Cleaners, Enterprise, Oregon.

It was determined that the Eagle Cap Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Enterprise, Oregon, went out of business over a year ago. The former owner is GERALD GOODMAN who now works for the [REDACTED] Umatilla, Oregon.

GERALD GOODMAN [REDACTED] Hermiston, Oregon, informed SA [REDACTED] that he went out of business, January 1, 1967, and no one has taken over the Thermo Seal Machine which GOODMAN formerly used. The machine actually has not been used since sometime in October, 1966.

GOODMAN stated that he never used a mark similar to the pertinent marks in this case in that he used only a lot number and date but never any letters.

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THERMO SEAL MARKING TAPES  
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Immediately upon receipt, April 19, 1968, of information that a pillow case and bed sheet found in the truck of the 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT contained Thermo Seal laundry tapes, yellow in color, and contained the Code 20 R-3, all of the businesses in Oregon using Thermo Seal Machines were re-contacted and all advised that they had never used such a marking.

By communication dated April 26, 1968, the Seattle Office advised that a Thermo Seal Machine, formerly owned by Most Western Laundries, formerly Hoquiam Steam Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Hoquiam, Washington, had been sold in 1964 to Stacey's Cleaners, Portland, Oregon. Stacey's Cleaners had already been interviewed and was among the above described sixteen businesses previously contacted.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>MURKIN</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [redacted]</b>	TYPED BY <b>sl</b>
CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>			

## REFERENCES

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Title:

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA;  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Synopsis:

On 5/16/68, Captain and Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL, El Paso, Texas, advised that they stayed at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 12/67, but did not recall seeing anyone who resembled subject JAMES EARL RAY. SUBJECT JAMES EARL HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MISSOURI IN 1966, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

Information was received from the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL, Mobile, Alabama, had registered on December 17, 1967, at the Provincial Hotel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA:

On May 10, 1968, Mr. ELMORE SONNIER, Mobile, advised that his daughter and son-in-law, Captain and Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL, stayed at the Provincial Hotel in New Orleans during December, 1967, and were currently residing at [redacted], El Paso, Texas.

AT EL PASO, TEXAS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

On May 16, 1968, Captain and Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL, [REDACTED] El Paso, advised that they stayed at the Provincial Hotel in New Orleans in December, 1967, exact date not recalled. After viewing a photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, they advised that they did not recall seeing anyone who resembled RAY during the time that they stayed at the Provincial Hotel.

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FBI CLEVELAND

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MIAMI.  
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 1P

MURKIN

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE MIAMI OFFICE DISSEMINATE  
TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY  
IN ABOVE REFERENCED TELETYPE.

THIS IS BEING REQUESTED SINCE THE CLEVELAND SOURCE  
PROVIDED ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER AND IT IS  
FELT THAT THE MIAMI OFFICE UPON IDENTIFYING MAY BE IN A  
POSITION TO PROVIDE MORE COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR  
THIS REQUESTED DISSEMINATION.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

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ALLEGATIONS FROM [REDACTED] ALLEGING HE TAUGHT RAY TO BE  
BURGLAR. [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE READ IN "CHICAGO TRIBUNE" OF  
FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR BANK BURGLARY IN SOUTHERN STATE AND RECALLED  
E AND RAY CASHED SAME BANK IN NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT OR FIFTY NINE.

NO BANK IN MEMPHIS TERRITORY FITS DESCRIPTION AS SET FORTH BY

[REDACTED]. THERE IS NO UNSOLVED ROBBERY OR BURGLARY IN MEMPHIS PD  
INVOLVING SUM OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

OF POSSIBLE INTEREST, BUFILE NINETY ONE DASH TWO SIX FIVE

FOUR FOUR IS AN UNSOLVED ROBBERY OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE,

WHITEHAVEN BRANCH, MEMPHIS, TENN. WHITEHAVEN IS SUBURB OF MEMPHIS,

HOWEVER, IT IS NOTED THIS ROBBERY OCCURRED MARCH TEN, NINETEEN

FIFTY SEVEN, PRIOR TO RAY'S ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI PRISON AND THE

BANK IN QUESTION, A BRANCH BANK, WAS NOT IN EXISTENCE EIGHT OR NINE

YEARS AGO. MEMPHIS DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT ANY INFORMATION

CONCERNING THIS BANK ROBBERY MAY HAVE APPEARED IN "CHICAGO TRIBUNE"

JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

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POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SUCH INFORMATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN  
A CHICAGO PAPER AND [REDACTED] MIGHT HAVE READ CONCERNING THIS BR  
AND ADAPTED IT TO HIS OWN PURPOSES. SUGGEST BUREAU REVIEW  
PERTINENT BUFILE AND HAVE CHICAGO REVIEW "CHICAGO TRIBUNE" FOR  
PERTINENT DATES TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT ANY INFORMATION REGARD-  
ING THIS ROBBERY APPEARED THERE.

BERNARD FORESTER, [REDACTED], NASHVILLE,  
TENN., ADVISED HE HAS BEEN BUS DRIVER FOR GREYHOUND BUS LINES FOR  
ABOUT TWENTY TWO YEARS. HE REGULARLY DRIVES NASHVILLE TO MEMPHIS  
TRIP THREE TIMES A WEEK. PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SHOWN TO FORESTER.  
HE SAID INDIVIDUAL SEEMED FAMILIAR BUT COULD NOT SUGGEST WHEN OR  
WHERE HE MAY HAVE SEEN HIM. FORESTER SAID IT IS POSSIBLE HE MAY  
HAVE SEEN PHOTO BEFORE OR PERHAPS INDIVIDUAL MIGHT HAVE BEEN  
PASSENGER ON HIS BUS AT ONE TIME. FORESTER UNABLE TO FURNISH  
ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

MEMPHIS IS CONTINUING TO EXPEDITIOUSLY CHECK OUT LOOK  
LIKES, HOWEVER, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN  
HIS REGARD.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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7-24PM URGENT 5/23/68 RGH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

PLAINTEXT

FROM NEWARK (44-854) (P)

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TEL TO BIRMINGHAM, FIVE TWENTY-TWO LAST.  
CONTACT WITH LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE (PROTECT) REVEALED

THAT RECORDS CONTAIN NO INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT'S  
METHOD OF INITIAL CONTACT. ALTHOUGH THE RECORDS CONTAINED THE  
ENVELOPE IN WHICH APPLICATION WAS FIRST SUBMITTED, THERE  
WAS NO FURTHER NOTATION AS TO WHERE HE MIGHT HAVE OBTAINED  
THEIR AD.

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THE VARIOUS PUBLICATIONS USED TO ASVERTISE.

MAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY,  
LOS ANGELES, AND MINNAPOLIS.

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TO: DENVER, CO  
FROM: LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN, CO: MEMPHIS.

RE DENVER TELCALL TO LITTLE ROCK TODAY.

MR. AND MRS. LEON THOMPSON, OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT, FORT  
SMITH, ARK., ADVISED TODAY THAT THEY DO NOT KNOW [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND NO ONE BY THAT NAME HAS WORKED OR BEEN TAKING MEALS  
AT THE RESTAURANT.. [REDACTED] RELATIVES OF [REDACTED]  
ADVISE [REDACTED] IS A MENTAL CASE AND TENDS TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH  
CRIMINAL CASES RECEIVING NATIONWIDE ATTENTION. THEY ADVISE  
[REDACTED] LAST IN FORT SMITH ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO AT WHICH TIME  
HE CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN IN A CELL WITH JACK RUBY AT DALLAS, TEXAS.  
INVESTIGATION REVEALED THIS WAS A FALSE STATEMENT AND A DOCTOR  
AT PARKLAND HOSPITAL, DALLAS, EXAMINED [REDACTED] AND FOUND  
PROBABLE PSYCHOSIS AND POSSIBLE BRAIN SYNDROME. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROTHER [REDACTED] AND SISTER, [REDACTED]

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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Mohr	
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[REDACTED] ARE BOTH EMPLOYED AT THE [REDACTED]  
DENVER, COLORADO, AND [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY LIVES WITH ONE OF  
THEM.

RECORDS OF FORT SMITH, ARK., CREDIT BUREAU, PD, AND SO  
NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED]

DENVER. ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] IS FURNISHING  
FALSE INFORMATION. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIRMAIL COPY MEMPHIS.  
PENDING

END

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FBI WASH DC

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 24, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

**44-38861**  
FBI File No. **D-680522041 JK**  
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **Memphis**

Reference: **Airtel 5/20/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

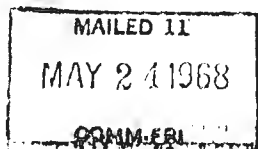
Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results  
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of the two  
items submitted.**

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**44-38861-3902**

**19 MAY 27 1968**



**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**JHM:AW**

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 24, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN  
CR

Lab. No. D-680522041 JK

Specimens received 5/22/68

Q349 Registration card of the Wm. Len Hotel, Memphis,  
Tennessee, Folio No. 42754, in the name [REDACTED]

Q350 Registration card of the Wm. Len Hotel, Memphis,  
Tennessee, Folio No. 42761, in the name [REDACTED]

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on Q349 was not prepared by James Earl Ray, K171, K211 and K257. Differences were noted between the handwriting appearing on Q350 and the known handwriting of Ray, but because of the distorted nature of the questioned material on Q350 a definite opinion could not be reached.

Q349 and Q350 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
 (Mr. Long 2260)  
 1 - Mr. Conrad  
 1 - Mr. Mortimer  
 1 - Lab File



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

**FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

**May 23, 1968**

To:

Date:

**MURKIN**

**CR**

Re:

**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
 John Edgar Hoover, Director

**44-38861**

FBI File No. **D-680521090 JK**

Lab. No.

**Philadelphia**

Examination requested by:

**Airtel 5/20/68**

Reference:

**Document - Fingerprint**

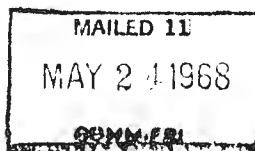
Examination requested:

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q347 and Q348.**

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**19 MAY 27 1968**



**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**2 - Philadelphia (44-1368) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**1 - Cleveland (44-565) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 23, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN  
CR

Lab. No. D-680521090 JK

Specimens received 5/21/68

Q347 Envelope postmarked "Mansfield, Ohio APR 23 1968 PM"  
bearing typewritten address "Rev. Hal Lloyd United  
Presbyterian Church Germantown, Pa."

Q348 Accompanying sheet of white paper bearing typewritten  
message dated April 17, 1968, beginning "This may be  
the..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q347 and Q348 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file. The watermark "Four Star Bond Southworth Co. USA 25% Cotton Fiber" appears on Q348. The Southworth Company is located in West Springfield, Massachusetts. No indented writing or other identifying features were noted on Q347 and Q348 which might indicate the immediate source of these two items. The type-writing on Q347 and Q348 is not identical to that on other typewritten items which emanated from "Eric S. Galt." The signature on Q348 bears a pictorial resemblance to other signatures in the "Galt" name appearing on items previously submitted; however, the poor line quality and the presence of certain characteristics indicate that the signature on Q348 was not prepared by the subject, James Earl Ray. The typing habits, spelling, grammar, etc. of Q348 differ considerably from these features of previous Galt material.

Q347 and Q348 will be returned separately. Photo-  
graphs were made.

JHM:AW (11)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 23 1968

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

FBI SAN FRAN

512PM URGENT 5/23/68 JOC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND  
SACRAMENTO (100-427)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL, FIVE EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, AND  
LOS ANGELES AIRTEL, FIVE TEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: [REDACTED]

RECORDS OF MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP),  
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, WERE REVIEWED ON MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT,  
FOR INFORMATION ON INMATES RELEASED WITH CALIFORNIA ADDRESSES  
SINCE APRIL ONE, SIXTYSEVEN. THE RECORDS REFLECT THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MSP NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS RECEIVED AT  
MSP ON [REDACTED] AND DISCHARGED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INDICATED HE WOULD BE EMPLOYED IN CALIFORNIA  
BY [REDACTED], HAYWARD, CALIF. 44-38861-3904

IT WAS ALSO RECORDED THAT HE HAD A GIRLFRIEND,

[REDACTED] MILPITAS, 25 MAY 27 1968  
CALIF. INQUIRY AT [REDACTED], HAYWARD, CALIF.

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DETERMINED THAT THIS WAS A RUN DOWN APARTMENT HOUSE AND NO LISTING WAS LOCATED FOR [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AND APARTMENT TENANTS COULD NOT RECALL SUCH PERSONS RESIDING THERE.

ON FIVE TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HAYWARD, CALIF., ADVISED HE HANDLES ALL RENTALS OF THE PROPERTY AT [REDACTED]  
HE ADVISED A SEARCH OF RENTAL RECEIPTS DISCLOSED HE HAD NO RECORD OF ANYONE NAMED [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] EVER RESIDING THERE.

[REDACTED]  
MILPITAS, CALIF., IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS THE BROTHER OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HE STATED THAT HIS SISTER IS ON A MOTOR TRIP AND IS NOT AVAILABLE. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE KNOWS [REDACTED] HAVING BEEN TOGETHER WITH [REDACTED] IN THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY (CYA) IN LOS ANGELES, CALIF. IN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] STATED HE GAVE [REDACTED] HIS SISTER'S NAME AT ONE TIME AS A POSSIBLE CORRESPONDENT AND SAID HIS SISTER HAD NEVER SEEN [REDACTED] NOR HAD SHE HEARD FROM HIM. [REDACTED] STATED IN [REDACTED] CLARK WAS EXTRADITED FROM CALIFORNIA TO THE

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MSP AND THAT HE HAS NOT SEEN HIM OR HEARD FROM HIM SINCE.

SACRAMENTO AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA: WILL CONTACT  
THE STATE PAROLE OFFICE TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE ANY RECORD  
OF A [REDACTED] WHO WAS RELEASED FROM THE MSP ON [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HE HAS MSP NUMBER [REDACTED] AND  
WAS ESTRADITED FROM LOS ANGELES IN [REDACTED] FROM CYA  
TO MSP.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION  
MAY 23 1968

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Mr. Rosen	_____
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519 PM 5/23/68 URGENT JRD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY & MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM LAS VEGAS (157-133)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TELEPHONE CALL TODAY CONCERNING INFORMATION  
FURNISHED BY SOURCE OF KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] MAN AND WIFE, OPERATE THE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SPARKS, NEVADA. [REDACTED] GIVES  
READINGS UNDER THE NAME [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] KEEPS OUT DRUNKS AND  
TROUBLE MAKERS.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE INTERVIEWED TODAY BY BUAGENT UNDER PRETEXT  
OF ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE BUREAU FUGITIVES. THEY WERE DISPLAYED A  
GROUP OF PHOTOS INCLUDING ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY  
AT WHICH THEY BOTH STATED THAT NONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN IN  
THEIR PLACE OF BUSINESS AND THEY DID NOT RECALL EVER SEEING ANY OF  
THEM.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE TOLD THAT SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE  
PHOTOS WERE BANK ROBBERS AND THEY WERE ASKED IF ANYONE HAD SPENT  
A LARGE SUM OF MONEY WITH THEM. [REDACTED] REPLIED SHE CHARGES THREE

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DOLLARS FOR PALM READINGS AND FIVE DOLLARS FOR BOTH PALM AND CARD READINGS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT TIPS, [REDACTED] STATED THE MOST SHE EVER GETS IS ONE DOLLAR AND THAT IS VERY RARELY.

UPON CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW, [REDACTED] WHO HAD BEEN CONTINUOUSLY LOOKING AT THE ABOVE PHOTOS HELD OUT THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY THAT APPEARS ON HIS IDENTIFICATION ORDER AND ASKED IF THAT WAS THE MAN THAT SHOT MARTIN LUTHER KING. [REDACTED] ALSO LOOKED AT THIS PICTURE AGAIN AND BOTH RELATED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY EVENING AFTER KING WAS SHOT, A YOUNG MAN CAME IN FOR A READING. [REDACTED] AT THE TIME HAD A CUSTOMER IN THE READING ROOM AND THE MAN WAS ASKED TO SIT DOWN. THIS MAN VOLUNTEERED TO [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD SOME GUNS IN HIS CAR AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT, AND IF UNSUCCESSFUL HE WAS GOING TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY. HE DID NOT SAY WHAT COUNTRY HE WAS GOING TO AND DID NOT INDICATE WHAT TYPE OF WORK HE WAS SEEKING OR FURNISH AND BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING HIMSELF, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF WHETHER OR NOT HE LIVED IN THE RENO-SPARKS AREA.

[REDACTED] SAID AFTER [REDACTED] WAS FINISHED GIVING THE READING TO THE CUSTOMER HE TOLD HER IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE THAT THE MAN WAITING WAS A TROUBLE MAKER. [REDACTED] THEN TOLD THIS MAN SHE HAD AN APPOINTMENT AND COULD NOT GIVE HIM A READING AFTER WHICH HE LEFT.

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A FEW DAYS LATER, [REDACTED] SAW THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY ON TELEVISION AND SHE IMMEDIATELY THOUGHT OF THE MAN MENTIONED ABOVE, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT LOOK LIKE HIM. SHE SAID SHE EASILY BECOMES FRIGHTENED.

BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] SAID THIS MAN DEFINITELY WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY AFTER VIEWING ALL OF RAY'S PHOTOS CAREFULLY. THEY BOTH SAID THERE WAS NO RESEMBLANCE.

[REDACTED] WHO SAW THE MAN FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES, DESCRIBED HIM AS A WM, NOT OVER TWENTYEIGHT YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET <sup>1</sup>NINE, STOCKY BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR, HAD SORT OF OKLAHOMA ACCENT AND DRESSED IN WORK CLOTHES.

[REDACTED] SAW THIS MAN THROUGH A WINDOW GET IN AN OLD STATION WAGON, ABOUT FIFTYSEVEN OR FIFTYEIGHT AND POSSIBLY A PLYMOUTH, AND DRIVE OFF. HE DID NOT KNEW THE LICENSE PLATE NOR THE COLOR OF THIS VEHICLE, NOTING IT WAS DARK OUT AT THE TIME.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

May 21, 1968

Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

To: All SACs  
LEGATS, Mexico City  
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

REL:cs

(4) *CP*

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NOTE:

We have received information from various offices that subject has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject wearing sunglasses was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. All offices are being requested to keep this in mind in their contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes. It is possible that subject in the future will consort with prostitutes and this fact should be brought to the attention of all offices.

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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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19 MAY 27 1968

44-38861-3906



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (44-563) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/21/68

Re Minneapolis airtel 5/3/68.

On 5/9/68 J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTORFER, age 25 [REDACTED], St. Paul, Minnesota, advised SA [REDACTED] at South Bend, Indiana, that he is presently attending the University of Notre Dame and is also working for "Ave Maria" magazine, which is published on the campus of the university. He advised that on 4/6/68 he and JOHN C. TWOHEY flew to Atlanta to cover the burial of MARTIN LUTHER KING for "Ave Maria" magazine. WOLKERSTORFER and TWOHEY rented a car 4/7/68 from the Hertz Corp. in Atlanta, and TWOHEY drove it to Selma, Montgomery, and eventually to Birmingham, Ala., where he left it on 4/9/68 and flew to Chicago the same day.

WOLKERSTORFER advised that he stayed at the American Motor Hotel in Atlanta on 4/6 and 7/68 and then moved to the Sky Host Inn and stayed there until 4/9/68, when he checked out and flew back to Chicago.

WOLKERSTORFER advised that he did not see or hear anything concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING other than that which was published in the newspapers.

On 5/10/68 JOHN C. TWOHEY advised SA [REDACTED] that he did travel to Atlanta with WOLKERSTORFER in order to gather material for an article on the life and death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, which was to appear in "Ave Maria" magazine. Mr. TWOHEY advised that he did not see or hear anything that would be of value to the FBI concerning the death of Mr. KING while he was traveling through the South.

Administrative: Attempts were made to contact these individuals on 5/7 and 8/68; however, they were not available until dates above indicated.

**REC-21**  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS

2-Bureau  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)  
1-Minneapolis (157-450) (Info)  
2-Indianapolis  
JJR:sjr  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : *2/1/68* SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: [REDACTED] Complainant

ReBuairtel to Little Rock dated 4/30/68 and Little Rock letter to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

[REDACTED], Coronado, California, care of the Oxford Hotel, was contacted by SA [REDACTED] on 5/21/68 and the receipt of his letter at the Bureau was acknowledged.

He was questioned as to any additional information in his possession which would indicate the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

[REDACTED] advised that he had previously been employed as a dishwasher in a number of establishments at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and had observed a number of hoodlums and gangsters who frequent in this area.

Because of this element at Hot Springs, Arkansas, [REDACTED] had the "feeling" that JAMES EARL RAY might be hiding out at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

[REDACTED] had nothing upon which to base this "feeling" and he was thanked for his interest in this matter.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- (2) - Bureau
- 1 - Little Rock (157-1215) (Info)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - San Diego

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Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via \_\_\_\_\_

A I R T E L

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel to the Bureau et al 5/20/68.

RE 1968 DODGE DART RECOVERED  
LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

Enclosed herewith for the assistance of the Indianapolis Division are two Xerox copies of referenced airtel. Also, enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an investigative insert; Indianapolis two copies of an investigative insert; and other offices receiving one copy of an investigative insert setting forth investigation conducted at Richmond, Illinois.

LEAD

INDIANAPOLIS

AT RICHMOND, INDIANA. Will conduct investigation as set forth for the Chicago Division under Richmond, Illinois, in referenced airtel to preclude the possibility of an error in SCHEIDERMAN's address.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3) **ENCLOSURE**  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Enc. 1) (AM)  
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Enc. 1) (AM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1) (AM)  
2 - Indianapolis (44-563) (Enc. 4)  
2 - St. Louis (44-775) (Enc. 1) (AM)  
(1 - 26-32047)  
1 - Chicago  
RJR:jap (11)

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RE 1968 DODGE DART RECOVERED  
LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

The following investigation was conducted on  
May 23, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Mc Henry County Sheriff's  
Office, Mc Henry, Illinois, advised that on May 19, 1968,  
his department had received a request from the Kirkwood,  
Missouri, Police Department to locate and interview SAMUEL  
SCHEIDERMAN, [REDACTED], Richmond, Illinois. HRODEY  
said that he dispatched a car to that area at which time  
the deputy learned that there was no such address in  
Richmond, Illinois, as [REDACTED]

ROSS COURTEMASH, Postmaster, Richmond, Illinois,  
advised that there is no such address as above in that  
town nor, in fact, in Mc Henry, Illinois.

Chief of Police WILLIAM BOTTS advised from  
records and recollection there was no information  
available at his police department concerning a SAMUEL  
SCHEIDERMAN. Chief BOTTS also stated that there was no  
such address as above.

44-1114-  
ENCLOSURE

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Date: 5-20-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
 FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P  
 RE: MURKIN  
 OO: ME

Re SL tel to AT, 5-16-68; AT tel to SL, 5-16-68;  
 and SL MURKIN summary tel to Bureau, 5-17-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following items  
 of evidence:

1. One empty match box.
2. One lid from small box bearing Woolworth's price tag.
3. One piece of paper imprinted "Rowntree, Reg. Penna. Dept. Agr., Printed in England".
4. One Missouri road map.
5. One empty brown paper bag.

Also enclosed are 11 sections of rubber lifting  
 tape bearing latent impressions taken from vehicle.

For information of Bureau and other offices, on  
 5-16-68, a 1968 Dodge Dart 270, VIN LH41D8B323249, bearing  
 1968 Ga. license 1D48283, was recovered at Lambert-St. Louis  
 Municipal Airport by Trooper [REDACTED], MSHP. Airport

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 16) (RM)  
 2 - Atlanta  
 2 - Chicago  
 2 - Kansas City  
 1 - Memphis  
 2 - St. Louis (1 - 26-32047)

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16 MAY 21 1968

SPECIMENS DETACHED IN LFPS

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

SL 44-775

checked daily for possible abandoned cars by [REDACTED] and this vehicle had been unlinked since 5-5-68. Inquiry by MSHP determined vehicle rented Atlanta, Ga., 4-2-68, from National Car Rental utilizing stolen credit cards in name of SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN, [REDACTED], Richmond, Ill. These cards were allegedly stolen from SCHEIDERMAN in an armed robbery in KCMO, however, date of robbery and other details not furnished. It is noted in examining vehicle for latent fingerprints that the vehicle was extremely dusty inside and out. This vehicle was towed to Westlake Motors, 12105 St. Charles Rock Rd., SL Co., Mo., and a representative of the National Car Rental Agency operating out of SL Municipal Airport was to handle recovery arrangements.

The Bureau is requested to compare enclosed evidence and latent prints with prints on file of JAMES EARL RAY and other prints obtained in MURKIN investigation.

LEADS

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will ascertain details pertaining to rental of vehicle and submit original rental agreement to Laboratory for handwriting comparison.

CHICAGO DIVISION

AT RICHMOND, ILL.

Will interview SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN, [REDACTED], regarding robbery of credit cards from him and determine if description of unsub resembles JAMES EARL RAY.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT KANSAS CITY, MO.

Will at the PD ascertain details of theft of credit cards from SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN.

5-24-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, St. Louis (44-775)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: **REC-21**  
Director, FBI (44-38861)

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MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel 5-20-68, submitting eleven lifts and other items from 1969 Dodge Dart recovered at Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport.

Three latent fingerprints of value were found on two of the lifts, one fingerprint on lift #6 and two fingerprints on lift #11. No other latent impressions of value found or developed.

These three latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. These latent fingerprints were compared, insofar as possible, with latent fingerprints previously reported in this case, but no identification effected.

Specimens being returned to St. Louis under separate cover.

- 1 - Atlanta (44-2356)
- 1 - Chicago
- 1 - Kansas City
- 1 - St. Louis (26-32047)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: ME)

Re Bureau letter 4/29/68, furnishing Mobile with newspaper mats and proofs for distribution to cooperative daily and weekly newspapers.

These mats and proofs were submitted to all such newspapers in this Division by letter dated 5/7/68.

In addition, by letter dated 5/10/68, all such newspapers, as well as television broadcasters in the Mobile Division, were furnished copies of the two latest photographs of RAY, namely, the photograph taken in 1967 in Mexico and the photograph taken in late January or early February, 1968, in California. These photographs were so labeled and cooperation of these sources in publicizing these photographs was requested.

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REC-21  
(3) - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Mobile  
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20 MAY 25 1968

C. C. Bishop

5 Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/23/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel dated 5/9/68.

Re records unidentified deceased.

[REDACTED] Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, Fla., advised they maintain a list of unidentified deceased individuals, however, this list is not current. The alphabetical index for the month of April regarding all unidentified deceased individuals in State of Florida will be on file prior to 6/10/68. The index for the month of May will be complete approximately 7/10/68.

County lists submitted as of 5/17/68 reflected only two unidentified deceased individuals to date and both were Negro males.

LEADJACKSONVILLEAT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

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3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Tampa (Info)  
1 - Miami (Info)  
2 - Jacksonville -  
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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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JK 44-769

Will maintain contact with Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, and obtain the list of unidentified deceased individuals for the month of April when filed and thereafter conduct appropriate investigation regarding these individuals.

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FBI KAN CITY

450 PM URGENT 5/24/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN - DAILY SUMMARY.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] IN JOPLIN, MO., NEGATIVE.

LEADS SET OUT FOR LOUISVILLE AND OMAHA.

[REDACTED], ADVISED  
THE ONLY MAGAZINE HE OBSERVED RAY READING WAS "TIME".

ORIGINAL RECORDS BELSAW LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, KANSAS  
CITY, MO., BEING OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO LAB FOR HANDWRITING  
EXAMINATION. THESE RECORDS FROM APRIL ONE, LAST, TO THE  
PRESENT TIME, INCLUDING ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE APPLICATIONS.

DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION OFFICES FOR ENTIRE STATE OF  
MISSOURI BEING CIRCULATED WITH IDENTIFICATION ORDERS THROUGH DRIVER'S  
LICENSE HEADQUARTERS AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO. **REC-21** 44-38861-3913

ALL LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY 15 MAY 27 1968

AM COPY ST. LOUIS.

P ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
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FBI SACTO

3:40PM 5-24-68 MO URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAE, SACRAMENTO (LOO:427)

MURKIN, CR.

RESFTEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTY-THREE, SIXTY-EIGHT.

RE: [REDACTED]

RECORDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE PAROLE OFFICE CHECKED  
THIS DATE AND CONTAINED NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH  
[REDACTED]

AIRMAIL COPY TO SAN FRANCISCO.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

FBI WASH DC

FBI DENVER

700PM URGENT 5-23-W8 JSS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 GAND LITTLE ROCK

FROM DENVER 157-203 2P

MURKIN

REMYTEL AND LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO DENVER INSTANT DATE.

LITTLE ROCK ADVISED INTERVIEW OF THOMPSONS AT OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT, FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, REVEALED THEY DO NOT KNOW [REDACTED] AND NO ONE BY THAT NAME HAS WORKED OR BEEN TAKING MEALS AT THE RESTAURANT. [REDACTED] RELATIVES OF [REDACTED] ADVISE [REDACTED] IS MENTAL CASE AND TENDS TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH CRIMINAL CASES RECEIVING NATIONWIDE ATTENTION. THEY ADVISED LITTLE ROCK OFFICE THAT [REDACTED] LAST IN FORT SMITH ABOUT

THREE YEARS AGO, AT WHICH TIME HE CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN IN A CELL  
WITH JACK RUBY IN DALLAS, TEXAS. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THIS WAS  
FALSE STATEMENT AND A DOCTOR AT PARKLAND HOSPITAL, DALLAS, EXAMINED  
[REDACTED] AND FOUND PROBABLE PSYCHOSIS AND POSSIBLE BRAIN SYNDROME.

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THIS WAS

DN 157-203

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RECORDS, FORT SMITH CREDIT BUREAU, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, NEGATIVE REGARDING [REDACTED] BELIEVED  
[REDACTED] THAT WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IF POSSIBLE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER BUREAU FILES CONTAIN ANY  
INFORMATION REGARDING THIS [REDACTED]

LITTLE ROCK REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY THE MOTHER OF [REDACTED] IN RUDY, ARKANSAS AND  
DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED].

DENVER STILL INTERESTED IN CHECKING TELEPHONE RECORDS OF  
[REDACTED] TELEPHONE FOR ALLEGED CALL FROM [REDACTED] WHILE IN TULSA.

END

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FBI WASH DC

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M. R. [Signature]  
By [Signature] 9:13 pm

CC- MR. TROTTER

FBI WASH DC

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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MAY 15 1968

FBI MEMPHIS

TELETYPE

4:11PM 5-24-68 PGD

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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RE ST. LOUIS SUMMARY TELETYPE MAY TWENTY THREE LAST.

SINCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS IN ST. LOUIS CITY JAIL FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] LAST HE COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN BANK ROBBERY AT ALTON, ILL., REFERRED TO BY

[REDACTED], HOWEVER, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT [REDACTED] POSSIBLY INTENDED TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AS PERSON PERPETRATING THE ROBBERY AT ALTON WITH SUBJECT RAY.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, UNLESS RECORDS IN POSSESSION OF ST. LOUIS INDICATE THAT [REDACTED] WAS IN JAIL DURING THE PERIOD OF THE ALTON BANK ROBBERY ON JULY THIRTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, [REDACTED] SHOULD BE REINTERVIEWED REGARDING HIS POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THIS ROBBERY WITH SUBJECT RAY.

SPRINGFIELD ADVISED BY AIRTEL.

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15 MAY 27 1968

GRRR-LINE 15 WORD 4 SHOULD READ-AIRMAIL

WA...GFH

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI ST LOUIS

1102PM URGENT 5-24-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

[REDACTED]

RAY ATTORNEY STATED IN OPEN COURT HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE AND HAS NEVER SEEN OR BEEN CONTACTED BY RAY. OBJECTED TO ATTEMPTED STATE INTRODUCTION OF ESCAPE NOTATION ON MSP RECORD AS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF ESCAPE. TOOK POSITION PRESENCE OF RAY UNNECESSARY TO HEARING ON MOTION TO VACATE AS SAME BASED SOLELY ON RECORD WHICH IS AVAILABLE. CASEY TOOK UNDER ADVISEMENT. NO PUBLICITY DEVELOPED AS OF NOW. SL GUIDED BY PUTEL THIS DATE.

RE CAROL PEPPER. REINTERVIEWED. NO ADDITIONAL PRESS HARASSMENT OF PEPPERS RESULTED FROM GLOBE DEMOCRAT INTERVIEW OF JOHN LARRY RAY. HE TOLD HER SAME STORY PREVIOUSLY GIVEN SL AS TO HIS GIVING INTERVIEW TO REFUTE UNTRUTHFUL PUBLICITY THAT HE HATED SUBJECT. SHE VOLUNTEERED BELIEF NO MEMBER OF FAMILY HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY OR WAS AWARE OF RAY.

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WHEREABOUTS FOLLOWING ESCAPE, AS SHE FELT SURE THEY WOULD HAVE TOLD HER.

RE JERRY RAYNES AND JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE [REDACTED], AND MEMPHIS TEL THIS DATE.

DETAILS OF [REDACTED] INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] (LNU) AS PERSON WHO TOLD HIM RAY PARTICIPATED WITH HIM IN ROBBERY OF ALTON BANK DISCLOSE HE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] AS THE MAN. GAVE INFO AS TO WHERE FIRST MET [REDACTED] AND HIS DESCRIPTION WHICH FITS THAT OF [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] STATED SPECIFICALLY HAD NEVER SEEN [REDACTED] (LNU) BEFORE AND GAVE DESCRIPTION OF [REDACTED] WHICH FITS [REDACTED] NOTE THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT UNMISTAKEABLE DIFFERENCES IN AGES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHICH NEGATE ANY REASONABLE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT HAVE INTENDED TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] INSTEAD OF [REDACTED] NOTE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] VISITED [REDACTED] TOGETHER. SL ANTICIPATES RE INTERVIEWING BOTH, HOWEVER.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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FBI

Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in

PLAIN TEXT

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Via

AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Knoxville teletype to the Director dated 5/18/68.

RE: [REDACTED] OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

On May 21, 1968, Mr. G. A. LICON, Operations Supervisor, Greyhound Bus Lines, El Paso, Texas, was furnished a photograph of [REDACTED] Aka., [REDACTED], at which time he advised that he would see that the photograph was displayed to the employees of the bus lines in El Paso in an effort to determine if any of the employees recalled seeing this individual at the bus station in El Paso on about April 8 or 9, 1968.

On May 22, 1968, Mr. L. I. DAVIS, Cashier, Greyhound Bus Lines, El Paso, advised that the photograph in question had been displayed to the employees on the various shifts at the bus depot and that no one recalled having seen [REDACTED] at any time in the past.

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- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Knoxville (157-186)
- 1 - El Paso

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C. C. Bishop

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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TELETYPE

IMMEDIATE

TO SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
CHICAGO (44-1114)  
SPRINGFIELD  
ST. LOUIS (44-775)

1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Martindale  
1 - Mr. McDonough  
1 - Mr. McGowan

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) - 3919

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL INSTANT DATE.

BUREAU OFFICES ARE TO MAKE NO COMMENT WHATSOEVER  
REGARDING ANY ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE CASEY AND TO MAKE NO  
PRESS RELEASE OR URGE ANY PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING  
ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE CASEY.

NO PROMISES ARE TO BE MADE TO SUBJECT'S RELATIVES  
THAT SUBJECT MAY HAVE CONVICTION REVERSED OR THAT HE  
"HAS GOOD CHANCE OF BEATING KING RAP."

CLM:vea  
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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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NOTE:

Judge John C. Casey sentenced Ray in 1959 to 20 years on armed robbery charge. Prior to his escape Ray filed motion to set aside the conviction.



SAC Gearty, St. Louis, telephonically advised.

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Date: 5-23-68

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P  
 RE: MURKIN

REBUAIRTEL, 5-16-68, concerning allegation by [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] that subject and an unnamed man robbed bank June -  
 July, 1967.

On re-interview late 5-22-68, [REDACTED] revealed location  
 of bank as Alton, Ill., and identity of unnamed man who robbed  
 same with subject as [REDACTED] (LNU). Stated he was visited by  
 [REDACTED] nights of 5-13 and 5-14-68.

One [REDACTED] is known to have  
 visited [REDACTED] on those dates with another individual.

## 3 - Bureau

- 1 - Chicago (Info)
- 1 - Detroit (Info)
- 1 - Indianapolis (Info)
- 1 - Jackson (Info)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info)
- 1 - Knoxville (Info)
- 1 - Memphis (Info)
- 1 - Milwaukee (Info)
- 1 - Minneapolis (Info)
- 1 - New Orleans (Info)
- 1 - Omaha (Info)
- 1 - Little Rock (Info)
- 1 - Springfield (Info)
- 1 - St. Louis

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 Special Agent in Charge

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SL: 42-775

SL files disclose BANK OF ALTON, Alton, Ill., was robbed by two unknown subjects on 7-13-67 (Bufile 91-27494) (Sifile 91-3699) (SLfile 91-3877). Description of number two man could fit RAY. Number two man description does not fit [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

St. Louis City Jail records established [REDACTED] was in City Jail from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and therefore could not have participated in the Alton BR, or met [REDACTED] during 1967 as alleged.

In view of foregoing, [REDACTED] is being considered as being of known unreliability.

Subject should STILL be considered as a possible suspect in all unsolved bank and other robberies subsequent to 4-23-67.

Subject A & D.

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 10 1968

TELETYPE

FBI LOS ANG.

8:38PM URGENT 5-10-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, PHOENIX, AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE FUTURA BOOKS INC, AND CANADIAN MONEY ORDER:

**[REDACTED]** FUTURA BOOKS, INC., TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA  
LOCATED COPY OF ORDER BLANK RECEIVED BY THIS CONCERN FROM ERIC  
S. GALT, TWO FIVE EIGHT FOUR NOTRE DAME EST, MONTREAL, CANADA  
ON JULY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY SEVEN. ORDER WAS FOR THREE BOOKS  
ENTITLED QUOTE SEXUAL ANATOMY END QUOTE, QUOTE UNUSUAL FEMALE SEX  
PRACTICES END QUOTE AND QUOTE SEX FEELING IN MEN AND WOMEN END  
QUOTE. EACH BOOK PRICED AT THREE DOLLARS. GALT ALSO REQUESTED  
FREE ILLUSTRATED CATALOG. APPLICATION SYMBOL REVEALED ORDER BLANK  
TAKEN FROM AD PLACED IN QUOTE MEN'S REAL ADVENTURE END QUOTE  
MAGAZINE. ORDER FILLED AND SENT GALT AT CANADIAN ADDRESS ON JULY TWENTY  
SIX SIXTY SEVEN.

RE AD TAKEN BY GALT IN FREE PRESS AND THE LOCAL SWINGER

U.S. POSTAL INSPECTOR, LOS ANGELES FURNISHED POSTAL FORM ONE  
FIVE EIGHT THREE EXECUTED BY ERIC S. GALT, ON FEBRUARY ONE SIXTY  
EIGHT DESIGNATING **[REDACTED]** ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA AS  
END PAGE ONE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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*Whitton*  
*Galt*  
*McGowan*

LA 44-1574

RECEIVING AGENT FOR MAIL ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT, ERIC S. GALT, FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND STREET, ALHAMBRA, FORM

SUBMITTED TO FBI LAB FOR EXAMINATION TODAY.

RE EATING PLACES

BOB N. MURPHY, OWNER QUOTE BARBERED PUB END QUOTE WALK-UP EATING STAMPS LOCATED AT ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN NINE STREET AND ONE SEVEN ONE FIVE NORTH WESTERN AVENUE AND QUOTE THE POLIC ROOM END QUOTE SIX TWO FOUR FIVE HOLLYWOOD BLVD, ALL LOS ANGELES

WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY. STATED HE RECALLS RAY AS CUSTOMER OF THE BARBERED PUB, SULLIVAN ROOM AND BARBERED PUB. MURPHY SAID HE HIMSELF FREQUENTS THESE SAME BARS ON OCCASION.

HE RELATED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH RAY IN TANNER OF IDLE BAR CHATTER. SAID HE CANNOT REMEMBER SPECIFIC NATURE OF CONVERSATION.

MURPHY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S ASSOCIATES AND DID NOT KNOW RAY BY NAME.

RE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

ALAN THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL ADVISED HE RECEIVED PERSON TO PERSON PREPAID TELEPHONE CALL AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,

NUMBER FOUR SIX FOUR DASH ONE ONE THREE ONE, FROM UNKNOWN PERSON ALLEGEDLY CALLING FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA DURING EVENING OF MAY NINE LAST OR EARLY MORNING MAY TEN INSTANT. CALLER ASKED QUOTE

HOW'S THE MURDER COMING AT THE ST. FRANCIS END QUOTE AND THEN HUNG UP.



FROMIX DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF DETERMINING IDENTITY OF  
 CALLEE. CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF WOODY LURFORD MAKING CALL.

NEIGHBORHOOD OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

CONTACT WITH NUMEROUS BARTENDERS VICINITY OF ST. FRANCIS

HOTEL ESTABLISH WAY, ALTHOUGH NOT NOTICEABLY IN POSSESSION OF

LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY, ALWAYS SEEMED TO HAVE SUFFICIENT

FURGE. CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS AND INFORMANTS HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF  
 VAPORING, PROSTITUTION, BOOKMAKING, GAMBLING IN AND ABOUT THE

VICINITY OF HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AVE. AREA HAVE NOT ESTABLISHED

RAY TO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS A SOURCE

OF FUNDS.

SE PHONE CALLS BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND NEW ORLEANS.

ARNOLD E. THOMAS, JR., [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. THOMAS ADVISED

WHILE EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FOR BURIAL OF BROTHIE.

LESTER THOMAS, HE ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL STOPS ON ROUTE FROM

LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. THOMAS ADVISED HIS WIFE MADE TELEPHONE

CALLS TO THE RESIDENCE OF HIS PARENTS WHO RESIDE IN NEW ORLEANS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] FROM THOMAS,

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ORIGINAL FBI BOSTON

FBI WASH DC

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AIR MAIL COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS AND EL PASO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

THIS INDIVIDUAL ON ANY PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS AND TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE HAS NEVER SEEN

JP., WHO ADVISED HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL DEPICTED

PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED TO ARNOLD P. THOMAS,

A RAY TELEPHONE BOOTH LOCATED NEAR MC DONALD HANDBOOK STAND.

BEST OF MR. THOMAS' RECOLLECTION, WAS MADE ON TWELVE SIXTEEN LAST FROM

ARIZONA AND EL PASO, TEXAS. THE CALL FROM EL PASO, TEXAS TO THE

LA 44-1574

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1 - Office  
1 - Lab Files

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **Legat, Mexico**

Date: **May 22, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **PC-A6377 IS**

Examination requested by **Legat, Mexico**  
**personally delivered by [redacted]**  
Reference **[redacted] to a Special Agent from Washington Field**  
**Office, on 5/11/68**  
Examination requested: **Chemical Analyses**

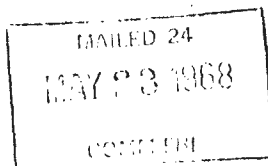
Remarks: **You have been separately advised as to the results of the fingerprint examination and the disposition of the evidence listed as "Also Submitted."**

**Specimen Q341 is being returned to you herewith.**

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**Enclosures (3) (Q341, 2 Lab report)**

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REPORT  
of the



1 - Office  
1 - Lab File

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: Legat, Mexico  
Re: MURKIN

Date: May 22, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. PC-A6377 IS

Specimens received 5/11/68

Q341 Pebbles

Also Submitted: Fingerprints of unknown deceased

Results of examination:

Human blood too limited in amount for grouping  
purposes was found on Q341.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **MURKIN**

File # **44-38861**  
Lab. # **PC-A6377 IS**

**EXPEDITE**

Examination requested by: **Legat, Mexico**

Examination requested: **Chem Anal(Bioch)**

Date received: **5-11-68**

Result of Examination:

*Ref. [unclear] 5/11/68*

Examination by: **per del  
MC WRIGHT**

Per del by [redacted] to  
Special Agent from Washington Field Office, on 5-11-68

*human blood too limited in amount for grouping purposes  
was found on Q 341.*

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Specimens submitted for examination

**Q 341 Pebbles**

**Also Submitted: Fingerprints of unknown deceased**

	<i>Beng</i>	<i>Blood</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
<i>Q</i>	<i>+</i>	<i>+</i>	<i>+</i>		<i>Q 341 9 pebbles (sandy)</i>

*Lab Report  
5/22/68*

Mr. Rosen

May 12, 1968

C. L. McGowan

MURKIN

PC-A 6377

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Adams  
1 - Mr. Trotter  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Bishop

With regard to the body of the unidentified man discovered by Mexican Police, [REDACTED], Legat, Mexico, telephonically advised at 2:40 p.m., 5-11-68, he is unable to make comparison of fingerprints taken by local police with prints of Ray on wanted flyer due to very poor impressions obtained by local police and deteriorated condition of body when prints taken. The body has been reburied and another set of prints cannot be secured; therefore, the fingerprints will be sent to Washington, D.C., in order that an effort can be made by the Identification Division to identify or eliminate the prints with those in the fingerprint jacket of Ray.

[REDACTED] telephonically advised at 6:50 p.m., 5-11-68, the fingerprints noted above were being sent on Eastern Airlines Flight #910, scheduled to arrive at Dulles Airport at 10:04 p.m., and would be in possession of [REDACTED]. Also enclosed with these prints will be an envelope containing a blood specimen imbedded in sand which was furnished by Mexican Police.

[REDACTED] informed the local newspapers on 5-11-68, contained an article about the possibility the unknown body may be Ray and stated Mexican Police authorities had furnished fingerprints of the body to the United States Embassy for forwarding to the FBI. [REDACTED] was furnished this information.

Special Agent [REDACTED] Washington Field Office, was instructed to have a Bureau Agent meet the mentioned flight at Dulles Airport and deliver the prints to Room 6136, Identification Division Building. Mr. Latona of Identification Division was requested to arrange to have the fingerprints received from Legat, Mexico compared with prints of Ray and advise of the results.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen  
RE: MURKIN

Mr. Bonebrake of Identification Division advised at 11:55 p.m., 3-11-68, it was not possible to make a determination whether the prints were or were not identical with those of Ray.

██████████ telephonically advised at 12:10 a.m., 5-12-68, the only other data available as to identification of the body in Mexico are photographs taken by local police and these photographs are not considered very good, especially in view of deteriorated condition of the body.

██████████ suggested the possibility be explored to have one of our experts come down to Mexico to act as a "consultant" in connection with obtaining a better set of prints, provided arrangements might be made to have the body exhumed again.

On 5-12-68, efforts are being initiated by Serology in the Laboratory to examine the blood samples to determine the possibility of any identifiable feature for use in future identification of the body.

Mr. DeLoach

May 13, 1968

A. Rosen

MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach      1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Rosen      1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Malley      1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. McGowan      1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Long      1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. McDonough      1 - Mr. Trotter  
1 - Mr. Martindale

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 5/10/68 Mexican authorities discovered a body buried on the beach at Acapulco. Police described it as that of a white male, about thirty years old and believed to be an American. Police also said the body was decomposing and had apparently been both beaten and shot with death occurring about three days before the body was found.

Mexican police fingerprinted the body and buried it. The local press speculated that the body is that of James Earl Ray. The fingerprints taken by the police have been compared with Ray's fingerprints by the Identification Division but they are so lacking in detail that it is not possible to determine whether or not they are identical. An FBI fingerprint expert is en route to Acapulco to attempt to reach a positive finding as to whether this body is identical with Ray.

Circuit Judge John C. Casey, St. Louis, has advised the St. Louis Office he sentenced Ray to twenty years for armed robbery in 1959. This is the sentence Ray was serving when he escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary in April, 1967.

A motion was filed to vacate the above judgment because of alleged improper introduction of a signed statement, failure to afford a sanity hearing, perjured testimony on behalf of the State, faulty instructions to the jury, and failure to furnish the advice and assistance of an attorney at all stages of the proceedings. The motion was overruled but on 4/12/67 the Missouri Supreme Court reversed the order overruling the motion and the case was restored to the docket, 6/15/67.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

Judge Casey further advised that John D. Schneider, a court appointed attorney, filed a document with the court, 5/1/68, stating that no court action is possible at this time in view of Ray's escape. This was published in the daily record of court activity, 5/8/68, but has not been picked up by the press.

[REDACTED]

Ray might recognize the possibility of reversing the armed robbery conviction and give himself up in the belief he could beat the King murder charge before a Southern jury.

[REDACTED]

The United States is not a party to the case pending before Judge Casey. It is a matter filed by or on behalf of Ray to overturn what is strictly a State conviction.

[REDACTED]

The original motion and supporting argument filed before Judge Casey were purportedly prepared by Ray. They have been described as being done in a very able manner and on a par with the work of practicing attorneys.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:


Every possible effort is being made to locate and apprehend Ray as quickly as possible.

May 23, 1968

**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

This case involves the murder of  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Local Judge John C. Casey, St. Louis  
sentenced Ray to 20 years in 1959 for  
armed robbery. A motion to set aside  
the conviction was filed before Ray's  
escape and is still pending.



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*[Handwritten signatures and initials are visible below the redaction box.]*

ENCLOSURE

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

FBI ST LOUIS

712PM URGENT 5-22-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE SL TELS NINE TWO SEVEN AM AND TWO ZERO EIGHT PM MAY ELEVEN,  
AND RUTEL TEN SEVENTEEN AM MAY THIRTEEN LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CIRCUIT ATTORNEY FILED NOTICE MAY FIFTEEN  
TO TAKE UP STATE MOTION TO DISMISS RAY MOTION TO VACATE, ON MAY  
SEVENTEEN. ON THAT DATE RAY ATTORNEY, WHO HAS NEVER SEEN RAY AS  
WAS APPOINTED BY COURT SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE, FILED MEMO FOR  
CLERK ALLEGING INSUFFICIENT NOTICE, CITING MO. FIVE DAY RULE.  
COURT SUSTAINED. NEW NOTICE ISSUED THAT DATE TO TAKE UP MOTION ON  
MAY TWENTY FOUR.

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Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)  
AIRTELVia \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau dated 5/9/68.

On 5/20/68, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Tyrone, Pa., advised that she had written no letters to anyone concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., nor did she possess any information on that matter.

She advised that she was originally from Genesee, Pa., and had many relatives with the last name of [REDACTED] residing in the vicinity of Coudersport, but she was not aware of any of them who used the first initial of [REDACTED]. She also advised that the Coudersport area was frequented by many migrant Negro workers from Florida.

(3-Bureau  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
2-Pittsburgh

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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252PM URGENT 5-23-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) PLAINTEXT

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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MURKIN

RE BU TEL MAY TWENTY TWO LAST RE AD IN PUBLICATION.

LOS ANGELES REPORT OF SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN DATED  
MAY SEVENTEEN LAST ON PAGE ONE FIVE THREE INDICATES  
GALT SENT ONE DOLLAR MONEY ORDER FROM CANADA TO E.Z.  
FORMULAS COMPANY FOR FORMULA TO TWO-WAY GLASS. E.Z.  
FORMULA RECONTACTED THIS DATE AND ADVISED THEY ADVERTISE  
FORMULA FOR TWO-WAY GLASS IN NUMEROUS MOVIE AND DETECTIVE  
MAGAZINES. THEY ARE UNABLE TO TELL FROM THEIR RECORDS  
WHICH PUBLICATION GALT USED TO ORDER THE FORMULA.

AT PAGE ONE THREE EIGHT IN SAME REPORT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT COMPANY ADVISED HE GAVE  
BROCHURE ADVERTISING JAPANESE HANDCUFFS, WHICH GALT  
PURCHASED, TO TWO SALESMEN FOR TIFFANY ENTERPRISES. *EX-19*  
TIFFANY ENTERPRISES HAS NO WAY OF DETERMINING FROM THEIR  
RECORDS THE METHOD WHICH GALT USED TO PURCHASE HANCUFFS.

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AT PAGE ONE FIVE ONE OF REPORT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
FUTURA BOOKS ADVISED GALT PURCHASED THREE SEX BOOKS USING  
AD APPEARING IN "MEN'S REAL ADVENTURE" MAGAZINE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

TELETYPE

FBI DENVER

3-20 PM URGENT 5-23-68 BID  
TO DIRECTOR AND LITTLE ROCK  
FROM DENVER 157-203 4P

MURKIN

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

RE TELCALL TO LITTLE ROCK THIS DATE.

ON MAY TWENTYTHIRD INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DENVER, ADVISED

THAT HE RECEIVED A COLLECT CALL FROM [REDACTED]  
IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA, ABOUT ONE PM, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

[REDACTED] STATED GREW UP WITH [REDACTED] RUDY, ARKANSAS,  
AND ATTENDED SCHOOL WITH HIM IN ALMA. [REDACTED] LEFT HIGH  
SCHOOL TO JOIN NAVY IN NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE. [REDACTED] SAW

[REDACTED] ONCE SINCE THEN IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE  
OR JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, IN DALLAS, TEXAS. ACCI-  
DENTALLY MET HIM IN TAVERN IN DALLAS. DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS  
FIVE FEET ELEVEN, STRAWBERRY BLOND, FRECKLES, UNKNOWN TATTOOS,  
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, FIFTYONE YEARS OF AGE. HAS  
MOTHER WHOSE NAME MAY BE [REDACTED] IN RUDY,

ARK. DURING CALL ON MAY SEVENTEEN, [REDACTED] APPEARED TO  
BE DRUNK AND TO BE CALLING FROM A TAVERN. [REDACTED] STATED

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[REDACTED] MAY HAVE RELATIONS IN TULSA. [REDACTED] INDICATED  
MIGHT BE PASSING THROUGH DENVER SOMETIME IN NEAR FUTURE.  
ASKED [REDACTED] IF [REDACTED] SAW HIM ON CBS TV AND INDICATED  
THAT HE WAS ONE OF THOSE INDICTED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS, INVOLVED IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION  
CONSPIRACY. COMMENTED TO [REDACTED] "WE FAMOUS PEOPLE RUN  
TOGETHER," AND STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN LIVING IN TULSA  
WITH ERIC GALT FOR ABOUT A WEEK. [REDACTED] ASKED WHO  
GALT WAS AND [REDACTED] ASKED [REDACTED] IF HE HAD HEARD OF  
JAMES RAY. WHEN [REDACTED] STATED HE HAD NOT [REDACTED] SAID  
THAT HE WAS THE ONE WHO "KNOCKED OVER KING, JR." [REDACTED]  
STATED HE TRIED TO DETERMINE WHERE [REDACTED] WAS STAYING BUT  
COULD NOT. HE BELIEVED THAT [REDACTED] WAS ONCE ON THE WEST  
COAST, POSSIBLY AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DURING THE CONVERSATION  
HE INDICATED HE MAY BE RETURNING TO THE WEST COAST.  
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[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE RECEIVED ANOTHER TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] AT SEVEN TEN AM THIS DATE. TELEPHONE CALL WAS CUT OFF FOR UNKNOWN REASON BUT WAS NOT A COLLECT CALL. OPERATOR WHO PUT [REDACTED] ON THE LINE INDICATED THAT CALL WAS BEING CHARGED, BUT [REDACTED] FEELS IT WAS CHARGED TO SOMEONE IN FORT SMITH, ARK., FROM WHERE THE LATEST CALL ORIGINATED. DURING THE SHORT CONVERSATION [REDACTED] INDICATED HE HAD BEEN EATING AT THE OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT, SEVEN ONE FOUR TOWSON AVE., FORT SMITH, ARK., WHICH RESTAURANT IS RUN BY [REDACTED] MRS. ELBA BASINGER THOMPSON, AND WAS APPARENTLY PLACING THE CALL FROM THAT RESTAURANT. HE INDICATED THAT HE WENT TO FORT SMITH TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT TORNADO IN THAT AREA, AND THAT HE PLANNED TO HEAD WEST AFTER LEAVING FORT SMITH.

LITTLE ROCK AT FT. SMITH IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT MRS. THOMPSON AT THE OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT AND THROUGH HER LOCATE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED FOR ANY

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KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ACTIVITIES WHILE IN TULSA.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MEMPHIS AS OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND OKLAHOMA CITY, WHO  
MAY HAVE SUBSEQUENT LEADS, BEING FURNISHED COPIES BY AIR  
MAIL.

~~CORR...~~ PAGE 2- LINE 3- WRD 9- SHD BE "TV".

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FBI WASH DC

FBI EL PASO

6:18PM URGENT 5-23-68 WPS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), DALLAS (44-2649) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM EL PASO (157-186) -P- 3P

MURKIN.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE ON GREYHOUND BUS ENROUTE FROM TULSA, OKLA. TO DALLAS, MAY TWENTYTWO LAST, WHO IMPLICATED SELF ALONG WITH GROUP OF TWENTY IN KING ASSASSINATION.

(PROTECT IDENTITY),

MIDLAND, TEXAS, ADVISED TODAY THAT WHEN SHE BOARDED GREYHOUND BUS, TULSA, OKLA., MAY TWENTYTWO LAST, A WHITE MALE WHOM SHE DESCRIBED TO BE AGE THIRTYFIVE TO THIRTYEIGHT, SIX FEET, ONE EIGHTYFIVE TO ONE NINETY LBS., WHO HAD SMALL BROWN SPECK MARKS ON FACE, SLIGHTLY SLANTED EYES AND MOUTH, ONE AND ONE HALF INCH V SHAPED SCAR BACK OF HEAD, BROWN CREWCUT HAIR, BROWN EYES, WEARING OLD BROWN SUIT, BROWN KNIT SWEATER, DARK BLUE SPORT SHIRT, WAS SITTING IN AISLE SEAT ABOUT TWO THIRDS OF THE WAY BACK IN THE BUS ON THE LEFT SIDE AS ONE WALKS TO THE REAR. SHE STATES THAT ABOUT ONE HOUR ENROUTE FROM TULSA TO DALLAS THIS INDIVIDUAL MADE THE REMARK IN A LOUD MANNER WHERE OTHER

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BUS PASSENGERS COULD HEAR "I KILLED ONE MAN. I AM WANTED IN FORTYEIGHT STATES BUT THEY WILL NEVER CATCH ME. I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING. THERE ARE TWENTY OF US IN ON THAT. WE ARE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND WHO WOULD SUSPECT US." INDIVIDUAL ALSO DISCUSSED PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY.

[REDACTED] STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL LEFT THE BUS AT DALLAS AND BOARDED GREYHOUND BUS AT DALLAS ABOUT ELEVEN TEN PM, MAY TWENTYTWO LAST.

[REDACTED] KNEW NO OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON BUS FROM TULSA TO DALLAS. SHE STATES WANTED FLYER OF JAMES EARL RAY DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL ON BUS AND COULD IDENTIFY NO ADDITIONAL TOP TEN PHOTOS OR IDENT. ORDERS SHOWN TO HER.

DALLAS AT DALLAS: WILL AT GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT DETERMINE IDENTITY OF DRIVER OF GREYHOUND BUS WHICH LEFT DALLAS APPROX. ELEVEN TEN PM, MAY TWENTYTWO LAST, IN EFFORT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED BY [REDACTED] WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY DRIVER OF BUS WHICH ARRIVED DALLAS FROM TULSA ABOUT TEN THIRTY PM, MAY TWENTYTWO LAST, IN ORDER TO FURTHER CORROBORATE INFO GIVEN BY [REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES: WILL COVER ARRIVAL OF GREYHOUND BUS, NUMBER NOT KNOWN, WHICH LEFT DALLAS, ELEVEN TEN PM, MAY TWENTYTWO LAST, IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO BY [REDACTED] AND ELIMINATE THIS INDIVIDUAL OR ESTABLISH HIM AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN MURKIN.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1054PM URGENT 5-23-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

REBUTEL TO CHICAGO, MAY TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT.

[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) [REDACTED] ALABAMA,  
ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE RE PUBLICATIONS SUBJECT  
READ, BUT SUGGESTED MAJOR POIRY, SECURITY OFFICER, MSP, MIGHT  
HAVE SINCE HE USE TO CHECK CELLS FOR CONTRABAND GOODS AND MIGHT  
THEREFORE BE FAMILIAR WITH TYPE OF PUBLICATIONS FAVORED BY SUBJECT.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CONTACT MAJOR POIRY, MSP,  
RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF PUBLICATIONS READ BY SUBJECT.

AIR MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

259PM URGENT 5/23/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO BIRMINGHAM ET AL MAY TWENTY TWO LAST.

RE PUBLICATIONS HABITUALLY READ BY SUBJECT.

PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY HAS DETERMINED THAT DUE TO MANNER IN WHICH COMPANY HANDLES REQUESTS FOR A CATALOG THERE IS NO WAY TO DETERMINE SPECIFIC MAGAZINE FROM WHICH ANY CUSTOMER REQUESTED CATALOG, IF IN FACT REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM MAGAZINE SLIP. NORMALLY CUSTOMER WILL SUBMIT SLIP FROM ONE OF VARIOUS MAGAZINES REQUESTING CATALOG BUT ON NUMEROUS OTHER OCCASIONS LETTER REQUESTS FOR CATALOG HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. COMPANY DOES NOT MAINTAIN ANY LIST OF PERSONS REQUESTING CATALOG NOR MANNER IN WHICH REQUEST MADE. FIRST TIME CUSTOMER'S NAME IS RECORDED IS WHEN ORDER FORM IS SUBMITTED WHICH FORM IS MAILED AS INSERT IN CATALOG.

FILM COMPANY ADVERTISES IN FOLLOWING MAGAZINES:

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U.S. CAMERA, POPULAR PHOTOGRAPHY, MODERN PHOTOGRAPHY, FIELD AND STREAM, HUNTING AND FISHING, AND MECHANIX ILLUSTRATED.

FROM PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED RE ADVERTISING MEDIA IT APPEARS THAT MOST COMMON MAGAZINES UTILIZED WERE POPULAR MECHANICS, POPULAR SCIENCE, MECHANIX ILLUSTRATED AND FIELD AND STREAM.

SUBJECT'S BROTHER JERRY THIS DATE ADVISED THAT IN PAYMENT OF REMAINING AMOUNT OF A SMALL LOAN TO HIS BROTHER JAMES WHILE IN PRISON JAMES ASKED HIM TO GET A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO TRUE MAGAZINE AND HAVE IT SENT TO HIM IN PRISON. JERRY COULD NOT RECALL ANY OTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH SUBJECT CONCERNING A PARTICULAR MAGAZINE. HE DID EXPRESS OPINION THAT HIS BROTHER'S INTERESTS WOULD LIE IN FIELD OF POPULAR MECHANICS AND A HUNTING OR FISHING MAGAZINE.

AMCC MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, NEWARK.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 23 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
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FBI INDAPOLS

1015PM URGENT 5-23-68 DPL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-1574), ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES  
FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST; KNOXVILLE  
TELETYPE, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

RECORDS U.S. PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE, IND., REFLECT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WMA, BORN [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]  
FIVE FEET SEVEN, ONE FORTYSIX POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES,  
TWO INCH SCAR ABOVE LEFT EYE, SENTENCED [REDACTED]  
WESTERN DISTRICT VIRGINIA, [REDACTED]  
LATER ARRESTED AS [REDACTED] CONVICTED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], RECEIVED [REDACTED] MIDDLE DISTRICT  
ALABAMA FOR [REDACTED] RELEASED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NO SUPERVISION, INTENDED RESIDENCE WITH  
MOTHER, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GA. COPY OF [REDACTED] SPACE RECORD SENT USPO, ATLANTA,  
GA. FOR INFORMATION UPON RELEASE.

END PAGE ONE..

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*cc to Long*

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*5/27*

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FOLLOWING RELATIVES NOTED: SISTER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CHATTANOOGA, TENN.,  
SISTER [REDACTED]  
CHATTANOOGA; BROTHER [REDACTED] CHATTANOOGA; SISTER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WILDWOOD, GA.; SISTER [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

FILE INDICATES [REDACTED] HAS EXCESSIVE DRINKING HABITS, IS  
SOPHISTICATED, AND HOSTILE TOWARD QUESTIONING. PRIOR RECORD  
INCLUDES [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BROTHER [REDACTED]  
WAS CO-DEFENDANT IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BELIEVED IDENTICAL TO PERSON FURNISHING INFORMATION  
REGARDING RAY TO EDITOR LOS ANGELES TIMES.

JUNE, SIXTYSIX PHOTO BEING OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO INTER-  
ESTED OFFICES.

ATLANTA INTERVIEW INDICATED RELATIVES AT WILDWOOD AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] GEORGIA, AND REVIEW [REDACTED] RECORD USPO, ATLANTA, IN  
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
END PAGE TWO...

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KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN., THROUGH RELATIVES ATTEMPT  
TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

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FBI KAN CITY

1019 AM URGENT 5/23/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SIXTEEN, LAST.

BUREAU TEL MAY TWENTYTWO, LAST ADVISED BUREAU  
CONTEMPLATING PLACING AN AD IN A PUBLICATION IN AN EFFORT TO  
POSSIBLY SURFACE THE SUBJECT. IT MUST BE DETERMINED WHAT  
PUBLICATIONS, IF ANY, WERE HABITUALLY READ BY SUBJECT. BUTEL  
REQUESTS KANSAS CITY TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] FELLOW INMATE,  
TO DETERMINE WHAT PUBLICATIONS SUBJECT HABITUALLY READ.

RE COMMUNICATION REVEALS [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED BY  
ST. LOUIS THAT DATE.

ST. LOUIS WILL RE-INTERVIEW [REDACTED] RE ABOVE.

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Date: 5/24/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

MURKIN  
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Rebuairtel to Memphis & Newark, 5/22/68.  
Re anonymous religious greeting card.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of  
referenced Bureau airtel.

Inquiry with US Postal Inspector, Newark, has failed  
to develop any information regarding the sender of the anonymous  
communication. There is no Columbus Ave., Dutton St., or Charter  
St. in Hoboken, NJ

LEADLOS ANGELES

Determine if there is a █████ Charter St., or telephone  
██████ in Hollywood, Calif.

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- 3 - Bureau  
2 - Los Angeles (Encl. 2) REC-19  
1 - Memphis  
2 - Newark

HHR:js  
(8)

C. C. Bishop

44-38861-3933  
20 MAY 25 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 24 1968

FBI PHOENIX

1158PM 5/23/68 URGENT JDD

TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR, EL PASO, DALLAS, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS(AIRMAIL)  
FROM PHOENIX (44-371)

MURKIN.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
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RE LA TEL TO PX , DALLAS, AND EL PASO, AND EL PASO TEL  
TO BUREAU, DALLAS AND LA INSTANT DATE.

GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER ONE THREE NINE FOUR, ENROUTE FROM  
DALLAS TO LOS ANGELES, MET AT PHOENIX GREYHOUND STATION AT NINE  
THIRTYFIVE PM INSTANT AT WHICH TIME NO ONE FITTING UNSUB'S  
DESCRIPTION ON BUS. GREYHOUND DRIVER G.R. RULE ADVISED NO ONE  
FITTING UNSUB'S DESCRIPTION ON BUS WHEN HE BECAME DRIVER FOUR  
HUNDRED FIFTY MILES EAST OF PHOENIX. PASSENGER LESLIE WHITMORE,

GREYHOUND BAGGAGE COLLECTOR, WHO BOARDED ABOVE BUS AT DALLAS, ADVISED  
NO PERSON ON BUS WHO FITTED UNSUB'S DESCRIPTION FROM DALLAS TO  
PHOENIX. PASSENGER JAMES D. STOREY, WHO BOARDED ABOVE BUS AT  
MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS, PRIOR TO DALLAS STOP, ADVISED NO PERSON ON  
BUS WHO FITTED UNSUB'S DESCRIPTION FROM MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS TO  
PHOENIX. DRIVER RULE FURTHER ADVISED MANY BUSES DEPART DALLAS  
AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN TEN PM, MAY TWENTYTWO LAST.

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cc to Tony

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DALLAS DIVISION WILL CHECK WITH GREYHOUND OFFICIALS AT DALLAS AND DETERMINE OTHER BUSES WHICH MAY HAVE DEPARTED TERMINAL AT ELEVEN TEN PM, MAY TWENTYTWO LAST, SPECIFICALLY IF BUS NUMBER ONE NINE THREE FOUR, MENTIONED IN RE LA TEL, HAD DEPARTED THAT TIME.

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END

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FBI WASH DC



The Attorney General

May 27, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

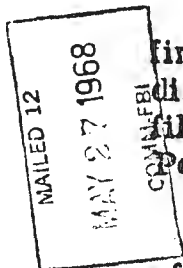
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

*Offenbach*

On May 8, 1968, the body of an unknown deceased was found partially buried in a grave near Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania. A powder believed to be lime was also in the grave. The body was clothed only in shorts and an undershirt. The examining pathologist found three bullet holes in the chest cavity, body was in advanced state of decay, and pathologist stated in his opinion the body had been in the grave for six months.

On May 17, 1968, Dr. Wilton M. Krogman, archeologist, University of Pennsylvania, examined the body and stated that in his opinion the body had been in the grave only from four to six weeks and is of the opinion that the body is that of a middle-aged white male, five feet nine inches to six feet one inch in height, muscular build, weighing about 200 pounds, and descendant of Northern Italy or Central Europe.

According to the examination, there is no possibility of fingerprints being obtained, teeth in the upper jaw are missing or dislodged, but teeth in the lower jaw are intact and contain several fillings. Certain remains of the body are presently in possession of Pennsylvania State Police, Reading, Pennsylvania.



Although there is no indication that this unknown body is that of subject James Earl Ray, a comparison of the dental charts of Ray with the remains of the deceased is presently being conducted by the Pennsylvania State authorities.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General

REL:cs  
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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO...

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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This letter is prepared in accordance with instructions of Mr. DeLoach, Assistant to the Director, as a result of his conference with the Attorney General on May 24, 1968. The Attorney General made inquiry concerning the unknown body recently recovered in Pennsylvania, and he was advised that the information would be forwarded to him.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Los Angeles, California 90049  
May 13, 1968

Copy to Ramsey Clark

Director J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

MURKIN

The two enclosed letters may give some idea of my puzzlement and I presume that of millions of other Americans concerned over the mysterious murder of the Rev. King.

Sincerely,

Logan Wilshire

COPY:hcv

MR. TOLSON ✓  
MR. DELOACH ✓  
MR. MOHR ✓  
MR. BISHOP ✓  
MR. CASPER  
MR. CALLAHAN  
MR. CONRAD  
MR. FELT  
MR. GALE  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. TAVEL  
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MR. JONES  
TELE. ROOM  
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Sincerely,

Alvan White

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EVENING OUTLOOK

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## Editorial Page

### Puzzling Aspects Of Murder Hunt

Editor: Few would deny that the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King has turned out to be a very strange happening in more ways than one.

To take just one example: after the murder, it was reported in the press that a man was seen to drop a rifle on the sidewalk near the scene of the crime. This rifle was first reported to be a Browning but later was said to be a Remington which was actually found in a rooming house. Quite a difference!

Next, we read that the Remington was in the possession of the FBI and that ballistic tests would be made to determine if the bullet which killed the Rev. King came from the Remington. Naturally, if the bullet was found there would be no problem. But, so far, I have seen no report from the FBI.

The presumption would be, of course, that the fatal shot was fired from the Remington, except for the puzzling fact that a published chronicle of events in the life of the prime suspect, Eric Stover Galt or James Earl Ray, or whatever his real name may be, states that as long ago as September 1967, the mystery man received a package in the mail from Chicago, weighing 20-25 lbs., 3 ft. long and 1 ft. wide.

This package could have contained a Browning and until such time, if ever, that tests prove the Remington bullet killed the Rev. King, the possibility remains that the shot came from another rifle, probably the Browning.

As things stack up today, at least in the minds of the general public, the question of who murdered the Rev. King must take a back seat to the question of what murdered him. Was it a bullet from the Browning or the Remington, if there were actually two rifles? In that case, the owner of the Remington might not have been the killer nor had anything to do with the crime.

The Remington could have found its way into the rooming house through the hand of someone else. If this seems farfetched, a little reflection will show that name switching and impersonation could make one person appear as two or two persons appear as one.

That something like this happened is made probable by the fact that the FBI has itself switched very recently from identifying its suspect as James Ray to saying he was Eric Galt. Indeed a very strange happening.

Logan Wilshire,

Brentwood.

and vo bs.

Logan Wilshire

Los Angeles, Calif. 90049

Tel. [REDACTED]

44-38861-3930

ENCLOSURE

RALPH DE TOLEDANO WRITES IN HIS SYNDICATED COLUMN THAT CERTAIN FBI INVESTIGATORS HAVE THEORIZED THE RED CHINESE MURDERED THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING THROUGH UNDERWORLD CONNECTIONS HERE IN ORDER TO CAUSE TURMOIL IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS THEORY IS PLAUSIBLE AS THE RED CHINESE ARE UTTERLY IRRESPONSIBLE AND HATE US SUFFICIENTLY TO FORGE SUCH A DIABOLICAL PLOT. THE THEORY BECOMES EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE, HOWEVER, IF THE ULTIMATE GOAL HAD BEEN TO SCUTTLE THE PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE, A FAR MORE REWARDING ACHIEVEMENT TO THE RED CHINESE THAN TURMOIL ALONE. THE REASON IS THAT THE RED CHINESE ARE DESPERATELY DETERMINED TO MAKE CERTAIN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CONTINUE THE WAR UNTIL THE UNITED STATES MAKES AN UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH VIETNAM. IF THAT SHOULD HAPPEN, RED CHINA WOULD HAVE ACHIEVED HER GOAL OF A FREE HAND IN S.E. ASIA. BUT NOW NORTH VIETNAM HAS FALTERED. AND IS READY TO TALK PEACE WITH THE UNITED STATES, IN SPITE OF THREATS BY THE RED CHINESE TO WITHDRAW WAR AID TO THEM. AFTER THIS FAILURE TO KEEP THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN LINE, THE PROBLEM THEN EMERGED FOR THE RED CHINESE OF HOW BEST TO UNDERMINE THE PEACE CONFERENCE ITSELF. THE PLAN SELECTED MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN TO HAVE THE REV. KING MURDERED IN SUCH WAY AS TO THROW SUSPICION ON THE RED CHINESE THEMSELVES. IN THAT CASE, PUBLIC INDIGNATION HERE WOULD RISE NOT ONLY AGAINST THE RED CHINESE BUT COMMUNISTS EVERYWHERE, INCLUDING THE COMMUNIST LEADERS OF NORTH VIETNAM, WHO ALL PARTICIPATE IN A DRIVE TO DESTROY THE FREE WORLD. THE RESULT COULD BE ANTICIPATED BY THE RED CHINESE THAT THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A HARD LINE AGAINST THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AT PARIS OR RISK AN UPRISING AGAINST THE DEMOCRAT PARTY IN NOVEMBER. A HARD LINE, HOWEVER, MIGHT WELL DOOM THE CONFERENCE WHICH IS JUST WHAT THE RED CHINESE WANT.

Logan Wilshire  
322 Chadbourne Ave.  
Los Angeles, California 90049

May 17, 1968

REC 8

Mr. Logan Wilshire

Los Angeles, California 90049

Dear Mr. Wilshire:

I have received your letter of May 13th, with enclosures.

At the request of the Attorney General, the FBI has instituted an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the slaying of Martin Luther King. I can assure you this inquiry is being conducted in a most thorough and expeditious manner. While I would very much like to be of further assistance to you, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I can tell you, however, that no representative of the FBI made any statement speculating that Martin Luther King was murdered by the Red Chinese as indicated in one of your enclosures.

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Sincerely yours,

COMM FBI

J. Edgar Hoover

**NOTE:** Bufiles indicate that correspondent was involved in an automobile accident 1-20-64 with a Bureau car. He filed no claim against the Government. Ralph De Toledano was formerly on our mailing list but was removed per Director's instructions because of a news release critical of the FBI 2-8-67.

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WMG:jas (3)

66 MAY 21 1968

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 5-17-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

To stimulate public cooperation and possibly elicit pertinent information from individuals motivated by financial rewards, it is being suggested that information on the substantial financial rewards offered in the Murkin case be emphasized through nationwide publicity. The rewards are for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Dr. King's killer.

Contact today with the Memphis Office reflects there is a current known total of \$100,000 in outstanding rewards. The "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers have each offered \$25,000, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has underwritten the reward up to a total of \$100,000. This compilation was set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal." Although there have been rumors of additional rewards by such organizations as the SCLC, these are apparently without foundation.

A proposed letter to all SACs is attached, instructing each office to discreetly remind their news contacts of the existence of the substantial rewards as an additional step in eliciting public cooperation.

## RECOMMENDATION:

The attached letter to SAC, Albany, with copies to all other offices and Legats, be approved.

Enclosure sent 5-21-68

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosure

JRH:djr  
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25 MAY 27 1968

CRIME RESEARCH

25 JUN - 1968



F B I

Date: 5/20/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 (OO: Memphis)

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 5/14/68.

Letter Written by [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] to Attorney  
 General RAMSEY CLARK  
 dated 4/13/68

Referenced airtel set forth suggested lead that New Orleans interview appropriate officials of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) for any information these officials might have concerning assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The April, 1968, edition of "Southern Patriot," official publication of SCEF, lists the officials of SCEF. Set forth below are the names of those individuals listed who currently reside in New Orleans.

Executive Committee

JACK PEEBLES  
 ROSALYN LAVANTHAL - Assistant Secretary

Field Staff

ROBERT ANALAVAGE - Assistant Editor

- (3) - Bureau (RM)  
 1 - Louisville (RM) (Info)  
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM)  
 2 - New Orleans

Approved: EIC:epk  
 (67) MAY 21 1968 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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C. C. Bishop

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NO 157-10673

JAMES A. DOMDROWSKI,  
DOROTHY ZELLNER  
ROBERT ZELLNER

[REDACTED]

UACB New Orleans does not contemplate conducting inter-  
views of the above persons in connection with instant matter.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

F B I

Date: 5/17/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
(ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype 5/17/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is one Greyhound Bus ticket, No. 3 00082229 42, covering passage from Knoxville to Los Angeles via Memphis and El Paso. **B**

Enclosed for the Bureau, Kansas City and other offices is one rough map drawn by City Editor WILLIAM THOMAS of the "Los Angeles Times" based on information furnished to him by their informant, known as [REDACTED] (LNU), which supposedly depicts the location of the house in Kansas City where JAMES EARL RAY allegedly stayed overnight. This appeared as Item 5, Page 1, of Mr. THOMAS's notes, as set forth in referenced Los Angeles teletype. The reference is as follows:

"5. In Kansas City, RAY stayed overnight at a home. It is a small, gray, shingled, one-bedroom house about three miles from central Kansas City. (We have rough location.)" **REC-7 44-38861-3939**

The Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to examine the bus ticket in question for any

- 4 - Bureau (Encs. - 2) (AM-RM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. - 1) (AM)  
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Enc. - 1) (AM)  
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Enc. - 1) (AM)  
1 - Knoxville (Enc. - 1) (AM)  
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

WJN:CM  
(10)

C. C. Bishop

SPECIMENS DETACHED IN LFPS

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

15 MAY 27 1968

LA 44-1574

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possibility of latents or any other information that could be gleaned that would relate to other data in this case. The envelope has been handled by numerous persons, and City Editor WILLIAM THOMAS advised that the ticket has been handled by quite a number of persons on his staff. The pertinent examination would seem to be whether or not JAMES EARL RAY left a latent print on this ticket.

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by City Editor L. LIAM THOMAS,  
Los Angeles Times", 5/17/68, and  
given to SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP and  
Supervisor [redacted] as to  
possible location of hideaway house  
allegedly utilized by RAY at Kansas  
City. (See Item 5, page 1)

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St. Louis  
Bureau  
copy

Western  
Union

up hill → 2 to 3 miles

2 blocks

Trinity

Martin  
Company

a main street

8/20/68

BA  
Airtel

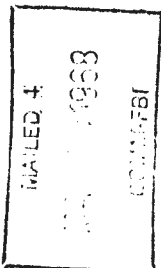
Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enclosures (2)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From Director, FBI (44-38861) — 3939

REC-7

Re Los Angeles airtel 8/17/68, a duplicate copy  
enclosed this ticket and envelope for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed in the  
ticket or envelope, which are enclosed to Los Angeles.



1 - Birmingham (44-1720)  
1 - Kansas City (44-166)  
1 - Knoxville

1 - Mr. Rosen

QIB:bb  
(12)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)  
RE: MURKIN  
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ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 and U.S. Highway 90 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly travelled 12/15-17/67. Set forth below are some telephone calls made from the San Antonio Division 12/15-17/67, according to the available records of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., San Antonio.

Houston and Dallas will determine from the subscriber or person receiving the call the identity of the caller. If the caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information. Determine if the subscriber or person receiving the call has any information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

Unless information is developed during the source of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Dallas  
6 - Houston (44-1500)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - SA  
JMK:fes C. C. Bishop  
(15)

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25 MAY 27 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

66 MAY 31 1968

Special Agent in Charge

SA 44-1242

<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
<u>DALLAS:</u>			
12/17/67	379-9965	[REDACTED]	San Angelo, Texas
<u>HOUSTON:</u>			
12/15/67	379-9950	[REDACTED]	Beaumont, Texas
12/15/67	223-8215	[REDACTED]	Cuero, Texas
12/15/67	379-9950	[REDACTED]	Cuero, Texas
12/17/67		[REDACTED]	Cuero, Texas, caller Mrs. EDWIN THEILENGERDES Marion, Texas
12/16/67	875-9080	[REDACTED]	Yoakum, Texas, to PERCY HAREK
12/16/67	278-9083	[REDACTED]	Falfurnias, Texas
12/16/67	470-8831	[REDACTED]	Beaumont, Texas
12/17/67	875-9085	[REDACTED]	Yoakum, Texas
12/16/67	379-9056	[REDACTED]	Houston, Texas
12/15/67	674-9676	[REDACTED]	Yoakum, Texas
12/15/67	278-9031	[REDACTED]	Harris, Texas
12/16/67	563-9747	[REDACTED]	Harris, Texas
12/16/67	563-9747	[REDACTED]	Harris, Texas
12/17/67	875-9013	[REDACTED]	Victoria, Texas
12/17/67	223-8215	[REDACTED]	Victoria, Texas



<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
12/16/67	432-9621	[REDACTED]	Victoria, Texas
12/15/67	223-7924	[REDACTED]	Victoria, Texas
12/16/67	223-7924	[REDACTED]	Victoria, Texas
12/17/67	674-9761	[REDACTED]	Portland, Texas
12/17/67	379-9935	[REDACTED]	Edna, Texas
12/15/67	875-9040	[REDACTED]	Alice, Texas, from Mrs. FISHER
12/15/67	875-9040	[REDACTED]	Rockport, Texas Record shows name JACK MORONEY who could be caller or person called
12/17/67	379-9059	[REDACTED]	Records show call to Houston, but 771 exchange is Ganado, Texas
12/15/67	379-9915	[REDACTED]	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/15/67	875-9087	[REDACTED]	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/15/67	379-9950	[REDACTED]	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/16/67	379-9925	[REDACTED]	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/16/67	223-8266	[REDACTED]	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/15/67	563-9793	[REDACTED]	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/15/67	379-9950	[REDACTED]	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/16/67	223-7322	[REDACTED]	Corpus Christi, Texas

SA 44-1242

<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
12/15/67	563-9719	[REDACTED]	Flour Bluff, Texas
12/17/67	875-9018	[REDACTED]	Port Arthur, Texas
12/15/67	278-9028	[REDACTED]	Port O'Connor, Texas

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Date: 5-22-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
 From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4) (P)  
 Subject: MURKIN  
 (OO: ME)

Remytel 4-24-68.

Enclosed are three copies of RCMP report dated  
 5-9-68.

5 - Bureau (Enc. 3)  
 1 cc - Liaison Direct  
 1 cc - Memphis (44-1987)  
 1 - OTT  
 MLI:jhc  
 (6)

*May one CFC, Memphis*  
*5-27-68*  
*RECEIVED*  
*May one CFC, Memphis*  
*5-27-68*  
*RECEIVED*

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22 MAY 27 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 57 JUN 1968 Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M

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Date: May 22, 1968

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference Director airtel to JK, 5/7/68;  
Philadelphia airtel to Director, 5/9/68.  
Re [REDACTED] Coudersport, Pa., complainant.  
Information copies furnished Philadelphia and Memphis  
due to their interest in this matter.

On 5/13/68, [REDACTED] Post Office [REDACTED] B  
Oklawaha, Florida Post Office, advised that there is no  
listing at that post office for a [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]  
She advised that [REDACTED] formerly resided at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Little Lake Weir and now receives his mail through  
[REDACTED] Oklawaha, Florida. Also  
receiving mail at [REDACTED] are the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were furnished to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and she advised she did not recognize anyone as  
being identical to RAY.

Negative attempts were made on 5/15 and 5/17/68 to  
contact anyone at [REDACTED], Oklawaha, Florida, a remote  
cabin settlement in a wooded area.

On 5/20/68, [REDACTED]  
advised that she is a neighbor and close personal friend of  
[REDACTED] and that they have been residents in that location  
for the past six years.

③ - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (Info)  
1 - Philadelphia (Info)  
2 - Jacksonville  
-WMB:vlp  
(7)

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C. C. Bishop  
Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge  
MAY 23 1968

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

JK 44-769

She advised that [REDACTED] permanently moved to the Oklawaha area from Miami, Florida, and that he currently works for the [REDACTED] Miami Beach, Florida. She advised that he is on a sea going trip to Oceanside, Maryland presently and will return during the last week in May, 1968. [REDACTED] advised that she knew of no other [REDACTED] in the Oklawaha area and that [REDACTED] her neighbor, is a man of some fifty-one years, who is not outspoken in racial matters or politics. She was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that they were not familiar to her at all and that no one fitting the description of RAY has visited [REDACTED] cabin to her knowledge.

LEAD:

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION:

AT OKLAWAHA, FLORIDA:

Will interview [REDACTED] upon his return from Oceanside, Md.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL - AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68.

[REDACTED]

Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised this date that he could locate no record of a robbery in which the victim was named SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN, [REDACTED] Richmond, Illinois, or any other individual by that name.

LEAD:

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Richmond, Illinois

In interview with SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN, [REDACTED] endeavor to obtain details of alleged robbery in view of the fact the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, cannot locate any record pertaining to this robbery.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis  
2 - Chicago  
2 - St. Louis (Info.)  
2 - Kansas City  
JRC:rd  
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44-38861-3943

20 MAY 25 1968

G. C. Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 23 1968

FBI LOS ANG.

TELETYPE

1146AM URGENT 5-23-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS MAY EIGHT LAST,  
INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS MAY ELEVEN LAST.

ON MAY TWENTY THREE INSTANT [REDACTED] SON OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADVISED FAMILY HAD NO RELATIVES IN TEXAS TO HIS BEST  
KNOWLEDGE. [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED FATHER HAD CALLED HIM MONDAY  
NIGHT FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION, PAYING FOR CALL. SON TOLD FATHER  
FBI WANTED TO TALK TO HIM AND URGED FATHER CONTACT FBI. FATHER  
REFUSED, STATING HE FELT FBI WOULD KILL HIM. SON STATED THIS  
INDICATED FATHER'S DISTURBED MENTAL CONDITON. SAID FATHER  
INTENSELY INTERESTED WORLD PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD. HAD NO FURTHER  
INFORMATION RE WHEREABOUTS OF FATHER.

[REDACTED] ARMED AND DANGEROUS. REC-101

JAMES EARL RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5-23-68

FROM : Legat, Rome (44-2) (P.)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReROMlet 4-29-68 and Rome cable 5-3-68.

The Central Bureau, Criminal Division, Italian National Police, Rome, Italy, advised on 5-21-68 that suspect RAY's photograph and I.O. have been given saturation distribution throughout Italy. According to the Central Bureau, police stations in every major Italian city have received descriptive data on suspect RAY.

As of 5-22-68 alerted police districts and frontier stations have not developed any information indicating suspect RAY has traveled to Italy.

Legat is following this matter with his sources and will report to the Bureau promptly any pertinent information developed.

3 - Bureau  
(1 - Liaison Section)  
1 - Rome  
TJB:HD  
(4)

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2 MAY 27 1968



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

EXP. PROC.



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Date: 5/23/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: ME)

Re Bureau radiogram, 5/14/68, instructing that RAY's photographs should be displayed to witnesses in unsolved bank robbery and bank burglary cases. B

Instructions in this regard were furnished to all agents of this office who are assigned the pending unsolved bank robbery and bank burglary cases, by Memo dated 5/16/68. All photographs of RAY were also made available for exhibition to witnesses in these cases.

Results of this investigation will be reported in the individual bank robbery or bank burglary file and recorded in instant Murkin file. Any pertinent information developed concerning RAY will be immediately brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis.

(3) - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Mobile  
JTB:sms  
(7)

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20 MAY 25 1968

C. C. Bishop

54 MAY 31 1968  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

F B I

Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861) (MAIL) AND SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

*MURKIN*  
TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT OR NEAR  
SAN ANTONIO, TEX.; TWO CALLS TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RUSTON, LA., FROM ENCO SERVICE STATION, ONE ZERO  
THREE S.W.W. WHITE RD., DEC. FIFTEEN, LAST. *B*

ON MAY TWENTYTWO, LAST, [REDACTED]  
SO. BELL TELEPHONE CO., MONROE, LA., ADVISED THERE IS NO EXCHANGE  
[REDACTED] IN AREA CODE [REDACTED] THE EXCHANGE  
FOR RUSTON, LA., AND VICINITY IS TWO FIVE FIVE, BUT NUMBER  
[REDACTED] NOT A VALID PHONE  
NUMBER

SAN ANTONIO WILL RECHECK PHONE RECORDS IN CONNECTION WITH  
ABOVE CALLS.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1-Bureau (AM)  
1-Memphis (AM)  
1-NO  
CDN:sja  
(3)

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20 MAY 25 1968  
*[Signature]*

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 23 1968

TELETYPE

FBI CLEVELAND

316AM URGENT 5-23-68 LJJL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MIAMI  
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 3P

MURKIN

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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	
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ON MAY TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT, [REDACTED]

WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO THE BUREAU, ADVISED [REDACTED] HAS  
JUST RETURNED FROM MIAMI, FLA. [REDACTED]

ACCORDING TO THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MET A MAN KNOWN ONLY AS [REDACTED] WHO  
[REDACTED] ALWAYS DRANK RUM AND COKE AND  
ATTEMPTED TO DATE [REDACTED] UNSUCCESSFULLY. [REDACTED] CLAIMED  
TO BE A GRAND DRAGON IN THE KU KLUX KLAN (KKK) AND DISPLAYED A  
KKK MEMBERSHIP CARD. ON ONE OCCASION, HE STATED HE HAD BEEN  
QUESTIONED BY THE FBI AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING "KILLING  
NIGGERS" AND HAD SPECIFICALLY BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT KILLING ONE  
IN VIRGINIA BUT AUTHORITIES COULD NOT PROVE HE DID IT.

ACCORDING TO THE [REDACTED] TWO DAYS BEFORE THE MURDER OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, [REDACTED] ASKED [REDACTED] TO GO WITH [REDACTED]  
END PAGE ONE

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HIM TO MEMPHIS, TENN. AND HE WOULD SHOW HER HOW HE KILLED "NIGGERS". [REDACTED] LEFT AND WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN UNTIL ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY PM ON THE DAY OF KING'S DEATH WHEN HE WALKED INTO [REDACTED] AND SAID, "SEE, WHAT DID I TELL YOU". HE THEN PROCEEDED TO STATE THAT ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND RAP BROWN WERE ALSO SCHEDULED FOR ASSASSINATION. HE FURTHER STATED, "WE WILL TAKE CARE OF BOBBY KENNEDY SO HE WILL NEVER BECOME PRESIDENT."

[REDACTED] DRIVES A WHITE MUSTANG AND CLAIMS HE ALWAYS CARRIES A SHOTGUN AND MACHINE GUN IN THE CAR AND IS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY A LARGE DOBERMAN PINCHER DOG WHO IS EXTREMELY VICIOUS. IN ADDITION, HE CLAIMS HIS WIFE, WHO WORKS IN A RESTAURANT AS A WAITRESS [REDACTED] IS ALSO ACTIVE IN THE KKK.

[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY GETS VIOLENT AFTER A FEW DRINKS AND LOUDLY EXPOUNDS HIS HATE FOR NEGROES, JEWS AND CATHOLICS AND ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, DISPLAYS A LARGE CONFEDERATE FLAG ON HIS CAR.

END PAGE TWO

THREE

[REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED AND SHE VERIFIED THE ABOVE INFORMATION. SHE WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY BUT STATED [REDACTED] IN NO WAY RESEMBLED RAY. WHEN QUESTIONED WHY SHE HAD NOT REPORTED THIS INFORMATION EARLIER, SHE ADVISED SHE WAS FRIGHTENED AND WANTED TO WAIT AND DISCUSS IT WITH [REDACTED] PRIVATELY AFTER LEAVING MIAMI.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, FORTY YEARS, FIVE FOOT NINE INCHES, BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES, HIGH CHEEKBONES, HIGH FOREHEAD, POINTED NOSE, SWARTHY COMPLEXION, EMPLOYED AS AN [REDACTED] AT THE [REDACTED] IN NORTH MIAMI.

EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN PROTECTING THE IDENTITY OF THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION AS WELL AS THE FACT THE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED] INASMUCH AS THE [REDACTED] FEELS THAT HARM COULD COME TO EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] IN MIAMI.

MIAMI. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY HE COULD HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

~~CORRS~~ TIME SHD READ "PM" AND ON PG TWO LINE FIFTEEN WORD TWO SHD READ "LOUDLY"

ENDNAU

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 24 1968

TELETYPE

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FBI WASH DC

FBI KAN CITY

449 PM URGENT 5/23/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN - DAILY SUMMARY.

~~REDACTED~~ KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, DRIVING FIFTYSEVEN CHRYSLER, STOPPED BY KS. HIGHWAY PATROL, HARRINGTON, KS., MAY NINETEEN, LAST. NCIC CHECK NEGATIVE. ~~REDACTED~~ NOT DETAINED. PATROLMAN ~~REDACTED~~ ADVISED ~~REDACTED~~ GENERALLY FITS SUBJECT'S DESCRIPTION AND HE HAD RIFLES IN THE CAR.

OMAHA ADVISED.

TELEPHONE NO. NINE ONE THREE DASH FIVE THREE NINE DASH FOUR THREE ZERO ZERO IS ASSIGNED TO JOHNSON PAINT STORE, MANHATTAN, KS. STORE BEING CONTACTED.

MSP RECORDS REVEALED FORMER INMATE, ~~REDACTED~~ SENDING MONEY ORDER FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO ATTORNEY PHILLIP L. BAKER ON JUNE TEN, SIXTYTHREE. NO OTHER PERTINENT MONEY TRANSACTIONS IN ~~REDACTED~~ FILE.

DMV, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ADVISED ON MAY TWENTYNINE, NEXT, DATA BRIEFS CONCERNING NEW DRIVER'S LICENSE

END PAGE ONE

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APPLICATIONS IN THE STATE OF MO. FOR APRIL AND THAT PART OF MAY, SIXTYEIGHT. THEREAFTER, A WEEKLY LIST WILL BE SUBMITTED. THESE BRIEFS CONTAIN EVERYTHING ON APPLICATION. THESE WILL BE ON ALL WHITE MALE APPLICANTS BETWEEN THIRTY AND FIFTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE. DMV ESTIMATES THERE WILL BE TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND. MO. DMV DOES NOT SEND ALL DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE NATIONAL DRIVERS REGISTRY, US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WASHINGTON, DC.

DIRECTOR, L. BILLINGS, KANSAS DMV, ADVISED THAT ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWALS AND APPLICATIONS ARE PUT ON TAPE AND SENT TO THE NATIONAL DRIVERS REGISTRY, WASHINGTON, DC. ALSO, THEY HAVE ON FILE DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER AND NAME OF INDIVIDUALS FROM APRIL EIGHT, LAST, TO THE PRESENT TIME. THE NAMES PRIOR TO APRIL EIGHT, LAST, DESTROYED. KS. DMV NEEDS AT LEAST ONE WEEK TO FURNISH THESE NAMES. NEITHER MISSOURI OR KANSAS CAN SEPARATE RENEWALS FROM NEW APPLICATIONS. KANSAS CITY SENDING IOS TO DIRVER'S LICENSE EXAMINING STATIONS IN KANSAS AND WESTERN PORTION OF MISSOURI.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

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Date: 5/24/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL = \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO:ME)  
Re [REDACTED] Complainant

Re: Bureau airtel to New Haven, 5/13/68.

[REDACTED], home address [REDACTED] Shelton, Conn., who is a Freshman, residing in [REDACTED] University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn., was contacted May 17, 1968, at which time [REDACTED] stated he went to Florida by hitch-hiking during spring vacation from the University of Connecticut.

After arrival in Florida, he spent some time in early April, 1968, in Lake Alfred, visiting an aunt and thereafter visited Fort Lauderdale and Miami. He decided to visit the Florida Keys and on April 10, 1968, while he was hitch-hiking there, he was picked up in Marathon, Florida, by a white male driving an "old, beat up" foreign automobile, make unknown. Its color was greenish and fading. [REDACTED] advised during the ride the driver who did not reveal his identity, informed [REDACTED] he had been released from jail that day. This individual did not name the jail but [REDACTED] felt it was located in Miami, Florida. [REDACTED] stated that the man did not reveal why or for what period he was incarcerated. This individual stated that he was driving to Key West, Florida, seeking work.

- (3) Bureau (44-38861)  
2- Memphis (44-1987)  
2- Miami  
2- New Haven (157-818)  
JGN:cah  
(9)

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44-38861-3950  
2 MAY 27 1968Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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██████████ stated he did not care to remain in the company of this individual and left the car at the first traffic light in Key West. He advised he had no definite reason to believe the driver was JAMES EARL RAY and he noted it was ██████████ idea to contact the FBI.

██████████ advised he has seen photographs of RAY or ERIC GALT as he has read about him and he did not believe there was anything about the man who gave him a ride that would make him think it was RAY.

██████████ described the driver as being in his 30s, 5'10", 185 pounds, with medium to heavy build. He had brown, slightly grey hair and his complexion was light to medium. No particular accent was noted and ██████████ stated the man "looked broke and bummy". He wore a white T shirt, dark brown pants and had no luggage.

In view of the foregoing, no further investigation is being conducted.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI

Date: 5/24/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re Louisville teletype to Director dated 4/26/68; Atlanta teletype to Louisville dated 4/30/68; Atlanta telephone call to Louisville, 5/22/68; and Louisville telephone call to Atlanta, 5/23/68.

Re: Sears Roebuck Battery located in 1966 Mustang

With further reference to the tracing of Sears Roebuck All-State Battery located in 1966 Mustang recovered at Atlanta, Ga., on 4/5/68, and with particular reference to telephonic conversation between Supervisor [REDACTED] Atlanta Office, and [REDACTED] of the Louisville Office, the following additional facts are being furnished:

On 5/22/68, Mr. JOHN DARNELL, Globe Union Company, Louisville, Ky., manufacturers of All-State Automobile Batteries of the type recovered in instant 1966 Mustang, stated that this battery is a Model 52 which carries a stock number of 22-F. Mr. DARNELL informed that in a 1966 Mustang the battery normally installed would be a Model 25, 35 or 36 or stock 24-F. He stated that this battery

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2-Atlanta (44-2386) (Enc. 1)  
1-St. Louis (Enc. 1) (Info)  
1-Springfield (Enc. 1) (Info)  
4-Louisville

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could be purchased in any of the Sears Roebuck retail automobile store outlets located in Eastern Missouri, Southern Illinois, all of the State of Indiana, all of the State of Ohio, all of the State of West Virginia, or all of the State of Kentucky. He stated that as of the present time, there are 133 retail Sears Roebuck automobile stores which stock and sell this battery.

With reference to the possibility of obtaining this battery through mail order, Mr. DARNELL stated that this could be possible but only upon referral of the mail order to the Louisville plant of Globe by Sears Roebuck in Chicago, Illinois, for delivery direct from the Louisville plant. It is to be noted that the central distributing point and warehouse of Sears Roebuck in Chicago would not stock a 22-F battery manufactured at the Louisville plant inasmuch as Chicago is served by the Milwaukee plant of Globe Union.

With reference to the possibility of purchase of the battery by mail order, Mr. DARNELL checked all mail orders filled by the Louisville plant upon such referral by Sears Roebuck in Chicago and stated that no mail order received was for a Model 22-F battery, thus eliminating the possibility of purchase of instant battery through mail order.

Pursuant to conversation held with Supervisor [REDACTED] of the Atlanta Office, Mr. DARNELL was requested to furnish and did furnish copies of the Sears Roebuck retail automobile store outlets in the area surrounding Memphis, consisting of stores in the Greater St. Louis, Missouri, area and Southeastern Missouri, as well as Southern Illinois as far North as Alton, Illinois, as well as stores in Western Kentucky. Next to the name and address of the Sears Roebuck stores so listed in parenthesis are listed the total number of the type 22-F battery furnished these various stores during the pertinent period from 2/22/68, to April 5, 1968. It is to be noted that while instant battery carries a date code of 3/68, Mr. DARNELL explained that the code date is effective on the 21st of each month indicating that this battery was distributed possibly as early as 2/22/68, as a March product.

For the information of offices not previously receiving correspondence regarding tracing of instant

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battery, this battery is described as an All-State high voltage, internal connector battery with the identifying Model 52 contained in white letters in a small circular plastic case on three sides of the battery. It also bears the marking "F-41 B E S, square 48" located on the top of the lead shield washer on the negative post. The date code "C-8" indicating the battery was manufactured in March, 1968, is contained in a small white decal on the side of the battery.

Enclosed for the Bureau and each receiving office is a copy of the list of Sears Roebuck retail stores carrying this battery and through which retail outlet same may have been purchased during the above period from 2/22 to 4/4/68.

No leads are being set forth herewith by the Louisville Office relative to further tracing of this battery but same is being left to the descretion of the OO as indicated in referenced teletype of the Louisville Office dated 4/26/68.

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Sears Roebuck & Co. (15)  
 10 E. Second St.  
 Bowling Green, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (5)  
 4133 Dixie Highway  
 Shively, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (22)  
 1010 State Street  
 Bowling Green, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (4)  
 2102 Williams St.  
 Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (13)  
 1500 Broadway  
 Paducah, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (13)  
 213 E. Main Street  
 Lexington, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (64)  
 3708 Grand Blvd.  
 St. Louis, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (7)  
 7412 Manchester Rd.  
 Maplewood, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (17)  
 309 Piassa Street  
 Alton, Illinois

Sears Roebuck & Co.  
 1 West 10th Street  
 Covington, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (24)  
 820 West Broadway  
 Louisville, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (26)  
 4121 Shelbyville Road  
 St. Matthews, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (7)  
 U.S. 60 East  
 Frankfort, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (76)  
 1408 N. Kingshighway  
 St. Louis, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (34)  
 1005 State Street  
 East St. Louis, Illinois

Sears Roebuck & Co. (2)  
 112 E. Main Street  
 Belleville, Illinois

Sears Roebuck & Co. (42)  
 15 Crestwood Plaza  
 St. Louis, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (69)  
 11100 St. Charles Rock Road  
 St. Ann, Missouri

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Date: 5/24/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reburad 5/22/68, directing check of all driver's license applications for April and May, 1968, concerning all white males between ages 30 and 55 years of age, to determine if obtained by subject. B

Inquiry, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Richmond, Va., determined that driver's license applications are filed alphabetically and not by date.

[REDACTED] DMV, advised that every application or license on file, which totals in excess of two million, would have to be processed. A check of this type would require their equipment to be programmed in such a manner that the entire system would be tied up for an excessive period of time, specifically a minimum of three days, to accomplish a primary breakdown. Such a check would of necessity be made by DMV IBM employees.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Richmond  
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According to [REDACTED] such a voluminous check is not feasible in light of the equipment being constantly used as well as the fact that current DMV business is being received daily and requires immediate storage in the system.

In view of DMV's system of maintaining such records and due to the limited facilities and personnel and cost to the State involved, this review is not possible.

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1 - Foreign Liaison  
1 - Mr. Long

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CABLEGRAM

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TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI  
MURKIN.

BUREAU INDICES AND ATLANTA INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING  
[REDACTED]

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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1252PM URGENT 5-24-68 LLR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOUISVILLE (44-947)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

MURKIN.

RE LOUISVILLE AIRTEL MAY ONE LAST AND TEL MAY EIGHT LAST.  
ALONZO FRANKLIN COOK, JR., LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED MAY  
TWENTY THREE, LAST. COOK IDENTICAL WITH BUDD COOK, JR.,  
INTERVIEWED APRIL ELEVEN LAST RE SERVICING OF NINETEEN SIXTY  
SIX MUSTANG USED BY JAMES EARL RAY AT CORT FOX FORD, LOS  
ANGELES. COOK SHOWN PHOTOS OF RAY. ADVISED RAY NOT FAMILIAR  
TO HIM. COOK ADVISED NEVER RESIDED ST. FRANCIS HOTEL BUT  
FREQUENTS SULTAN ROOM OF ST. FRANCIS. NEVER KNEW PERSON BY  
NAME OF ERIC GALT WHO FREQUENTED SULTAN ROOM.

COOK ADVISED HE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIS MOTHER, VERA  
D. COOK, MAY TWENTY TWO LAST. SHE ADVISED OF BEING CONTACTED BY  
BUREAU AGENTS RE COOK AND WAS GREATLY CONCERNED FOR HIM. COOK  
REQUESTED, BECAUSE OF MOTHER'S ADVANCED AGE, SHE BE ASSURED BY  
BUREAU AGENTS HE IS NOT CRIMINALLY INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION OF  
KING. SUGGEST LOUISVILLE SO ADVISE COOK'S MOTHER.

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Date: 5/24/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

For information of the Bureau and the Memphis Division, the following is set forth:

On 5/23/68, the Birmingham Division personally contacted all television stations in Birmingham, as well as local daily newspapers, these being "The Birmingham Post-Herald" and "The Birmingham News." The purpose of these contacts was to solicit their continuous cooperation in affording the MURKIN investigation all possible news coverage in an effort to develop any information concerning the possible whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. B

A photograph of RAY, which was made in California last January (1968), which witnesses say resembles him more nearly than any other they have seen, was furnished to the television stations and newspapers for their assistance in affording this matter appropriate news coverage.

The aforementioned television stations and newspapers were most receptive and pledged their continuous cooperation in assisting the Bureau in bringing about RAY's apprehension. As a result of these contacts, the photograph of RAY, as well as a story concerning the KING assassination received front-page publicity in all editions of the Birmingham newspapers. This

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
2 - Birmingham  
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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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same photograph of RAY is presently being shown on all local television news reports, requesting that the public contact the local Birmingham Office of the FBI should they be in possession of any information concerning RAY.

Birmingham will continue to afford this matter continuous investigative attention and maintain contact with local news media in order that this case may receive statewide publicity.

SUBJECT CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI OKLA CITY

458PM URGENT 5-24-68 FMZ

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND DENVER 157-203  
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-636-

MURKIN

RE DENVER TELS TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYTHREE LAST.

RE: EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY

FILES OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE REFLECT LHM SUBMITTED TO BUREAU  
JANUARY NINE LAST AND JANUARY TEN LAST UNDER CAPTION QUOTE  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER  
TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS UNQUOTE WHICH CONTAINS  
INFORMATION REGARDING EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND COPY OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPING PERTAINING  
TO BRADLEY WHICH APPEARED IN THE TULSA TRIBUNE ON JANUARY NINE LAST.

ABOVE COMMUNICATIONS REVEAL BRADLEY HAD RECENTLY SURRENDERED  
TO LOS ANGES AUTHORITIES FOLLOWING A CONSPIRACY CHARGE FILED BY  
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE  
REFLECTED BRADLEY EMPLOYED AS A PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN FOR DR. CARL  
MC INTIRE AN EVANGELIST AND APPARENTLY RESIDING IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD,  
CALIFORNIA.

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[REDACTED] FURNISHED INFO ON JANUARY EIGHT LAST [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, WHO RESIDES IN TULSA,  
WHO HAD ADVISED BRADLEY WAS IN TULSA FOR TWO DAYS PRECEEDING THE  
ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY. [REDACTED] HAD ADVISED THAT AFTER  
THE RECENT ARREST OF BRADLEY HE HAD CONTACTED HER ATTEMPTING TO  
HAVE HER SIGN AFFIDAVIT THAT HE WAS IN TULSA AT TIME OF THE  
ASSSSINATION/

OKLAHOMA CITY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF BRADLEY  
WAS IN TULSA ON MAY SEVENTEEN LAST AS REPORTED BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND LITTLE ROCK.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: May 24, 1968

FROM : A. B. Eddy

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 1:25 A.M., 5/24/68, a person identifying himself as [REDACTED] called the Bureau, and telephonically spoke with Extra-Duty Supervisor [REDACTED]

He called to report seeing within the hour an individual he believed is James Earl Ray. [REDACTED] said he is [REDACTED] Jacksonville, Florida, Greyhound Bus Station, and regularly reviews FBI Wanted Flyers received at the station, one of which pertains to Ray. At 12:50 A.M., 5/24/68, he observed a white man wearing a black two-button shirt and tan trousers enter the bus station's cafe, buy an orange soft drink and leave. He was last seen walking up the street from the bus terminal. According to [REDACTED], he looked familiar. [REDACTED] returned to where the flyers are displayed and tentatively identified Ray's 1960 photo as being identical with the cafe customer. He was not observed to enter a car or bus.

[REDACTED] lives at [REDACTED], Orange Park, Florida, telephone [REDACTED], business telephone [REDACTED].

ASAC James J. O'Connor, Jacksonville, as SAC is out of town, was telephonically furnished above data. He was instructed to have this information checked out and to advise Bureau of results.

At 4:02 A.M., 5/24/68, Special Agent [REDACTED] Jacksonville, telephonically advised that after interview and display of Ray's photos to [REDACTED], cafe waitresses and a police officer at the bus terminal, each related the individual reported is in his mid-twenties and not identical to Ray.

## ACTION:

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None. Make [REDACTED] call a matter of record.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Gale

- 1 - Mr. Eddy
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS INDICATE NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

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FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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*5-25-68  
9:15 PM  
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FBI LOS ANG.

632 PM DEFERRED 5/25/68 VLB

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MIAMI  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 1P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY TWO FOUR LAST.

LA RECORDS INDICATE JAMES PAUL THORNTON HAS BEEN RUNNING  
NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY HEADQUARTERS IN BIRMINGHAM.

CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHOW CALIF. LICENSE

ISSUED TO JAMES P. THORNTON OF

GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.

SUGGEST ATLANTA INTERVIEW THORNTON TO OBTAIN FROM HIM INFO  
WHICH CAN BE VERIFIED TO ACCOUNT FOR HIS TIME SINCE SUBJECT RAY  
ESCAPED PRISON.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI DALLAS

218PM URGENT 5-27-68 LMB TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE DALLAS LONG DISTANCE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT DALLAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ADVISED SA [REDACTED], OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON MAY TWENTYSIX LAST [REDACTED] WAS ON TRIP TO SOUTH TEXAS AND STOPPED IN A SERVICE STATION IN SMALL TOWN. WHILE HIS CAR BEING SERVICED A "FRIEND" OF [REDACTED] WHOM [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS GAMBLER AND SOMETIME THIEF, CAME INTO SERVICE STATION. [REDACTED] STATED HIS FRIEND TRAVELS CONTINUOUSLY AND STATED HE HAD JUST COME FROM MONTEREY, MEXICO. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION [REDACTED] FRIEND MENTIONED HE SAW A MAN WHO APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY WORKING AS BARTENDER IN CLUB NEAR THE "CHEVROLET HOUSE" IN MONTEREY. [REDACTED] FRIEND SAID IF WAS NOT RAY "IT MUST BE HIS BROTHER." [REDACTED] QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER THE "CHEVROLET HOUSE" MEANT A HOTEL, MOTEL, OR CHEVROLET DEALER IN MONTEREY. [REDACTED] SAID

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HE PRESUMED CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE DEALER MEANT. [REDACTED] ASKED HIS FRIEND WHY HE HAD NOT REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO AUTHORITIES, AT WHICH TIME FRIEND STATED "HE DID NOT WANT TO BE INVOLVED." [REDACTED] REQUESTED TO FURNISH IDENTITY OF HIS FRIEND, AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] STATED PREFERRED NOT TO IDENTIFY THE MAN SINCE THE MAN WOULD KNOW WHO HAD FURNISHED INFORMATION IF HE IS CONTACTED. [REDACTED] SAID ALTHOUGH HE HAS KNOWN THIS MAN FOR SOME TIME HE IS IN A CONTINUOUS TRAVEL STATUS AND HE DID NOT KNOW HOW TO REACH HIM.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. P

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1259 PM URGENT 5-27-68 SRH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

RE SAN ANTONIO TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

[REDACTED] YUCATAN, MEXICO, CONTACTED SRA, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT ON THE ISLA MUJERES ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES BY AIR FROM MERIDA THERE IS A HOTEL KNOWN AS THE SADZIL HA OWNED AND OPERATED BY A MAN NAMED LIMA. [REDACTED] LACKS CONFIDENCE IN LIMA AND DOES NOT FEEL THAT HE WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE FBI. HOWEVER, LIMA'S SON STATED ABOUT FOUR DAYS AGO THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS WORKING IN THE KITCHEN OF THE SADZIL HA HOTEL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE PLANS TO BE IN BROWNSVILLE FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.

END AND ACK PLS.

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Date: MAY 15, 1968

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Re alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BACKGROUND:

On 6/2/67, [REDACTED] furnished the following information to the Dallas Office:

[REDACTED] stated that while at Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from [REDACTED] until

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- (3) - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Atlanta (44-2386)  
(1-100-5586)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) REG-14
- 1 - Charlotte (Info)
- 1 - Columbia (Info)
- 2 - Dallas (44-2649)  
(1-157-880)
- 2 - Kansas City (1-Murkin)  
(1-157-472)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 3 - Jackson (157-9586)  
(1-157-7990)

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Special Agent in Charge

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his release in [REDACTED], he became very friendly with an inmate identified as [REDACTED] was originally from western Kansas and was alleged to have bootlegged in Mississippi. According to [REDACTED] he and [REDACTED] worked together [REDACTED] at Leavenworth.

[REDACTED] said he had previously met [REDACTED] before going to the penitentiary in Jackson, Mississippi, and he recognized [REDACTED] again at Leavenworth.

Just before [REDACTED] was scheduled to be parolled from Leavenworth, [REDACTED] approached him and stated that he knew [REDACTED] was going to Atlanta and that he wanted [REDACTED] to set things up for him.

[REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that \$100,000.00 had been offered by the WKKKKOM to be paid to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[REDACTED] allegedly instructed [REDACTED] to contact a [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] Jackson, Miss. [REDACTED] claimed [REDACTED] is listed as a correspondent by him at Leavenworth Penitentiary. According to [REDACTED] instructions, [REDACTED] was to contact [REDACTED] and ask her when she next writes to [REDACTED] at the Penitentiary to tell him [REDACTED] had arrived. [REDACTED] indicated he would write and tell [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was "O.K."

If [REDACTED] wanted to try to "pull this" himself, [REDACTED] would put him in contact with two people identified only as [REDACTED] Jackson, Miss., and a second person whom [REDACTED] could not now recall. [REDACTED] stated that the unidentified person, according to [REDACTED] had recently been [REDACTED] at Jackson.

A review of Leavenworth Penitentiary Parole Progress Report for [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED] disclosed [REDACTED] began his sentence at Leavenworth on [REDACTED]. The offense is listed as [REDACTED]. Under the Sentence Captioned there is an entry [REDACTED]. The codefendants were listed as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

The Classification Study Sheet discloses the following description of [REDACTED]

True Name	[REDACTED]
Aliases	None
Race	White
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Age	[REDACTED]
Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED]
FBI Number	[REDACTED]
Social Security Number	Unknown
Marital Status	[REDACTED]
Education	[REDACTED]
Age at first arrest	[REDACTED]

The Arrest Record Sheet in the Classification Study shows [REDACTED] was arrested [REDACTED] Dodge City, Kansas, for [REDACTED]. He has numerous arrest since that time in Kansas, Omaha, Nebraska, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Springfield, Missouri.

[REDACTED] is a native of Kansas and has resided in that state most of his life. He has been somewhat nomadic in the past several years, drifting throughout both Kansas and Oklahoma. His last residence was with his parents in Dodge City, Kansas.

Under the New Social Information, section it is indicated that [REDACTED] writes very often to his mother who lives in Dodge City, Kansas. He has a grown son and daughter living in Dodge City and they occasionally bring his mother to the institution to visit him. He is divorced and his former wife never writes. [REDACTED] has been writing often to a woman friend [REDACTED] who lives in Jackson, Mississippi. [REDACTED] has received seven visits from [REDACTED] and four visits from his mother and son.

The Penitentiary file indicates [REDACTED] plans to work with [REDACTED] in Jackson, Mississippi, upon his release from Leavenworth.

The file further indicates [REDACTED] shows much interest in assisting [REDACTED] and there seems some possibility that they may marry in the future.

Upon receiving the information from [REDACTED] concerning the alleged offer of \$100,000.00, [REDACTED] was interviewed at Jackson, Mississippi, on 8/8/67.

At that time [REDACTED] advised that she is well acquainted with [REDACTED] and frequently corresponds with him at the Leavenworth Penitentiary. She explained that early in 1964 after becoming acquainted with [REDACTED] she rented a room to him at her residence where [REDACTED] stayed for a few weeks. As far as she knows this is the only time [REDACTED] has spent in Mississippi. She does not believe that [REDACTED] is involved or ever has been involved in any Klan activity or associated with anyone whom she new to be involved in Klan activity and that she has never been involved in any Klan activities herself.

She stated that she does not know any of [REDACTED] associates, does not know anyone by the name of [REDACTED] nor has [REDACTED] ever mentioned [REDACTED] name. She does not know of any alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She has never heard of anything similar to this mentioned and claims not to be involved in any such plot.

She does not know anyone by the name of [REDACTED] or anyone recently [REDACTED] at Jackson. She stated that her brother's name is [REDACTED] but he is [REDACTED] not a member of any Klan group, and he does not know [REDACTED]

The only person she knows in [REDACTED] at Jackson is [REDACTED] who is a distant cousin of her former husband, [REDACTED]. She also knows [REDACTED] who is associated with [REDACTED]. She considers both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to be respectable people and she thought most assuredly that they would have no association with any Klan group.

On 5/13/68, [REDACTED] Jackson, Miss., was reinterviewed.

At the outset she inquired as to the nature of the interview.

It was explained to [REDACTED] that since the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., her past association with [REDACTED] may be of a more significant nature.

The alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM was explained to her again.



[REDACTED] who appears to be a reasonably successful business woman, neat in appearance, and well spoken, said she now recalls how this alleged offer all started.

She said she recalls that in 1964 when she first met [REDACTED] he was out on some kind of a bond waiting for an appeal. At the same time the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, was at the height of publicity. Sheriff RAINEY of Neshoba County was presumed to be, at the time, an official in the Klan in Neshoba County. At least the newspapers, radio and television news stories indicated this much. During the same period her [REDACTED] was in minor financial difficulty and she recalls casually mentioning that if she approached the Sheriff of Neshoba County she could probably get \$100,000.00 to kill KING. She said she now feels in all probability that [REDACTED] took her casual statement seriously. She said she now realizes the seriousness of such a statement since KING's murder.

[REDACTED] stated that she is an outspoken business woman and often passes remarks of this nature more to attract some prospective customers than anything else. She said she believes that this is the basis for [REDACTED] information concerning the offer of money by the Klan in Mississippi to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In attempting to determine the circumstances concerning her meeting [REDACTED] in 1964, [REDACTED] said she met him through a mutual business friend. Her association with [REDACTED] was business. She said in her opinion [REDACTED] had a world of knowledge

in [REDACTED] and that if he ever gets out of prison she will always be willing to hire him as an assistant [REDACTED].

After his appeal was denied in 1964, [REDACTED] was returned to Kansas and began serving his sentence. She said she went out to the Penitentiary on two occasions in 1964, the first time to pick up [REDACTED] automobile which she financed for him. All other visits, two or three times in 1965 and once in 1966, were just friendly visits. She said the last time she visited him was early in 1966 and that she has not seen him or heard from him since that time. She said as far as she knows he is still in prison.


[REDACTED] was very apologetic, very cooperative, and stated that she has no information whatsoever concerning the person or persons responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. If, in the event she receives any information which may be of help in this matter she will immediately contact the FBI.

[REDACTED] is a white female, approximately 5 feet 9 inches, slender, moderately attractive, approximately 50 years of age.

A further review of the Leavenworth Penitentiary Classification Sheet for MC [REDACTED] discloses that his [REDACTED] sentence was in an operative status for 375 days due to an appeal. The Classification Study form of [REDACTED] indicates that [REDACTED] was received at Leavenworth Penitentiary in [REDACTED] after his appeal had been denied.

The Bureau, through FBI Identification Division records, may wish to compare the records of [REDACTED] (as indicated in prison records) with the known arrest record of JAMES EARL RAY to determine if they were ever confined in the same prison at the same time with subject RAY.

JN 157-9586

The above information is being furnished to  
offices designated for information purposes. No leads  
are being set out in view of information furnished by  


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Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28861)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)(P)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau airtel, 5/8/68, regarding possible sources of composite name, ERIC STAVO GALT.

It was determined at Norfolk that "JOHN GALT", the hero of Atlas Shrugged was a physicist and inventor of genius. The theme of AYN RAND's books is generally determined to be "objectivism." In Atlas Shrugged, GALT is the leader of the strike. He convinces the other creators, the originators in every line of rational endeavor to leave their businesses, their laboratories, their concert balls, their classrooms and silently to withdraw - to refuse to work or offer any intellectual benefits to a world that regards them as serfs. One by one, the men of ability, vanish. What follows is the breakdown and disintegration of society, a society deprived of its mind.

NATHANIEL BRANDEN of the Nathaniel Branden Institute, Inc., New York City, New York is a disciple of AYN RAND and a teacher of her philosophy of "objectivism", at his Institute.

Above submitted for information of Bureau. It is believed that the Branden Institute has branches throughout the United States, or at least organizations which follow its teachings.

- (3) - Bureau  
 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info.)  
 1 - New York (Info.)  
 1 - Norfolk  
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C. C. Bishop

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
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Leads re RAY's possible association with such institutions, left to discretion of Bureau.

Info copy to New York in view of possible future investigation re this matter in its division.

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11:54PM URGENT 5-22-68 REF

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 3P

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TELS MAY SEVENTEEN  
LAST CONCERNING LA TIMES INFORMANT - [REDACTED] LNU.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATES INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO  
[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE OF [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES,  
AS [REDACTED] (ALLEGED TO BE BROTHER OF [REDACTED] IS  
IN REALITY [REDACTED]

*Ident. [unclear]  
[unclear]*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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LA 44-1574

PHOTO OF [REDACTED] EXHIBITED TO [REDACTED]  
WHO IDENTIFIED IT AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] L.A.,  
IDENTIFIED SAME PHOTO AS FORMER RESIDENT THAT APT. WITH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SHE IS CURRENTLY SERVING THIRTY DAYS FOR  
[REDACTED] IN L.A. PHOTO OF [REDACTED] WAS TAKEN BY  
KNOXVILLE PD DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

POLAROID COPY OF PHOTO OF [REDACTED] BEING FORWARDED  
AMSD TO AL FOR EXHIBITION TO [REDACTED] MASSENA, N.Y.,  
TO DETERMINE IF THIS WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO APPROACHED HIM WHILE HE  
WAS STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

JERRY COHEN, LA TIMES NEWSPAPER, ADVISES PAPER PROMISED  
THEIR INFORMANT [REDACTED] LNU, THEY WOULD NOT REVEAL HIS IDENTITY  
OR HOW TO LOCATE. COHEN DID HOWEVER TELL THIS OFFICE HE WOULD  
ADVISE IF ANY PHOTOS EXHIBITED WERE IDENTICAL WITH INFORMANT.  
COHEN STATED PHOTO OF [REDACTED] NOT IDENT, BUT "DECLINED  
TO COMMENT" WHEN PHOTO [REDACTED] EXHIBITED TO HIM.

WIFE, [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH IN LA COUNTY  
JAIL. STATES FILED FOR DIVORCE FROM [REDACTED] TWO MONTHS AGO  
THROUGH ATTORNEY [REDACTED] ON GROUNDS OF DESERTION, CRUELTY,  
AND NONSUPPORT. LEGAL FEES PAYED BY HER RELATIVES. SAID SHE  
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WAS SO MAD AT [REDACTED] AT TIME OF FILING FOR DIVORCE THAT SHE TORE UP ALL PHOTOS SHE HAD OF HIM. DESCRIBED HIM AS SHIFTLESS DRIFTER, WHO NEVER HELD JOB DURING THEIR FIVE YEAR MARRIAGE. SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

REVIEW OF LA FILES RE [REDACTED] AND INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] INDICATES HE HAS SPENT TIME IN BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA; RENO, NEVADA; VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN TENNESSEE; CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY. [REDACTED] BELIEVES HE IS INDIVIDUAL WHO TOOK HIS TWO GUNS, AND IS ONLY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE OF [REDACTED] AND PERSON HE KNEW AS [REDACTED] COUSIN (WHOSE NAME HE CANNOT RECALL) THAT WOULD HAVE KNOWN HE EVEN OWNED THE GUNS.

IT WOULD APPEAR [REDACTED] BILKED LA TIME OUT OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. OTHER THAN SHOWING HIS PHOTO TO [REDACTED] MASSENA, N.Y., TO WRAP UP THIS ASPECT OF CASE, IT IS NOT FELT THAT FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED RE [REDACTED] LNU.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING SENT FOLLOWING OFFICES; WITH PHOTO ENCLOSED FOR ALBANY TO DISPLAY AS INDICATED ABOVE:  
ALBANY, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS, DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE AND CHARLOTTE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING LA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SAC, Honolulu (157-131)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuRed 5/21/68 concerning checks at Driver's License Bureaus.

On 5/21/68 [REDACTED], Driver's License Bureau, Honolulu Police Department, advised that the State of Hawaii is presently going through a relicensing procedure that will last all year. The Driver's License Bureau in Honolulu covers only City-County of Honolulu. On the outer islands driver's licensing is handled by police departments.

In the City and County of Honolulu alone since 1/1/68 more than 92,000 people have applied for new driver's licenses. At the Driver's License Bureau these applications are maintained only in alphabetical order, not by date. Therefore, to ascertain persons applying for a license in April and May it would be necessary to manually check all of the 92,000 cards. [REDACTED] stated, however, the city is in the process of computerizing the driver's license information and this project is being handled by the State of Hawaii Information Systems at City Bank, 810 Richards Street.

On 5/23/68 [REDACTED] City Information Service, advised as follows:

The Honolulu computer program for driver's licenses covers the entire state, and the system as of this date has all driver's licenses issued up until 5/17/68. [REDACTED] stated that it is possible to build a theoretical man and obtain possible hits from the computer. The computer is unable to supply information as to whether the application is for a new license or a relicensing; however, he stated that the computer contains Social Security numbers and old license numbers, and if any of these numbers that have been utilized by RAY are available they could be checked through the computer.

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- 1 - Honolulu

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Enclosed for information of Memphis is Xerox copy of the information available in the Honolulu computer.

Honolulu intends to request a check of the driver's license computer, supplying the following information:

Born:	May 23, 1938 - May 23, 1913
State:	Other than Hawaii
Height:	5' 9" to 5' 11"
Weight:	156 - 185 lbs.
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue

Discard all old license numbers with prefix "P" or "O" (license numbers issued in Hawaii for several years previous to 1968 bore prefixes "P" and "O".)

If OO could logically narrow the above criteria it is requested to do so. Memphis is also requested to furnish Honolulu any known old driver's license numbers or Social Security Numbers utilized by subject.

The Bureau may desire to give consideration to having all field divisions inquire if driver's licenses are computerized in order that a theoretical-man search might be made.

1-Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long  
Rm. 2260)  
1-Mr. Conrad  
1-Mr. Griffith  
1-Mr. Mortimer  
5/24/68 1-Lab File

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reference Memphis airtel 5/22/68 submitting envelope and letter received by Mayor of Memphis, and postmarked at Dallas, Texas.

Items submitted not identified in Anonymous Letter File and no identifying features noted thereon. Concluded these items not prepared by subject James Earl Ray, latent examination to be reported separately.

Reference Bureau airtel to Memphis 4/10/68 setting forth the interpretation of scratches on small radio (Q32) as being "00416." For possible interest of Memphis, it is noted that "00416" was the inmate number of James Earl Ray at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

1 - Dallas

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Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 249

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Mr. Rosen	124
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

REMYCABS MAY ONE SEVEN AND MAY ONE FOUR LAST.

RE ALLEGATION FROM HONDURAS: INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO AS  
[REDACTED] IN RECAP MAY ONE FOUR LAST APPEARS IDENTICAL WITH  
[REDACTED], ACCORDING TO INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN  
HONDURAS AT REQUEST OF THIS OFFICE. [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND WAS ISSUED UNITED  
STATES PASSPORT [REDACTED] AT SAN PEDRO  
SULA, HONDURAS, IN APRIL ONE NINE SIX SIX. HE HAS LIVED IN  
HONDURAS FOR ABOUT FOUR ZERO YEARS AND ALLEGEDLY BECAME  
CITIZEN OF THAT COUNTRY RECENTLY. LIVES AT PENA BLANCA NEAR  
LAKE YOJOA, DEPARTMENT OF CORTES.

SINCE [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY HAS BRAGGED ABOUT FURNISHING  
PROTECTION TO INDIVIDUALS SOUGHT IN PAST FOR CIVIL RIGHTS  
CRIMES, BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION IN BUREAU  
FILES OR THOSE OF ATLANTA OFFICE. [REDACTED] HAS INDICATED HE  
STILL OWNS PROPERTY IN GEORGIA AND, THEREFORE, MAY OCCASIONALLY  
VISIT TERRITORY COVERED BY ATLANTA DIVISION.

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INVESTIGATION ON YUCATAN PENINSULA: AS EXTENSION OF COVERAGE INSTITUTED PREVIOUSLY IN CITY OF CAMPECHE AND ENTIRE STATE, [REDACTED] HAS NEARLY COMPLETED CANVASS OF ENTIRE PENINSULA ON GULF OF MEXICO. HE HAS VISITED ISLANDS OF COZUMEL AND ISLA MUJERES AND COMMUNITIES OF PUERTO JUAREZ, PUERTO MORELOS, AND CHETUMEL. SMALL VILLAGES OF YUCATAB AND QUINTANA ROO ALSO INCLUDED, AS WELL AS CHICHEN - ITZA, SITE OF WORLD FAMOUS RUINS. NO NEW LEADS YET DEVELOPED BUT [REDACTED] CONTINUING INVESTIGATION.

RE ALLEGATION OF [REDACTED] FURNISHED TO BIRMINGHAM OFFICE (BUCAB ONE FOUR FIVE): [REDACTED] CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION AT CATEMACO, VERACRUZ, AND INTERVIEWED OFFICIALS OF HOTEL PLAYA AZUL THERE. THEY STATED NO ONE WITH THE NAME OF KNOWN ALIASES OF SUBJECT, OR ANSWERING HIS DESCRIPTION, HAD BEEN A GUEST AT THAT HOTEL AND THAT HE COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED AMONG THE SEVERAL NORTH AMERICANS WHO STAYED THERE. DURING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH SIX TO MARCH ONE ZERO LAST.

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HOTEL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES PROMISED TO REMAIN ALERT FOR SUBJECT AND REPORT APPEARANCE OF ANYONE RESEMBLING HIS DESCRIPTION OR PHOTOGRAPHS. MUNICIPAL POLICE COMMANDER MAXIMINO DIAZ ALCAZAR ALSO STATED THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN ANY INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPHS OR DESCRIPTION.

RE ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO: NOTE AND MAP FROM PRESUMED AUTHOR OF EARLIER LETTERS RECEIVED FROM MEMPHIS OFFICE MAY TWO ZERO LAST. INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN AREA DEPICTED BY MAP PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED AND REPORTED. INVESTIGATIVE SOURCE IS NOW RENEWING EFFORTS IN VICINITY OF "X" MARK ON MAP.

ALL OUTSTANDING LEADS BEING VIGOROUSLY PURSUED. BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES TO BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED PERTINENT RESULTS.

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3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

SENT  
ERROR LETTER  
FROM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rebuairtel 5/16/68 relative to information received from [REDACTED] concerning a \$50,000 bank robbery.

Based on information available, a review of the Minneapolis files failed to disclose a bank robbery similar to that described by [REDACTED]

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Date: 5/24/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN

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Re Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 4/30/68; telephone call from [REDACTED], Bureau Supervisor, Civil Rights Division to Oklahoma City 5/3/68; Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau 5/4/68; and Omaha teletype to Oklahoma City 5/4/68.

Re: LOCATION OF [REDACTED]

The following is a summary of the investigation to re-locate [REDACTED] after reBu telephone call.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

[REDACTED]

have been contacted on a continuing basis since they are acquainted with [REDACTED] and are persons he would logically contact if he were in Oklahoma City. None of the above persons have observed [REDACTED] or heard of his whereabouts in Oklahoma City since he

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  - 2 - Kansas City
  - 2 - Omaha
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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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was last interviewed by BuAgents 4/29/68 at Oklahoma City. In addition to the above, contact has been made with numerous other sources in Oklahoma City without determining [REDACTED] whereabouts. All of the above have indicated they would notify the FBI immediately should any of them learn of [REDACTED] whereabouts.

LEADS

OMAHA DIVISION

At Waverly, Iowa

Will maintain contact with [REDACTED] family, and will set out logical leads to contact relatives of [REDACTED] in an attempt to determine present whereabouts. Will advise Oklahoma City when [REDACTED] located so that contact with logical persons in Oklahoma City may be terminated.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Jefferson City, Missouri

Will advise Oklahoma City and Omaha results of interview with ex-guard [REDACTED] when located and whether or not he is identical with ex-guard mentioned by [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] in telephone conversation so that contact with logical persons and family may be discontinued.

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TO DIRECTOR, MIAMI, LOS ANGELES, AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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Mr. Bishop	_____
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Mr. Callahan	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION AT ATLANTA MAY TWENTYFOUR  
INSTANT.

[REDACTED]  
JAMES R. WILLOUGHBY, WHO FORMERLY RESIDED AT ROOMING  
HOUSE ON FOURTEENTH ST., ATLANTA, AT TIME SUBJ. RESIDED  
THERE, INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED JAMES WILLOUGHBY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS GENERALLY RELIABLE EXCEPT WHEN DRINKING AND  
ON SOME OCCASIONS, HAS A TENDENCY TO EXAGGERATE  
AND FABRICATE. [REDACTED] STATED JAMES VISITED  
HIM AND JAMES' MOTHER WEEKEND OF MAY SEVENTEEN THRU  
NINETEEN, LAST, AND RELATED TO THEM SUBSEQUENTLY THE  
SAME STORY AS PREVIOUSLY RELATED TO THE INTERVIEWING  
AGENTS CONCERNING SEEING AN INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED BY [REDACTED]

HIM TO BE SUBJ. AT THE ROOMING HOUSE ON FOURTEENTH ST. [REDACTED]  
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THORNTON LISTED EMPLOYMENT WITH

WITH NSRP ACTIVITIES.

ALSO FORMERLY RESIDED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA, IN CONNECTION  
RIGHTS PARTY AND RESIDED IN LOS ANGELES AREA. THORNTON  
THORNTON WAS FORMERLY CALIF. DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL STATES

FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. DESCRIPTION OF THORNTON

HE HAS BEEN RESIDING WITH  
WHITE RAMBLER STATION WAGON, BEARING CURRENT CALIF. LICENSE

AT ABOVE ADDRESS. HE IS DRIVING A  
ADVISED THAT ONE JAMES THORNTON IS CURRENTLY RESIDING

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ATLANTA, AND STATED FORMERLY HAD BANK ACCOUNT AT  
SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, ANAHEIM, CALIF., NOT  
VERIFIED BY BANK.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FURNISHED AGE  
AS TWENTYSIX IN SIXTYSEVEN, WIFE [REDACTED]  
EMPLOYMENT [REDACTED] STONE  
MOUNTAIN, GA., RESIDENCE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] STONE MOUNTAIN, GA., PREVIOUS  
EMPLOYMENT [REDACTED]  
BIRMINGHAM, ALA. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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THUMB PRINTS MAINTAINED STATION CAPTAINS OFFICE,  
ATLANTA PD, BEING COMPARED WITH SUBJECT'S THUMB  
PRINTS IN EVENT SUBJ., HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND  
RELEASED OR SENT TO CITY FARM ON DRUNK OR OTHER  
CHARGE.

LOS ANGELES DETERMINE TO WHOM CALIF., LICENSE  
[REDACTED] ISSUED. ASCERTAIN  
JAMES PAUL THORNTON'S RESIDENCE DURING TIME SUBJ.  
HAS BEEN OUT OF PRISON AND EXHIBIT PHOTO TO  
NEIGHBORS AND ASSOCIATES OF THORNTON WHERE FEASIBLE.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

BIRMINGHAM ATTEMPT TO LOCATE RECORD OF THORNTON'S  
RESIDENCE THERE AND CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION IN  
EFFORT TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SUBJ.  
AND THORNTON.

SIMILAR INVESTIGATION NOT BEING REQUESTED CON-  
CERNING [REDACTED] IN BIRMINGHAM INASMUCH AS [REDACTED] HAS  
RESIDED IN ATLANTA SINCE FEB., SIXTYSEVEN.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN HIM AND SUBJ.

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1 - Mr. Hudson

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REBUAIRTEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE SUSPECTS [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED]

IF NOT ALREADY HANDLED, SUBMIT YOUR REPLY TO REACH  
BUREAU BY NINE A.M. MAY TWENTY-SEVEN NEXT. ARMED AND  
DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

530PM URGENT 5-24-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 4 P

MURKIN.

SUMMARY.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY FIFTEEN LAST CONCERNING TELEPHONE  
CALL MADE FROM TELEPHONE OF [REDACTED] ST. LOUIS, MO.,  
TO LORETTA, TENN.

[REDACTED] TELEPHONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM HIS NEPHEW  
[REDACTED], WHO RESIDES AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], ST. LOUIS, MO., AND WHO CAN BE REACHED AT  
TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED] IS A  
RESPECTABLE BUSINESSMAN AND IS NOT ACQUAINTED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED].

RE ELECTRA - DATE CORPORATION.

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EVERETT SHANNON RAY IS A WHITE MALE BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] IS CURRENTLY  
EMPLOYED IN MEMPHIS, TENN., AND IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY.  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

*Handwritten signature/initials*

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*Handwritten initials*

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RE [REDACTED] USE OF TELEPHONE AT PORTAGEVILLE, MO.  
THREE OF THE FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS PLACED TO MEMPHIS FROM  
THE TELEPHONE USED BY [REDACTED] AT THE SINCLAIR STATION  
IN PORTAGEVILLE WERE MADE TO THREE REPUTABLE BUSINESS CONCERNS.  
THE FOURTH TELEPHONE CALL WAS PLACED TO THE RESIDENCE OF  
ELAINE M. BREWINGTON, WHO HAS RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM A  
BOYFRIEND FROM PORTAGEVILLE, MO., ON MARCH SEVEN AND APRIL FOUR  
LAST.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN THE MEMPHIS AREA FAILED TO  
REVEAL ANY INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT A SWINGER OR A LONELY  
HEARTS TYPE CLUB IS OPERATING IN THE MEMPHIS AREA.  
A CHECK OF RECORDS OF "CHECK MATE CLUB", A SOCIAL CLUB  
WHICH APPEALS TO SINGLE PERSONS, AND RECORDS OF "COMPUTER  
MATCHING INC." WHICH CHARGES TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FEE  
FOR MATCHING COMPATIBLE MATES THROUGH COMPUTER TESTING FAILED  
TO REVEAL ANY INFORMATION REGARDING RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME  
AND KNOWN ALIASES.  
SINCE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT SUBJECT WAS IN MEXICO  
DURING OCT. AND NOV. SIXTY SEVEN AND DURING SUCH PERIOD

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CONSORTED WITH ONE OR MORE KNOWN MEXICAN PROSTITUTES, IT IS SUGGESTED THE BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO REQUEST ALL DIVISIONS TO CHECK VENEREAL DISEASE RECORDS OF STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS RE SUBJECT UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES FOR THE PERIOD NOV. THIRTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, TO DATE.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU REQUEST LEGAT, MEXICO, TO FURNISH IN DETAIL THE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED], IRMA MORALES, WITH WHOM SUBJECT SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME AT PUERTO VALLARTA. IT IS NOTED SUBJECT ABANDONED MORALES SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO LEAVING MEXICO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT SHOULD BE DETERMINED WHETHER MORALES HAS [REDACTED] OBTAINED NARCOTICS, ANY INDICATION SUBJECT GAVE OF DESIRING TO RETURN TO MEXICO FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE AND FOR ANY INDICATION SUBJECT HAD PREVIOUSLY VISITED ANY PORTION OF MEXICO. MEMPHIS FEELS THAT AN INTERVIEW IN DEPTH OF MORALES MIGHT SHED ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON SUBJECT'S INCLINATION TO TAKING UP RESIDENCE IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

FOUR

IN REGARD TO CHECK OF DRIVER LICENSE RECORDS FOR NEW AND RENEWED LICENSES, IT IS SUGGESTED THE BUREAU MAY DESIRE THROUGH LIAISON WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CHECK RECORDS OF THE NATIONAL DRIVERS REGISTRY FOR NEW DRIVER LICENSES OR RENEWALS FOR SUBJECT UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES ON A NATION WIDE BASIS AND PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS IN THESE RECORDS IF SUCH IS FEASIBLE.

MEMPHIS IS CONTINUING TO CHECK OUT LOOK ALIKES ON IMMEDIATE BASIS UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH INFORMATION; HOWEVER, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN THIS REGARD.

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4:47 PM URGENT 5-24-68 JKH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 4 P

MURKIN: CR. MEMPHIS ORIGIN.

RE DENVER TELETYPE, MAY TWENTY-THREE LAST.

FOR INFORMATION LOS ANGELES, [REDACTED] DENVER,  
COLORADO, ADVISED DENVER OFFICE HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL  
ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS FROM FRIEND, EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY,  
BOTH FORMERLY LIVED RUDY, ARK., AND ATTENDED SCHOOL, ALMA,  
ARKANSAS. [REDACTED] LOST TRACK OF BRADLEY WHEN LATTER WENT  
INTO U. S. NAVY NINETEEN THIRTY-THREE. SUBSEQUENTLY SAW  
BRADLEY IN DALLAS, TEXAS, IN DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY - THREE

[REDACTED] CLAIMS BRADLEY CALLED HIM MAY SEVENTEEN,  
NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, FROM TULSA, OKLAHOMA. AT THAT TIME  
BRADLEY SAID HE HAD ERIC GALT WITH HIM. [REDACTED] STATED  
HE DID NOT KNOW WHO GALT WAS AND BRADLEY SAID HE WAS ALSO  
KNOWN AS JAMES RAY. [REDACTED] STATED HE DID NOT KNOW JAMES  
RAY AND BRADLEY THEN TOLD HIM RAY WAS THE MAN WHO KILLED  
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KING. BRADLEY CLAIMED TO HAVE LIVED WITH RAY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK IN TULSA.

AT SEVEN TEN A.M., MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME, MAY TWENTY-THREE LAST, BRADLEY AGAIN CALLED [REDACTED] AND STATED HE WAS AT THE OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT, SEVEN ONE FOUR TOWSON AVENUE, FORT SMITH, ARK., AND WAS WORKING HIS WAY WEST. BRADLEY CLAIMED HE WAS EATING HIS MEALS AT THE OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT WHICH IS OPERATED BY [REDACTED], ELBA BASINGER THOMPSON. [REDACTED] STATE BRADLEY WAS ALLEGEDLY UNDER SUBPOENA BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBES BRADLEY AS WHITE MALE, FIFTY-ONE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE EIGHT POUNDS, BLOND, VETERAN OF U. S. NAVY.

MR. AND MRS. LEON THOMPSON, OPERATORS OF OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT, FORT SMITH, ON MAY TWENTY-THREE LAST, ADVISED BRADLEY UNKNOWN TO THEM AND THEY COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. [REDACTED] RELATIVES ADVISE [REDACTED] A MENTAL CASE AND TENDS TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH CRIMINAL

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CASES OF NATIONAL PROMINENCE.

LITTLE ROCK FILES ALSO REFLECT [REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY EXAMINED BY A PHYSICIAN AT DALLAS, TEXAS, AND DIAGNOSED "WITH PROBABLE PSYCHOSIS AND POSSIBLE SYNDROME."

RELATIVES OF BRADLEY LOCATED FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, AND THEY ADVISED HE RESIDES [REDACTED], NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, TELETYPEPHONE [REDACTED] AND IS EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] THEY ADVISED HE HAS RESIDED THERE SINCE NINETEEN FORTY-ONE AND WAS DEFINITELY NOT IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA OR FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, AS ALLEGED. BRADLEY'S UNCLE TALKED TO HIM AT THE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER ON THE EVENING OF MAY TWENTY-THREE NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. THEY ALSO ADVISE BRADLEY HAS BEEN CHARGED BY JAMES GARRISON, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WITH CONSPIRACY IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND IS DUE TO HAVE EXTRADITION HEARING BEFORE GOVERNOR REAGAN OF CALIFORNIA JUNE FIVE OR SIX NEXT.

LOS ANGELES DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF BRADLEY ON MAY SEVENTEEN AND MAY TWENTY-THREE LAST AND ASCERTAIN IF HE HAS

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ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING JAMES RAY.

DENVER AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL

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Date: 5/18/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

680523003

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-

RE: MURKIN  
CR

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of LHM for transmittal to the Legat, Ottawa.

This LHM contains a letter received 5/17/68 by the Memphis PD, Memphis, Tennessee, which was immediately made available to the Memphis Office. The envelope in which this letter was received was inadvertently destroyed by persons at the Police Department, however, they are certain that it had a Montreal, Canada postmark.

The Memphis Police Department intend to take no action regarding attempting to contact the writer of this letter, and it is suggested that Legat, Ottawa make necessary efforts to contact the writer in an effort to identify the person whom the writer believes may be identical with subject RAY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee  
May 13, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT -  
ROBBERY

The attached letter was received May 17, 1968, by  
the Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, from an  
unknown person who signed the letter only "Code Letter G":



Montreal Que  
To The Chief of Police  
Memphis Tenn. USA.

Received  
5-17-68  
by M.P.D.

Subject: Dr. King - "Hate or Ray?"

I am writing you a personal letter, in strict confidence, I trust you will play ball with the writer. What I am disclosing in detail, may in time prove right or wrong, but to me it divulges some interesting facts. On Wednesday April 17-68 at 6 PM at a friends house, (where he took a room at \$10. per week) I met an 'Irish Chap'. Over a case of Beer we got talking.

1st he said he was selling Advertising in Montreal, had office in East End of Sherbrooke St. (A lady claimed a man rented her apartment & suddenly left. (R.C.M.P. have this information for follow up. as it came out in papers. I did not get any firm name for at that time I suspected nothing.

On April 26 68 'Life Magazine' printed in detail a report as released to Press by F.B.I. It had several drawings. I read all with interest, but May 8. 68 Montreal Gazette comes out with a snap picture as released by F.B.I. "See Attached"

Now here's what made me curious. This chap said in conversation, He had once been in jail in Missouri, where I did not ask on for what.

Said he had been in Merchants' Manne  
where I did not ask.

Said while he was away on a trip on return  
a mother of a girl he had been courting met him  
at the hotel & told him he had made her  
daughter pregnant & had to marry her. He was forced to  
said he was still married & had children by her  
3rd Said he had been a bartender at times  
where he took the room in Montreal, the young lady  
who rented the room, immediately fell in love with  
him & he with her.

This lady is of Irish Nationality in name  
Said he was (40) years old. Nice appearance  
Conservative in dress, speaks well, about 5' 8" 165, 170  
Brown hair. Nice personality.

Started flinging his money around freely to girl of  
house, \$1,000 a week & \$400 a week.  
Suddenly goes off to Acropolis Clinic for 10 days  
in S.E. Quebec, 80 miles from Montreal on B.C. Ry.  
where this girl visited him & he is back now  
in same place. Other day wanted her to sell  
all her furniture for \$1500. Return with him  
to California, where he may yet go from  
Montreal. I am getting a line & his stay at  
Clinic.

Now I give you this information, to disclose my name  
you will appreciate the fact, would be to have

and the publisher, with A.B.H.P. City, Provincial  
Police after me, for I work - This all would  
upset the works I would be a sitting duck.

Now if this should be to your interests - you play  
ball with me, in strict confidence, I will with you.  
You can write The Editor Gayle "News in Brief"  
Attention "G" I will watch for your reply.  
Will answer you, from there on you can  
use your own follow ups.  
I am off work on Wednesday & Thursday each  
week these my holidays June 1-15. 68.  
I might meet you later at some suggested Court  
if you consider to to your interests.  
This all for your consideration - follow up  
at present to you  
Love letter "G"

Ask landlady Mrs. Bapton? Memphis  
if her woman was of Irish nationality.  
Give her my description. Show her my enclosed.

address for

Canadian Mounted Police, Eastern Division, Director "Lemire"

Wood & St Catherine Sts Montreal Que

City of Montreal Police <sup>as</sup> Director "Oliver" Crime Division

Provincial Police of Quebec Province, (Mostly French.)

Headquarters Parthénois St Montreal Que

JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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1-Mr. Rosen  
1-Mr. Long 2260)  
1-Mr. Conrad  
1-Mr. Mortimer  
1-Lab File  
1-Foreign Liaison

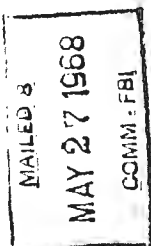
To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 24, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director  
REC-105  
FBI File No. **44-38861 3974**  
Lab. No. **D-680523003 JK**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**  
Reference: **Airtel 5/18/68**  
Examination requested: **Document**  
Remarks:



**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**1 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosure (Lab report)**

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5-27-68

Airtel

1 - Mr. J. R. Faulkner  
1 - Mr. R. F. Bates

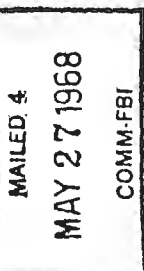
To: SAC, Jacksonville

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Jackson, Dallas, Jacksonville, and Memphis dated 4-25-68; Dallas airtel to Bureau, Jackson, Atlanta, and Memphis dated 5-1-68; Atlanta airtel to Bureau, Jackson, Jacksonville, and Memphis dated 5-8-68; Jackson airtel to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Charlotte, Columbia, Dallas, Kansas City, and Memphis dated 5-15-68 and Bureau telephone call to Jacksonville on 5-22-68, all pertaining to [REDACTED] and an alleged offer of \$100,000 by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi to anyone who kills Martin Luther King, Jr.

Upon completion of a thorough review of referenced Jackson airtel dated 5-15-68, Kansas City is instructed to interview [REDACTED] for all information he possesses concerning any offer by anyone of \$100,000 to kill King.



- 3 - Jacksonville (encl. 6)  
(1 - 76-1108)
- 3 - Atlanta (encl. 4)  
(1 - 76-2876)
- 3 - Houston (encl. 8)
- 3 - Las Vegas (encl. 8)
- 2 - Memphis
- 3 - Phoenix (encl. 6)  
(1 - 76-2865)

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19 MAY 28 1968

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Airtel to SAC, Jacksonville  
RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED]

Enclosed for Atlanta, Houston, Jacksonville, and Las Vegas are two copies each of Bureau letter dated 4/29/68, captioned [REDACTED]

Enclosed for Houston, Jacksonville, and Las Vegas are two copies each of referenced Jackson airtel dated 5/15/68.

Enclosed for Houston and Las Vegas are two copies each of referenced Atlanta airtel dated 5/8/68.

Enclosed for Phoenix are two copies each of referenced Dallas airtel dated 5/1/68; Atlanta airtel dated 5/8/68; and Jackson airtel dated 5/15/68.

Should [REDACTED] be apprehended by any recipient office, he should be interviewed to determine if he has obtained any additional information since last interviewed on 6/2/67, regarding any offer to kill King.

LEADS:

Atlanta, Georgia. Continue appropriate investigation to locate and apprehend [REDACTED]

Houston at Corpus Christi, Texas. Referenced Atlanta airtel 5/8/68, indicates [REDACTED] in December, 1967, may have obtained employment with the [REDACTED] Corpus Christi, Texas. Conduct appropriate investigation to locate and apprehend [REDACTED].

Jacksonville at Panama City, Florida. Conduct investigation requested in referenced Atlanta airtel dated 5/8/68, in an attempt to locate and apprehend [REDACTED].

Airtel to SAC, Jackson  
RE: MURKIN

Las Vegas at Reno, Nevada. Referenced Atlanta airtel 5-8-68, indicates [REDACTED] possibly is in the Panama City, Florida, area [REDACTED]. The company that manufactures this device is reportedly located at Reno. [REDACTED] written monthly report to the Parole Board for December, 1967, listed employment with the [REDACTED], Atlanta, Georgia. It is possible the home office of this company is located in Reno, Nevada, area. Conduct appropriate investigation to locate and apprehend [REDACTED].

NOTE:

We are conducting investigation of individuals who allegedly made threats or offers to kill King to determine if they are possibly involved in any conspiracy to kill King. [REDACTED] in 1967, furnished information allegedly obtained from [REDACTED] at Leavenworth Penitentiary that the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi had offered \$100,000 to kill King. [REDACTED] is currently a fugitive and it is desired he be interviewed when apprehended to determine if he possesses any additional information regarding threats to slay King. Kansas City is being instructed to interview [REDACTED] for any information he possesses regarding any such threats. Information developed in MURKIN investigation indicates [REDACTED] reported recently in Panama City, Florida, area. Instant communication advises pertinent offices of possible employment held by [REDACTED] and furnishes information regarding his fugitive status.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: May 27, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: APPROX.

ASAC Karl Stefansson of the San Antonio Office telephonically advised that one [REDACTED] had contacted the Brownsville, Texas, Resident Agency today and advised that he had received information that James Ray was four days ago working in the kitchen of the Sadzil Ha Hotel, located on Isla Mujeres, off the coast of the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico.

[REDACTED] is in Brownsville, Texas, [REDACTED] and will be there several days. His permanent address is [REDACTED] Yucatan, Mexico, and he will return to that address when his business in Brownsville, Texas, is completed.

[REDACTED] advised that the Sadzil Ha Hotel which is located about twenty minutes by air from Merida is owned and operated by a man named Lima, who he feels will not cooperate with the FBI. He identified Lima's son as being the source of the information regarding Ray working at the Sadzil Ha Hotel.

Stefansson described [REDACTED] as [REDACTED]

SAC Gordon Shanklin of the Dallas Office also telephonically advised that a potential criminal informant of the office had been in contact with a small time gambler, whose identity the potential criminal informant would not disclose, who had just returned from Monterrey, Mexico. According to the potential criminal informant this gambler made the statement that James Ray is currently working as a bartender in a bar located near the Chevrolet dealer in Monterrey.

## ACTION:

The above information was telephonically furnished to Legat [REDACTED] at Mexico City for immediate handling. [REDACTED] stated the leads would be afforded top priority investigative attention.

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
 (Mr. Long 2260)  
 1 - Mr. Conrad  
 1 - Mr. Mortimer  
 1 - Lab File



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 27, 1968

*MURKIN*  
 Re: CR

OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
 John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
 Lab. No. D-680523083 JK

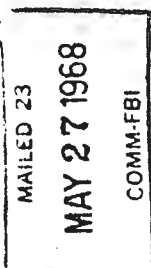
Examination requested by: St. Louis

Reference: Airtel 5/21/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q354.



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44-38861-3977

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
 2-St. Louis (44-775) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 27, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No.

44-38861

Lab. No.

D-680523083 JK

Specimens received 5/23/68

Q354 Signature card of Manufacturers Bank & Trust Company  
of St. Louis dated 3/9/59 bearing the signature  
"James Carl O'Connor"

Result of examination:

Because of the presence of some characteristics  
which could not be satisfactorily explained on the basis  
of the available known writings, it could not be determined  
whether the "James Carl O'Connor" signature on Q354 was  
prepared by JAMES EARL RAY; however, significant similarities  
were noted between this questioned signature and the  
available known handwriting of RAY.

Q354 will be returned separately. Photographs  
are retained.

JHM:taw (10)

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 27, 1968**

**MURKIN**  
 Re: **CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
 John Edgar Hoover, Director

**44-38861**  
 FBI File No. **D-680523034 JK**  
 Lab. No.

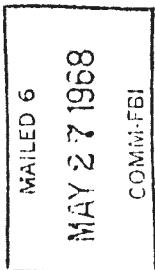
Examination requested by: **Washington Field Office**

Reference: **Airtel 5/23/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q352 and Q353.



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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Washington Field Office (44-703) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Newark (44-854) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

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of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 27, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680523034 JK

Specimens received 5/23/68

Q352 U.S. Postal Money Order, No. 1,916,211,078, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., bearing the handwritten name and address "Eric S. Galt 5533 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90028"

Q353 U.S. Postal Money Order, No. 5,615,057,923, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N.J., bearing the handwritten name and address "Eric S. Galt 113-14th St. N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309"

Result of examination:

On the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, James Earl Ray, it was concluded that the questioned hand printing and handwriting appearing on Q352 and Q353 were prepared by this individual.

Specimens Q352 and Q353 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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JHM:AW (12)

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 27, 1968

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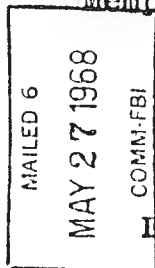
*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-680524079 JK

Examination requested by: Memphis  
Reference: Airtel 5/22/68  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q355 and Q356.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau airtel to Memphis and Dallas dated 5/24/68.



Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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1 - Dallas Enclosure (Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 27, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
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Lab. No. D-680524079 JK

Specimens received 5-24-68

Q355 Envelope postmarked "Dallas, Tex. 1B PM 1 May, 1968," bearing the handwritten address "Mr. Loeb - Mayor of Memphis Memphis, Tenn."

Q356 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "I didnt mean to kill Rev. Luther King..." and ending "...but not a white man. Black men hired me"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q355 and Q356 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

No indented writing, watermarks or other identifying features were noted on either Q355 or Q356 which might indicate the immediate source of these two items.

It was concluded that the questioned writings on Q355 and Q356 were not prepared by James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

The submitted items are temporarily retained.  
Photographs were made.

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5/27/68

Airtel

To: SAC's WFO (44-703) - Enc. (2)  
Los Angeles (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

Re WFO airtel 5/22/68, submitting two L. A. Postal  
Money orders, C-352 and C-353.

No intent to prosecute if value developed for the two money  
orders, which are enclosed to WFO.

Laboratory reporting separate.

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- 1 - Newark (44-654)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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Date: 5/21/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-30861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

Birmingham presently endeavoring to arrange with Southern Medical Association, headquarters at Birmingham, which covers Southern States, write-up and photos of subject in its periodical, provided Bureau concurs. This based on previous information that subject has been considered somewhat of a hypochondriac, according to previous acquaintances and may visit physicians. Bureau may desire consider this action also either through American Medical Association publication or from other regional medical associations.

Since RAY has been reported to have visited psychologists and/or psychiatrists in the past suggest Bureau may desire to give consideration on a national basis of circularization these type physicians. No action will be taken pending approval by the Bureau.

*1 cc - Bishop*  
*cc - Bishop*  
3 Bureau  
2 Memphis (44-1987)  
2 Birmingham

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*C. C. Bishop*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

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Director, FBI (44-38861) — 3981

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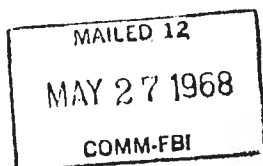
Reurairtel 5-21-68.

Approval granted for Birmingham to secure publicity on James Earl Ray in the periodical issued by the Southern Medical Association. Authority for such publicity was set forth in Bulet of 4-29-68 to all offices and permits the utilization of all cooperative and reputable publications.

Pursuant to existing instructions the Office of Origin may set forth specific leads regarding such publicity and the existing Bureau press release in this case may be utilized along with copies of Ray's photograph available in all offices.

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Gale

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P  
 SUBJECT: (MURKIN)  
 (OO Memphis)

Re Baltimore teletype to Bureau dated 4/25/68.

Enclosed herewith for Bureau and all receiving offices are two (2) copies each of FD-302s concerning [REDACTED]

Referenced communication reveals [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Office of Origin Little Rock, received an offer from JAMES (LNU) and EDDIE (LNU) of \$50,000. to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING in March of 1965.

The FD-302s concern interview with [REDACTED] who is currently an inmate at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, and a psychiatric evaluation of [REDACTED]

LEADS:

COLUMBIA:

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to confirm story and further identify individuals named by [REDACTED]

- 3-Bureau (Enc. 2)
- 2-Memphis (Enc. 2)
- 2-Baltimore (Enc. 2)
- 2-New Orleans (Enc. 2)
- 2-Tampa (Enc. 2)
- 2-Columbia (Enc. 2)

2-Kansas City

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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TAMPA:

AT FT. MYERS, FLORIDA:

Attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED] parents  
[REDACTED]

NEW ORLEANS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

Conduct investigation at [REDACTED] to confirm  
story or further identify individuals.

MEMPHIS:

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

Attempt to identify [REDACTED] (LNU), [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Date 4/26/68

"Schizophrenic Reaction, chronic undifferentiated type, sociopathic personality disturbance, anti-social type, migraine headaches, with possible brain damage."

On 4/26/68 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 44-760

SA [REDACTED] 4/26/68  
by \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Date dictated 4/26/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/26/68

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[REDACTED] inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was advised of the identity of [REDACTED] as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was told the purpose of the interview concerned a report he had made sometime ago to the FBI that he had been offered \$50,000. to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING by two individuals identified only as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. This took place in Columbia, South Carolina, in about March, 1965. He was furnished a warning and waiver form, which he read and executed. He then furnished the following oral information:

In early 1965, in Columbia, South Carolina, he met a soldier stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, who was to be discharged within a few days. His name was [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] but he is not sure of the first name or the spelling of the last name. He had just returned from Panama, and he believes he held the rank of Corporal. [REDACTED] had marijuana and pep pills in his possession and was a very convincing talker. [REDACTED] had met a female in Columbia named [REDACTED]. She worked as a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] he believes was called the [REDACTED] located [REDACTED] in Columbia. She was from a little town twenty miles south of Columbia, name unknown. [REDACTED] roomed with a girl named [REDACTED] somewhere [REDACTED] in Columbia. Both girls were prostitutes, and [REDACTED] lived part of the time with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] worked at a [REDACTED] there called the [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] had met two men known as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and had filled a prostitution date with [REDACTED] for \$50. The initial meeting took place in some club, name unknown, located near Chubby's Steak House, possibly the "Downtown." [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] she had to leave because she had a date with a soldier from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] asked her to ask [REDACTED] if he could get ahold of any weapons, whereupon she told him [REDACTED] had a machine gun.

On 4/26/68 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 44-760  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/26/68



█████ expressed an interest in buying it from █████ and told her to pass this on to him, which she agreed to do. The prostitution date was filled in a motel in town, name unknown.

The following night, at the V.F.W., he, █████, █████ and █████ met. █████ and █████ were present, as well as two other girls who worked at the █████ but this was their night off. He does not recall their names. This was the first time he had met █████ and █████. The men went outside and █████ gave them each a stick of marijuana which he had brought back from Panama. They all sat in █████ white 1964-65 Lincoln Continental and smoked marijuana. The Lincoln had a Tennessee license plate beginning with the number █████ which designates Memphis. █████ was always smoking big cigars and wore a large diamond ring. He understood █████ has money in Mississippi and Tennessee.

█████ despises the Negro race and, particularly, any with Communist leanings.

While in the car, █████ told █████ he understood he had a .50-caliber machine gun and █████ said he did. █████ asked if he wanted to sell it and he said, "Yes." Either █████ or █████ asked where the machine gun was and how long it would take to get it. █████ said three days because it was in Westwego, Louisiana, in care of a friend █████. He never heard this man's name. █████ or █████ asked █████ if he had any ammunition for it, and he said he had a whole belt. One of the men then offered him a thousand dollars for the machine gun.

They all met again the next night at the largest drive-in restaurant in Columbia, name unrecalled. █████ or █████ asked him if he had ever used the machine gun before, and he said he used one while in military service. It was agreed that █████ would take █████ to Westwego, Louisiana, which is on the west bank of New Orleans, to get the machine gun. They were to meet █████ and █████ on a certain unrecalled date in Columbia and collect \$1,000. for the machine gun. The meet was to be at some unrecalled motel. █████ stated he has trouble remembering things that happened this long ago.

He drove [REDACTED] to get the machine gun at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] contacted some man outside of his presence who reportedly told him the weapon had not arrived. He and [REDACTED] stayed in an apartment house at the rear of the [REDACTED] for two days waiting for the weapon to arrive, but it never did. He became irritated with [REDACTED] and then felt [REDACTED] never had such a weapon. [REDACTED] returned alone to Columbia, South Carolina, and he understood [REDACTED] was going to his home in Fort Myers, Florida. [REDACTED] parents reportedly lived in [REDACTED] Fort Myers. [REDACTED] stated that at the time all this was going on he had and was driving a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, maroon in color, bearing a Maryland Temporary Tag. He bought the car under his true name [REDACTED] in Baltimore, Maryland.

Upon his return to Columbia he met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and informed them he did not get the weapon. He was told the plan was for him and [REDACTED] to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING for \$50,000. \$5,000. was to be in advance, with the remaining \$45,000. to be paid to them in Greenville, South Carolina. [REDACTED] said KING had to be "wiped out" because J. EDGAR HOOVER had reported KING to be a confirmed Communist and the most notorious liar of our day. The killing was to take place along a scheduled march from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. The machine gun was to be placed in the back of a paneled truck and driven to a spot on the Selma-to-Montgomery route. When the front line of marchers, including Dr. KING, approached the spot, the rear doors of the truck would be opened and the marchers machine-gunned. The truck was to come from some other state and purchased legally in the name of a deceased person. They would then drive the paneled truck away from the line of march to a country road where a passenger car would be parked. The truck would be abandoned and then they would travel into Montgomery, Alabama, by a devious back-roads route. They would then travel to Greenville, South Carolina, where they would meet [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would tell them how to get to Sydney, Australia, via Mexico, on a freighter.

[REDACTED] has a friend who formerly lived in Mississippi but now has a sheep ranch in Broken Bow, Australia. This man would help set them up in a bar or some other type of legitimate business.

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When he told [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] could not produce the machine gun, they said the plan had been dropped because MARTIN LUTHER KING announced he was not going to participate in the march. *S. APPROX 11/11/69*

He described [REDACTED] as white male American, age 40; 5 feet, 10 inches; 210 pounds; blue eyes; brown hair, graying on the sides. [REDACTED] lives [REDACTED] miles from Memphis in Mississippi. *S. APPROX 11/11/69*

[REDACTED] described as white male American; 6 feet, 1 inch; 180 pounds; brown hair; age 38, good dresser, residence Memphis, Tennessee.

[REDACTED] described white male American, 22; 5 feet, 8 inches; 170 pounds; black hair; husky build, and good looking. He believes [REDACTED] a psychiatric case and believes this was the reason he was discharged from the military.

He has seen [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] since the above incident however, he is not going to say more unless the Government dismisses [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] If the detainer were removed he would furnish the full names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and where they could be located. in addition to subsequent contacts he has had with these men. He was told that no promises of any kind could be made in this regard.

A photograph of JAMES EARLY RAY, FBI # 300443A, taken at the Missouri Department of Corrections, Jefferson City, Missouri, on March 17, 1969, was shown to [REDACTED] and he stated that he does not know this individual either by name or photograph.

[REDACTED] admitted he was at the Medical Center for psychiatric treatment. He has a writ in federal court under the provisions of Title 18, Section 2255, U. S. Code,

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trying to get his original [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] conviction set aside on the grounds  
he was incompetent at the time. He was at the U. S.  
Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, but was recently  
transferred to the Medical Center because he has been  
seeing a red man with a green coat and alligator shoes.  
This red man is responsible for all his troubles. He is not  
visible to him now, but he does see him when he is alone,  
but not since he arrived here [REDACTED]

The following is a description of [REDACTED] as  
obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	6'
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Born	[REDACTED]
FBI #	[REDACTED]
Wife	[REDACTED]
Mother	[REDACTED], Pennsylvania
Father	[REDACTED]

(Address same as above)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38860)

FROM : *DMB*  
*ATB* SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

DATE: 5-21-68

Re Los Angeles airtel to Director, 5-14-68, transmitting a copy of a letter from [REDACTED] in which she suggested as "professional Leftists who use the Negro cause"... "the BRADENS, the Southern Patriot, 3210 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky." and "Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), 822 Perdido St., New Orleans, Louisiana."

Referenced airtel suggested that interview of CARL and ANNE BRADEN for any information they might have concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING be considered.

CARL and ANNE BRADEN, [REDACTED] Louisville, Ky. and currently head the Louisville based Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), formerly of New Orleans, La., which organization publishes the "Southern Patriot", as its official organ.

SCEF is successor to the HCUA-cited Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) and has long been active in the integration and civil rights fields. Currently, SCEF is active in the so-called "peace movement."

The BRADENS have twice been indicted under Kentucky Sedition Statutes (1954 and 1967). In 1954, CARL BRADEN was convicted and served 8 months of a 15-year sentence before being released on \$40,000 appeal bond. [REDACTED]

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1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Info) (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
5 - Louisville (2 - 44-947)  
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On both occasions the Kentucky Sedition Statutes under which the BRADENS were prosecuted were held to be unconstitutional.

CARL BRADEN also served approximately 9 months on a year and a day sentence for contempt of Congress. The contempt conviction grew out of his refusal to answer questions before a Congressional investigating committee in 1958.

The BRADENS have been interviewed on one occasion in connection with a civil rights matter in which they had an interest. [REDACTED]

Any interview with the BRADENS should have sound investigative basis, and it is felt that they should not be interviewed unless they can be questioned re specific, pertinent matters concerning which they might logically be expected to have information.

If an interview with them gave the impression that they were suspected of being implicated in the assassination of Dr. KING, or that the FBI was engaged in a fishing expedition, they would quickly seize upon the situation to ridicule and otherwise criticize the FBI for floundering in the investigation.

If there are specific, pertinent matters concerning which the BRADENS should be interviewed in connection with this case, Louisville will conduct such interview.

[REDACTED]  
it is felt that Bureau authorization should be obtained prior to conducting such interview.

Louisville (44-947)

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Director, FBI (44-38861) *3983*

1 - Mr. Hudson

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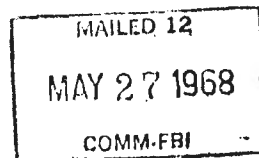
Reference is made to LSlet of 5-21-68.

It is not necessary to interview Carl and Anne Braden at this time.

1 - Memphis (info)

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To: SAC's St. Louis (44-775) - Enc.  
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re St. Louis airtel 5/21/68, submitting a signature card of Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company of St. Louis, #354, for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the signature card, which is enclosed to St. Louis.

Laboratory reporting separate.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/24/68

Rebuairtel 5/16/68 relative to information received from [REDACTED] concerning a \$50,000 bank robbery.

Based on information available, a review of the Minneapolis files failed to disclose a bank robbery similar to that described by [REDACTED]

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed is a letter and envelope addressed to Rev. HAL LLOYD, United Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa., dated 4/17/68, bearing the return address of Cloud 13, Pueblo, N. Korea, signed ERIC S. GALT, and bearing the postmark of Mansfield, Ohio, p.m. 4/23/68.

Mr. SHERMAN A. HARMON, who resides [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pa., and who is employed with the [REDACTED] Philadelphia, made available the above letter and envelope about which he advised as follows:

On Easter Sunday, 4/14/68 Rev. HAL B. LLOYD, Pastor, Germantown Presbyterian Community Church, Green and Tulpehocken Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., made a sermon which was televised to several states. Since that time LLOYD has received numerous letters in response to his sermon, some of which were complimentary and some of which were uncomplimentary. These letters concern the present conditions of the Negroes in this country.

HARMON was reviewing some of these letters for LLOYD and noticed that one of the letters was signed ERIC S. GALT.

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- 1 - Cleveland (Info)
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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per [Signature]

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The FBI Lab is requested to compare the signature on the enclosed envelope and letter with the known handwriting and signature of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed letter and envelope for any identifiable latents. If any identifiable latents are developed, the Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to compare the latents with RAY's known fingerprints and also to search the latent prints through appropriate sections of the Single Fingerprint Files.

The Identification Division is requested to return the enclosed letter and envelope to the Philadelphia Office.

Information copies of this letter being furnished to Cleveland and Memphis Offices.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

April 17, 1968

Rev. Hal Lloyd  
United Presbyterian Church  
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Rev.:

This may be the most important, as well as painful, letter you have ever received. It is based on your Easter Sunday service. It was the most deranged, damaging, most destructible and depraved sermon that a person could deliver. You were very successful in stirring up the people by appeals to emotion, prejudice and hatred in order to become a leader of evil and achieve selfish ends.

And now it is our task to UNLEARN you of your mental habits that are keeping you a psychological slave, unlearn the mental habit that makes you depend on other people to ration out little pieces of love, respect, enjoyment and success.

Beware of Human Parasites! There are two types of people in the world: the Giver, and the Taker. For every Giver, there are a dozen Takers. They are constantly trying to latch on to you--- to make you carry them on their back-- to force you to give meaning, and value, and direction to their lives-- The Negroes. The Takers have a hundred different disguises-- a hundred different "hidden strategies" to force you to become their constant servant. Your first task, therefore, if you want to achieve your own goals and not their, is to UNMASK them,-- to expose the hidden selfishness behind their so-called "noble motives"-- and to throw them off your back, and onto their own feet, for good.

The INJUSTICE -- CONFECTIONER: controls you by continually giving you guilt. Manufactures incidents in which you are trapped into hurting your own white people's feeling. You did it last Sunday when you accused the White Man of being the only guilty one. This is where we challenged you. It was the most damnable and outrageous words that ever was uttered by a white person-- drunk or sober. You were counteroffensive to your own race. You are equally as evil as Dr. Martin Luther King was. He was an imposter, if ever there was one, going about inciting trouble where-ever he could, he was the cause of rioting, burning, looting and killing. Is this the goal that you are seeking? Do you wish to have your family beaten and raped? You are asking for and inciting these evils, the very same things that Dr. King did to incite trouble - the people's prayers were answered when God directed the bullet that put a stop to his wicked ways. It could be called suicide or sui generis. Are you asking for the same kind of ending? If you are, good luck and good riddance.

Sincerely,

*Eric S. Galt*  
Eric S. Galt.

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Rev. Hal Lloyd  
United Presbyterian Church  
Germanstown, Pa.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>SPRINGFIELD</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/24/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>3/25/68 - 5/22/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES EARL RAY, Aka - FUGITIVE; NO 4182 F 442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPE OF CASE <b>CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY</b>

**REFERENCES:**

Bureau airtel to All Offices, dated 5/7/68.

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**LEADS:**

**SPRINGFIELD DIVISION**

**At Springfield, Illinois.**

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**Will continue efforts to locate subject RAY.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:**

Information copies sent Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and St. Louis Divisions in view of pending investigation in those Divisions.

No leads are being set forth in this report as they have been and are being set out by more expeditious communications.

For the sake of brevity, the body of this report does not contain the voluminous negative information obtained by the Springfield Division during the period of this report. This information is a matter of record in the Springfield Division and reflects negative information re:

- (1) ERIC STARVO GALT, agency checks; barge lines; dance studios
- (2) Laundry checks
- (3) Agency checks re HARVEY LOWMYER or LOWMEYER
- (4) Canvass of unsolved bank robberies in the Springfield Division
- (5) Canvass of law enforcement agencies re unidentified latent fingerprints
- (6) Automobiles stolen from the State of Georgia
- (7) Possible suspects and lookalikes which originated and were resolved wholly within the Springfield Division
- (8) Nonproductive interviews as a result of various telephone and mail coverage

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(9) Contacts with informants and sources,  
Springfield Division

(10) Surveillances of subject's family and  
associates, Springfield Division

During the course of this investigation, appropriate dissemination has been made by the Springfield Division to all law enforcement agencies and mass media contacts within the Division.

Interviews with [REDACTED]

On March 25, 1968, a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, made at Missouri Department of Corrections on March 17, 1960 was exhibited by SA [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. Informant advised that the photograph was familiar to him and was someone that he thought he had known in St. Louis, Missouri, in either 1959 or 1960. Informant stated that he had never seen RAY to his knowledge in Quincy, Illinois. [REDACTED]

He advised that RIFE had been living at the home of his brother, LONNIE RIFE at Baylis, Illinois, however, in February, 1967, WALTER TERRY RIFE had started running the restaurant in the Virginia Hotel, in Quincy, Illinois. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant advised that he did not feel that WALTER RIFE would cooperate with the Federal authorities inasmuch as it was RIFE's nature to not cooperate with police. Informant advised that WALTER RIFE had been working on a daily basis at the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, and informant knew that in the recent past, RAY has not been in contact with WALTER RIFE.

On April 7, 1968, [REDACTED] was recontacted by SA [REDACTED] concerning JAMES EARL RAY. Informant advised [REDACTED] that WALTER RIFE had no information as to the present whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised [REDACTED]

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that WALTER TERRY RIFE [REDACTED] had not seen RAY since RIFE left Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary in 1957.

On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED] was contacted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] and was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #308 443 A, made at Missouri Department of Corrections on March 17, 1960, as well as a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. Informant advised that he has never to his knowledge seen this individual in the Quincy, Illinois area. He advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WALTER TERRY RIFE [REDACTED] is definitely not with JAMES EARL RAY at the present time. The informant advised that he is certain that WALTER TERRY RIFE was working at his restaurant at the Virginia Hotel during the period from March 29, 1968 through April 4, 1968. Informant advised that he cannot remember exactly where he had ever seen RAY, however, he feels it was in bars located on Olive Street in St. Louis, Missouri, and to the best of his knowledge, it would have been sometime around 1959 or 1960. The informant advised that he is certain that RAY has not been in the Quincy area in the recent past or else the informant would know of it.

Informant advised that he personally is acquainted with all of the Country Music Night Clubs in the Quincy, Illinois general area [REDACTED] and he is certain that RAY has not recently been to any of these night clubs.

[REDACTED]

#### Interviews with [REDACTED]

On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED] was exhibited the photograph of an unknown male allegedly resembling the subject in this matter taken at a Minutemen Meeting. Informant was unable to identify this individual as being anyone he has come in contact with within the Minutemen Organization.

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Re Prior Threats to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On May 3, 1968, [REDACTED] (protect)  
West Frankfort, Illinois, [REDACTED]  
advised [REDACTED] is presently residing at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Dallas, Texas.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It should be noted that the investigative period of this report precedes the date of KING's assassination; this fact due to Springfield Division's prior investigative interest in JAMES EARL RAY, SI file 88-5361, Bufile 88-41730, entitled "JAMES EARL RAY, Aka - Fugitive, UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST."

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:SA [REDACTED]  
May 24, 1968

Office: Springfield

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

44-38861

Title:

JAMES EARL RAY  
IO 4182  
WF 442-A  
TOP TEN FUGITIVE  
DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -  
VICTIM

Character:

Synopsis:

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Springfield files reflect HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER located and interviewed and determined not identical with subject in this case. Birth and other pertinent records located for subject JAMES EARL RAY. Numerous files reviewed re family of JAMES EARL RAY and those within Springfield Division located and interviewed. Prison records checked re RAY. Contact being maintained with all relatives at this time. Information developed and furnished re actual and alleged past associates of RAY. Interviews with possible fellow inmates of RAYs at Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, negative. Information developed and set forth re [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have made prior threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Investigation conducted to eliminate numerous possible suspects and lookalikes to JAMES EARL RAY. Wife of [REDACTED] located and interviewed. Investigation continuing to locate CECIL RAY. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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I. HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER

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On April 8, 1968, a check of Springfield Division indices reflected a reference to HARVEY LOHMEYER, white male, age 23 in 1955; 5' 8" tall; [REDACTED] home address, Palmyra, Illinois.

On April 13, 1968, a recheck of the records of the Illinois State Prison Farm, Vandalia, Illinois, regarding the sentence served by HARVEY LOHMEYER, inmate number [REDACTED], was verified as June 5, 1951 to October 20, 1951. LOHMEYER was sentenced from Adams County, Quincy, Illinois, on a charge of riot.

[REDACTED] His inmate number [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] do not show other sentences at this institution for this person under the name LOHMEYER or in the alias file.

Also, on April 13, 1968, the records of the penitentiary show HARVEY LOHMEYER, Illinois State Penitentiary Menard Number [REDACTED], received at Menard, May 19, 1955, to serve 2 to 5 years on a charge of burglary. He was paroled July, 1958. A review of the file for associates and correspondents reflects no information that LOHMEYER associated for corresponded with ERIC GALT.

On April 13, 1968, THOMAS R. LOHMEYER, DONALD L. LOHMEYER, WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR, all brothers of HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, [REDACTED] were interviewed and all presently reside in Quincy, Illinois area. DONALD L. LOHMEYER is employed by [REDACTED] at Quincy, Illinois, and was working during period March 29, 1968 and April 4, 1968 and his attendance at work was verified. THOMAS R. LOHMEYER and WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR. are both employed by [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, and both were in Quincy, Illinois, from March 29, to April 4, 1968.

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On April 12, 1968, investigation was conducted in the Quincy, Illinois area in an effort to locate HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI [REDACTED]

Investigation showed that HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER has not been in the Quincy area for many years and that his last known place of residence was somewhere in the State of California.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DONALD L. LOHMEYER was last known to reside at [REDACTED] Quincy, Ill., as of 8/66. On 11/66 [REDACTED] he was employed as a [REDACTED] Quincy, and his wife at [REDACTED] Quincy, Ill.

On 4-13-68, [REDACTED] Quincy, Ill., advised that DONALD L. LOHMEYER is employed by that company as a [REDACTED] and that he was working on 3-29-68 and 3-30-68 and 4/1-4/68. He advised that LOHMEYER did not work on 3-31-68 as that was his day off. He also advised that LOHMEYER has been a good employee for many years and was a very quiet individual and had not been involved in any violence during the period of time he was employed by [REDACTED]

On 4-13-68, DONALD L. LOHMEYER was interviewed at his place of employment, [REDACTED] Quincy, Ill. He advised he has not been out of the State of Illinois, for a number of months and that he was working on 3-29 and 3-30-68 as well as 4/1-4/68. He advised he has not seen his brother, HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER for many years and only knew that HARVEY was living somewhere in California. He stated during the period from 3-29-68 until 4-4-68 he had seen his brothers, WALTER R. LOHMEYER and THOMAS R. LOHMEYER almost on a daily basis and knew for certain that neither one had been outside the Quincy, Ill., area. He advised that the name ERIC STARVO GALT was completely unfamiliar to him and he has never known anyone by that name to be associated with any member of the LOHMEYER family. He also advised he has never known any member of his family other than HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, to use the name HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER.

On 4-13-68 Mrs. WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR., [REDACTED] Quincy, Ill., was interviewed and furnished the following information:

Her husband has not been out of the State of Illinois since 3/29/68 and he has been employed regularly at [REDACTED] with the exception of the dates 3-29 and 30-68 and 4-1 and 4-2-68 during which dates the union was on strike at [REDACTED]. She advised that on these dates her husband was on the picket line and did not leave Quincy. She stated also that THOMAS R. LOHMEYER is employed by [REDACTED] and was at work on 4-3 and 4-4-68 and was on the picket lines at [REDACTED] on 3/29-30/68 and 4/1-2/68.

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On 4-13-68 WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR., [REDACTED] was interviewed and advised he had not been out of the Quincy, Ill, area since 8-15-67. He advised he has been to work every day during work days with the exception of 3/29-30/68 and 4/1-2/68 on which dates he was on the picket line at [REDACTED] his place of employment in Quincy, Ill. He stated that on each date from 3-29-68 until 4-4-68, he saw his brother, THOMAS R. LOHMEYER, who is also employed by [REDACTED] and was at work on each date with the exception of the dates the union was on strike.

On 4-13-68 [REDACTED], Quincy, verified that WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR., and THOMAS LOHMEYER were employed on every date during the last two months, with the exception the days the union was on strike.

He advised on 3/29-30/68 and 4/1-2/68 both the LOHMEYERS had been observed on the picket lines at [REDACTED]

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On April 20, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at Quincy, Illinois:

Five photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306443A were exhibited to WALTER R. LOHMEYER, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois. LOHMEYER advised that he has never to his knowledge seen this individual before and he did not remember ever hearing any member of the LOHMEYER family mention JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that he specifically had never heard his brother HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER mention JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 20, 1968, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A were exhibited to Mrs. RITA F. LOHMEYER, [REDACTED] Quincy. She advised that she had never seen this individual to her knowledge in her life and had never heard any member of the LOHMEYER family mention him.

On April 20, 1968, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443A were exhibited to THOMAS LOHMEYER, Payson, Illinois. He advised that the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, were not familiar to him and that he could not state that he had ever seen this individual in his life. He also advised that he had never heard his brother, HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, mention this individual.

On April 20, 1968, the photographs of RAY were also exhibited to Mrs. THOMAS LOHMEYER, Payson, Illinois, who advised that she did not know RAY and had never heard any member of the LOHMEYER family mention RAY.

On April 30, 1968, DONALD LOHMEYER, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, advised while being interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that he did not recognize the photograph of RAY as anyone that he had ever known. He stated that these photographs were vaguely familiar to him and that if he had ever seen RAY, it was only to see RAY and not that of an acquaintance. He advised that he had never heard his brother HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER ever mention JAMES EARL RAY.

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The photographs of RAY were also exhibited by SA [REDACTED] to Mrs. LUCY LOHMEYER, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois and she advised that JAMES EARL RAY is not known to her and that the photographs of RAY are not familiar to her.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 21, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, advised that HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER was at one time a brother-in-law of [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] was in jail at the Adams County Jail, Quincy, Illinois, with LOHMEYER and [REDACTED] in 1951 after they were involved in a brawl at the Barn Night Club, Quincy, Illinois. [REDACTED] viewed a number of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that the photographs are vaguely familiar to him as someone he has seen in the past. He stated that he definitely is not an associate of RAY and has never been a close associate of RAY and stated he could not furnish any information concerning RAY, RAY's associates, activities, or whereabouts.

On April 21, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, advised he was arrested at the Barn Night Club in Quincy, Illinois, with [REDACTED] HARVEY LOHMEYER and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he is not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY and did not know anything concerning RAY's family, whereabouts, or activities.

On April 21, 1968, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, advised he had been arrested for causing a riot at the Barn Night Club in Quincy in the early 1950's and that he was arrested with HARVEY LOHMEYER, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He stated that JAMES EARL RAY is not an associate of his. He also advised that he is not acquainted with RAY's relatives and could furnish no information concerning RAY.



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II. JAMES EARL RAY

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA [REDACTED]

On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED] Alton Illinois Police Department, made available Alton Police Department file [REDACTED] on James Earl Ray:

This file disclosed RAY was arrested by the Alton Police Department as early as 1949 and as recently as 1959 for charges ranging from traffic violations through vagrancy, burglary and armed robbery. A photograph of RAY taken in 1955 was made available and will be submitted to the case file.

Conference with officers at the Alton Police Department, disclosed that the last known residence for RAY's parents JAMES and LUCIE RAY was 1439 Locust Street, Quincy, Illinois. Contact with relatives on RAY's mother's side of the family with family name, MAHER, disclosed that LUCILLE MAHER RAY divorced RAY's father and is currently residing in East St. Louis, Illinois area but her exact whereabouts are unknown. Likewise, her new married name is unknown to relatives in Alton.

Mrs. MARGARET KESHNER, Circuit Clerk, Alton, Illinois, made available a photo copy of a Certificate of Birth, #123 which disclosed JAMES EARL RAY was born March 10, 1928, to JAMES RAY and LUCIE MAHER.

All Alton Police Department Units have been furnished a photograph of RAY and have been alerted to be on the lookout for him.

RAY is not known to have been in the Alton, Illinois area since 1959 when he perpetrated an armed robbery at Wagoner's Foodliner, an independent grocery store located on the corner of 9th and Alby Streets in Alton, Illinois.

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Previous investigation concerning RAY was conducted in January, 1968, under the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement classification and efforts at that time to locate WILLIAM MAHER at 1118 East 7th Street, disclosed that MAHER no longer resides in Alton, Illinois and all public source records failed to disclose any information concerning his current whereabouts.

The Kansas City Division indicated that RAY was employed by the International Shoe Company at Hartford, Illinois, prior to incarceration at the Missouri State Penitentiary. It is to be noted that the tannery operated by the International Shoe Company at Hartford is no longer in business having shut down operations approximately 2 years ago.

On April 20, 1968, a certificate of birth was located showing JAMES EARL RAY was born March 10, 1928, at Alton, Illinois to JAMES RAY and LUCIE MAHER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 19, 1968, a review of the files furnished by U.S. Probation and Parole Office, Springfield, Illinois, was made by SA [REDACTED]. The following information was obtained for lead value:

Correspondence while JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary:

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Aunt, Miss LUCY RYAN, 701 1/2 Washington Street, address also given as 801 North 12th Street, Quincy, Illinois;

One time co-defendant was WALTER TERRY RIFE, who is incarcerated in Leavenworth, Kansas. RIFE now lives in Quincy, Illinois.

Employment:

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Dryden Rubber Company from July, 1949 to September, 1949, Chicago, Illinois;

International Shoe Company, May, 1944, to December, 1945, Hartford, Illinois;

Neo Product Company, April, 1950 to July, 1950, Chicago, Illinois;

Arbey Corporation, July, 1950, to July, 1951, Chicago, Illinois;

Borg - Erickson Corporation, August, 1951, to May, 1952, Chicago, Illinois;

Relatives:

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Uncle who resides in Quincy, Illinois, no name given

Other names and addresses

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WILLIAM MAHER, 1118 East 7th Street, Alton, Illinois.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

On April 23, 1963, [REDACTED] Selective Service System, St. Clair County, advised she had no record of JAMES EARL RAY under that name or any known aliases. She stated that the serial number given [REDACTED] indicates to her that the first "1" means the man was an enlistee and the second digit "6" indicates he enlisted in the Sixth Corp or Army area. She stated that she recalled that in 1946 inductees from this area were sent to Chicago, Illinois for induction and there was no induction center at East St. Louis, Illinois.

[REDACTED] Selective Service System, Madison County, Illinois, advised she could locate no record identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY under that name or known aliases or through the above military service number or the birthdate March 10, 1923.

At East St. Louis, Illinois

Sergeant TOMMY CARROLL, Army Recruiter, 650 Missouri Avenue, advised that his office does not maintain old records concerning enlistments. He suggested that if the military service number of an individual is known, his record could be located at the Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

On 4/22/68, ROY WEHRMAN, Personnel Manager, Quincy Compressor, Inc., Quincy, Illinois, advised that the records of his office show that JAMES EARL RAY, Social Security [REDACTED] was employed by Quincy Compressor on 8/6/51 and that he quit work on 9/4/51. He was employed as a drill press operator on the night shift and his application was filled out by the foreman PETER DUNKER.

The records show that JAMES EARL RAY's home address was 1430 Cherry Street, Quincy, Illinois. His education was listed as four years of grade school at Quincy, Illinois and four years of high school at Chicago, Illinois. Identities of the schools not shown.

The file showed previous employment with the Arvey Corporation or Avery Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, as a laborer for one year. Hourly wage \$1.40, dates of employment not shown.

The previous employment to that was apparently with Neo Produce Company, Chicago, Illinois. Period of employment was four months, position, labor.

The file showed the following description of JAMES EARL RAY:

Race	White
Height	5'11"
Weight	160 pounds
Date of application	8/6/51

On 4/23/68, PETER DUNKER, Superintendent, Drill Press Room, after viewing the application of JAMES EARL RAY and the photographs of RAY advised that he cannot

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remember or recall JAMES EARL RAY. He pointed out that RAY only worked in his department for three weeks and that many thousands of people had worked in the Drill Press Section of Quincy Compressor. He stated that the record showed that RAY FELKER would have been the immediate foreman of RAY.

On 4/23/68, RAY FELKER, supervisor, Quincy Compressor, Inc., advised that after viewing several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he does not remember JAMES EARL RAY and does not recall the name. He advised that there is no one presently employed in the drill press operation that was working on the night shift in 1951. He advised that he cannot furnish any further information concerning RAY.

On 4/23/68, [REDACTED] Local Board #1, Quincy, Illinois, advised that the files of her office show that JAMES EARL RAY, 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois, registered with the local board #1 on 4/13/49. His home address was shown as 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois and his date of birth, 3/10/23 at Alton, Illinois. His closest relative was shown as LUCILLE RAY, his mother, at 214 Spring Street. His occupation was listed as student, American Television School, St. Louis, Missouri.

The file showed previous military service with the United States Army from 2/19/46 until 12/23/48 and this was with the First Division, 16th Infantry Regiment. The file showed RAY to be holder of Serial Number [REDACTED]

The file showed his description as:

Eyes	Blue
Hair	Black
Complexion	Ruddy
Height	5'11"
Weight	157 pounds

[REDACTED] advised that this was all of the information located at Local Board #1. The complete file would be located at the Illinois State Headquarters of the Selective Service System Springfield, Illinois.



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On April 18, 1968, the following individuals were recontacted by SA [REDACTED] and advised that they had no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY:

[REDACTED]  
Quincy, Illinois;

FLOYD RIFE

[REDACTED]  
Quincy, Illinois;

[REDACTED]  
Quincy, Illinois Police Department,  
Quincy, Illinois.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED]

On April 23, 1968, [REDACTED]  
Quincy Clinic, Quincy, Illinois, advised that the records of  
his office shows that JAMES RAY first visited the Quincy  
Clinic on August 15, 1938. The records showed he was in  
the third grade at that time and also the family consisted  
of two other living children and one that had died of burns.  
JAMES RAY was listed as the oldest member of the family and  
his home address at that time was in care of Mrs. JAMES RAY,  
315 Cherry Street.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

No other information available concerning any  
medical treatment. The file contained the following addresses,  
dates of the addresses not shown; however, the first entry  
made was on March 4, 1936 and the last on October 29, 1940:  
The addresses were shown all in Quincy, Illinois, as follows:

412 North Fifth Street

Rural Route 3, 18th Street

212 Spring Street

1258 Hampshire Street.

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928 Lind Street

1616 North Second Street

121 South Ninth Street

1517 North Fourth Street

701 1/2 North Fifth Street

128 1/2 North Fifth Street

1439 Cherry Street

214 Spring Street

315 Cherry Street

413 Vermont Street

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The following investigation was conducted at Quincy, Illinois, by SA [REDACTED]

On March 25, 1968, [REDACTED], Quincy, advised that she is the mother of WALTER TERRY RIFE. A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, was exhibited to her, however, she advised that she did not know RAY. She advised that she has not seen this individual with her son, WALTER TERRY RIFE, and knew nothing concerning RAY's whereabouts.

On March 25, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that she is the sister of WALTER TERRY RIFE and operates [REDACTED] at that address. She advised that her brother, WALTER RIFE, had been living with another brother, LONNIE RIFE, at Baylis, Illinois. She advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was unfamiliar to her and that she had, to her knowledge, never seen this individual in her life. She could furnish no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

On March 25, 1968, FLOYD RIFE, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, advised that he is the brother of WALTER TERRY RIFE. He viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that he had never seen JAMES EARL RAY to his knowledge. He advised that WALTER RIFE has been operating for several weeks the restaurant located in the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, Illinois and he, FLOYD, is in that restaurant almost on a daily basis and he had not seen or heard anything concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

On March 25, 1968, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois Police Department advised that his department has received no information in the recent past concerning JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A. He advised that the last record in his file concerning RAY was when RAY was arrested in Hannibal, Missouri, in 1955 with WALTER TERRY RIFE.

On March 25, 1968, DONALD G. OITKER, [REDACTED] Quincy, advised that he has lived at that address for a number of years and that the name [REDACTED] is unfamiliar to him. He advised that the name JAMES EARL RAY is unfamiliar with him and after viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, advised that he does not know this individual.

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On April 11, 1968, [REDACTED]  
Quincy, Illinois Police Department, was contacted by  
SA [REDACTED] at which time [REDACTED] advised  
that he had no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY and that  
the Quincy Police Department has received no information  
concerning the present whereabouts of RAY.

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III. FAMILY OF JAMES EARL RAY

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A. SUMMARY



On 4-20-68, [REDACTED]  
Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed and furnished the following  
information:

[REDACTED] has had numerous contacts  
with the family of LUCILE RYAN. He stated that this  
family is also known by the name RAY.  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he does not have any exact  
dates concerning anything in the family but that he knows  
the family is supposed to have moved to Quincy, Illinois,  
sometime during the 1940s and that the entire family lived  
at 214 String Street, Quincy, Illinois, during the 1940s  
until approximately 1955. He stated that this area at  
that time was an area infested with houses of prostitution  
and a very rough neighborhood and a very poor neighborhood.  
[REDACTED] stated that the entire family had been very close  
to each other and that he felt that members of the family  
would certainly harbor JAMES EARL RAY. He stated this  
would be particularly true of JERRY RYAN and JACK or JOHN  
RYAN. He felt that these two would harbor JAMES EARL RAY  
if they thought it would be to JAMES EARL RAY's advantage.

He furnished the following names for members of  
the family:

Father  
Mother  
Son  
Son  
Son  
Son

JAMES, JIM or JERRY RAY  
LUCILE RAY or LUCILE RYAN  
JAMES EARL RAY  
JERRY RAY  
JACK RAY  
FRANKLIN DELEANOR RAY



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Son  
Daughter  
Daughter  
Daughter

MAX ANTHONY RAY  
MELBA MARIE RAY  
CAROL RAY  
SUSAN RAY

He advised that this was all of the members of the family with whom he was acquainted and he felt this included the entire family.

He stated that when the family moved from Quincy, Illinois, in approximately 1965, the mother, LUCILE RYAN, moved to Alton, Illinois; however, during this period of time in approximately 1952, the father [REDACTED] had gone to St. Louis, Missouri, to live.

After the father left, the entire family became practically wards of the court in charity cases and that Catholic charities had furnished most of the subsistence and supervision of the children.

He advised that several of the younger children of the family, including FRANKLIN DELEANOR RAY, CAROL RAY, SUSAN RAY and MELBA MARIE RAY, had been placed in a Catholic orphanage in Alton, Illinois.

He advised that during the period of time [REDACTED] MELBA MARIE RAY [REDACTED] seemed to think a lot of JACK RAY and JERRY RAY; however, she never spoke favorably of JAMES EARL RAY or JIMMY RAY and often stated that she had no feeling for JIMMY as he was bad. He stated that he did not know the reason for this feeling; however, that JAMES EARL RAY had never to his knowledge contacted MELBA MARIE for any reason.

[REDACTED] advised that when JACK RAY had served a period of time in prison, he had gone to Mt. Prospect, Illinois, in the Chicago area, to work at a golf course and he had also obtained JERRY RAY a job at that golf course. [REDACTED] advised that this was several years before and he was not sure if this would be in the late 1950s or the early 1960s.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he had never heard of JAMES EARL RAY working any where and from his knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and that family, he did not know of any racial hatred or dislike of Negroes by the family. He stated, however, that he did hear JERRY RAY mention one time after being in St. Charles Reformatory, St. Charles, Illinois, in approximately 1952 or 1953 that he had had considerable trouble with Negroes at St. Charles. He stated that he had found this to be so with most white prisoners who had been in a penitentiary with Negroes and that sometimes there seems to develop some type of racial difficulty at prisons.

[REDACTED] advised that at the present time, MELBA MARIE RYAN is living on a disability pension. He stated that she had been arrested in Quincy on several occasions for breaking out window lights with a cross and claimed that God had told her to do this. He advised that MELBA MARIE will make a cross out of a large two by four and smash window lights on occasions. He stated he did not know of any violence on any other member of the family.

[REDACTED] advised that he had not had any recent contact during the last four years with any member of the family other than MELBA MARIE RYAN but he knew that MAX ANTHONY RYAN was adopted by some family out of the Alton Catholic Orphanage and that SUSAN RYAN was either adopted by some family in Quincy or else was placed in a foster home. He stated that the case worker for Catholic charities in Quincy, Illinois, should be able to furnish background information concerning the family.

On April 22, 1955, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, made available the dependency files concerning the LUCILE RYAN family in Quincy, Illinois.

The file contained the following information:

On March 9, 1955, five members of the family became wards of Adams County Circuit Court, Quincy, Illinois. The file showed the following to be the complete list of the members of the family:

Father	GERALD RYAN
Mother	LUCILE MAHER RYAN
Son	JAMES, age 26, whereabouts not known
Daughter	HARJORIE, died at age 2
Son	JOHN, age 24, Pontiac Prison
Son	JERRY, age 20, Parolee from Pontiac
Daughter	MELBA, age 16
Daughter	CAROL, age 14, living with mother
Son	FRANKLIN, age 12, Catholic Children's Home, Alton, Illinois
Daughter	SUZAN, age 8, Catholic Children's Home, Alton, Illinois
Son	MAX, age 3, Catholic Children's Home, Alton, Illinois

On that date, MELBA, CAROL, FRANKLIN, SUZAN and MAX became wards of the Adams County Court.

The file showed that MELBA MARIE RYAN was born at Macomb, Illinois, and was taken from GEORGE PARSONS, Supervisor, Illinois Youth Commission, who had been caring for MELBA on June 23, 1955 and was given to [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois.

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On 7/55 MAX RYAN was tested by Dr. GRAVIS SMITH, Beverly Farms, Godfrey, Illinois, and pronounced retardation was found in MAX at that time.

On 8/9/55 MELBA MARIE RYAN was committed to the Jacksonville State Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois, and custody of RYAN taken from GEORGE PARSONS and given to the Illinois Youth Commission.

[REDACTED]

On 3/20/56 Dr. GRAVIS SMITH, Beverly Farms, Godfrey, Illinois, had found MAX RYAN to be retarded and arrangements were being made to place him in a home for the feeble-minded.

The file showed that on 9/10/56 MAX ANTHONY RYAN had been placed in custody of the Lincoln State School and Colony, Lincoln, Illinois.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 8/6/57 MELBA MARIE RYAN was granted a discharge from the Jacksonville State Hospital.

On 10/24/57 custody of FRANKLIN RYAN and SUSAN RYAN was given to the Catholic Charities of Springfield, Illinois.

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On 11/26/57 MAX ANTHONY RYAN was transferred from the Lincoln State School, Lincoln, Illinois, to Catholic Charities, Springfield, Illinois, and custody of MAX given to the Catholic Charities.

On 8/21/58 a court order gave custody of MELBA MARIE RYAN, CAROL RYAN, FRANKLIN D. RYAN and SUZAN RYAN and MAX RYAN to the Catholic Charities, Springfield, Illinois.

A notation was contained in the file that on 7/57 LUCILE RYAN moved to St. Louis, Missouri, and was residing at 1135 South Tenth Street, Apartment 8, St. Louis, Missouri.

At that time the father of the RYAN children, GERALD RYAN or GERALD RAY, was residing at 4149 West Pine Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

The file contained information that MAX ANTHONY RYAN had been adopted in County Court, Sangamon County, Illinois, on 10/5/59.

On 6/30/60 a letter was addressed to the Court from Mrs. JENNY RAYNES from St. Louis, Missouri.

[REDACTED] advised that apparently this would be a woman living with the father of the RYAN children.

On 128/60 JERRY RAYNES was shown residing at 1727 South Eleventh Street, St. Louis, Missouri; his DOB was shown as 11/24/1899, and employed by J & R Auto Sales, St. Louis, Missouri. At that time he was living with daughter, CAROL RYAN, DOB 1/30/41, who was employed by the Kresge Company in the St. Louis area.

At this time JERRY RAYNES gave JACK RANDOLPH, [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri, as a reference. The file showed that JACK RANDOLPH was the owner of J & R Auto Sales and that RAYNES was employed as a car salesman on a used car lot for RANDOLPH.

The file showed that custody of FRANKLIN D. RYAN was given to his father JERRY RAYNES, 1727 South Eleventh Street, St. Louis, Missouri, on 3/30/60.

[REDACTED] advised that FRANKLIN D. RYAN had died in approximately 1962 or 1963 when an automobile in which he was riding drove into the Mississippi River in West Quincy, Missouri. He advised that any records concerning the death of FRANKLIN D. RYAN would be in Missouri.

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[REDACTED] advised that FRANKLIN D. RYAN was also known as BUZZY RYAN and that possibly some people would not know the true name of FRANKLIN D. RYAN.

The file showed that FRANKLIN D. RYAN was first declared a dependent on 9/8/52 and at that time was residing at 214 1/2 Spring Street.

Included in the FRANKLIN D. RYAN section of the dependency records was a letter dated 3/29/59 from LUCILE RYAN, his mother, who at that time was residing at 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri. In the letter she stated that "JIMMY is going to Chicago". The letter indicated that at that time JIMMY was residing with LUCILE RYAN at 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

The file contained information showing that before 9/24/59 Mrs. LUCILE BERNES, aka LUCILE RAY and LUCILE RYAN resided 1209 East Fourth Street, Alton, Illinois, and that she had moved from that address to 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis.

A notation was contained in the file that one 8/20/59 LUCILE RYAN's son, JAMES EARL RAY, and an accomplice JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN were arrested for an armed robbery of a supermarket in Alton, Illinois, and that this matter was pending in Circuit Court, Madison County, Illinois.

The file contained a section concerning JERRY W. RYAN, DOB 7/16/35. He was declared a delinquent on 3/10/50 for unlawfully growing up in idleness and crime and was to be sent to St. Charles Boys' Reformatory, St. Charles, Illinois.

At that time his father was GERALD RYAN, 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois, and mother, LUCILE RYAN, at same address.

[REDACTED]

The file showed that SUZAN RYAN, aka SUSANNE RYAN, DOB 4/28/47, had been a ward of the court from 9/8/52 until 4/15/65 when she was discharged from the supervision of the court.



[REDACTED]

The file showed SUZAN RYAN resided at Catholic Children's Home, Alton, Illinois, from 3/8/54 until 1961.

The file showed that the RYAN children had an uncle, WILLIAM E. MAHER, who resided 1118 East Seventh Street, Alton, Illinois.

Also, the file included that an aunt, [REDACTED] address unknown, visited SUZAN RYAN while under supervision.

On 9/2/59 SUZAN RYAN had apparently run away from the supervision of the Catholic Children's Home and was located in Alton, Illinois, with a Mrs. MARY MAHER.

On 8/31/59 SUZAN RYAN was located with her mother, 1209 East Fourth Street, Alton, Illinois, where the mother lived under the name of BERNES. Apparently at one time the mother had resided at a home in St. Louis that was condemned at which time she had moved to Alton, date of the move or other information not shown.

The file contained information that JAMES RYAN resided at 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri, or 1727 South Eleventh Street, St. Louis, Missouri, where he lived with CAROL RYAN. The file did not indicate whether this was the father or son, JAMES RYAN.

The file contained a letter dated 3/30/60 that JACK was going to Chicago and that he had been held "for those licenses".

The file showed that MELBA RYAN, CAROL RYAN, and FRANKLIN RYAN were born in St. Louis County, Missouri, and SUZAN and MAX RYAN, Quincy, Illinois.

On 4/22/68 [REDACTED]  
Catholic Charities, 510 Jersey Street, Quincy, Illinois,  
was interviewed and furnished the following information.

She advised that sometime around 1948 the  
RYAN family or the RAY family of which EARL RAY, FBI  
#306443A, is a member, moved to Quincy, Illinois.

[REDACTED] advised that the RAY family  
moved to Quincy, Illinois, from Des Moines, Iowa, and  
that the family had moved to Des Moines from Ewing,  
Missouri. She advised that the family apparently changed  
names whenever it suited them and she knew that the family  
had used names including RAY, RYAN, BERNES, RAYNS, and  
RAYNES.

She advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] that when this family first moved to Quincy, Illinois,  
some member of the family was working at the Hotel Lincoln  
Douglas.

She advised that five of the children, MELBA  
MARIE RYAN, CAROL RYAN, FRANKLIN RYAN, SUZIE RYAN, and  
MAX ANTHONY RYAN, had at times been under the supervision  
of Catholic Charities and had been wards of the Adams County  
Court.

She advised that she had had very little contact  
with the three older brothers, JAMES EARL RAY, JERRY RAY or  
JERRY RYAN, and JOHN RAY or JACK RYAN. She stated that the  
youngest daughter, SUZAN RYAN, graduated from Notre Dame  
High School, Quincy, Illinois, in approximately 1965, after  
which she moved to Chicago, Illinois, and the last known  
address she had for SUZIE was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Chicago, where she lived with a [REDACTED]



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In 1963 she had information that the father, living under the name of JERRY RAYNE, was residing at RFD, Clarence, Missouri.

In 1963 FRANKLIN D. RYAN had died in West Quincy, Missouri, and was later buried.

She advised that she does not know what exact year the family moved to Quincy, but thought it was around 1948 and stated that definitely JAMES EARL RAY was the oldest child in this family. She listed the children as follows in order of age:

Son	JAMES EARL RAY
Son	JOHN RAY
Son	JERRY RAY
Daughter	MELBA RAY
Daughter	CAROL RAY
Son	FRANKLIN D. RAY
Daughter	SUZAN RAY

She advised that she knew that the father of this group of children had used the name of JAMES RAY, GERALD RAY, JAMES RYAN and GERALD RYAN, as well as JERRY,

She advised that a Mrs. MAHER was the grandmother of the children, and in the past had induced them to run away from home and apparently had died in St. Louis while Mrs. MAHER was living with LUCILE RYAN.

She stated that she believed that CAROL would be very difficult to manage when it came to furnishing information concerning relatives.

She felt that the entire family is close enough to the criminal element that the family has developed an attitude of not cooperating with the law and she feels that it is possible that any member of the family might harbor JAMES EARL RAY; however, she stated that this is merely a personal belief and she had no information that the family had ever harbored anyone.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

At Quincy, Illinois

On April 24, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that RYAN's address in 1950 was 214 Spring Street; in 1954 the Tremont Hotel; and in 1956, 339 1/2 South 7th Street. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, Jr., along with [REDACTED] LONNIE RIFE, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] sought parole from the Menard State Penitentiary on August 29, 1958. [REDACTED] stated that she had no information on JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, Jr., since the 1950's.

[REDACTED] said that the only address she had for LUCILLE RYAN was 536 York, Quincy, Illinois. [REDACTED] said that according to her information, LUCILLE RYAN was arrested on July 19, 1954, by local authorities, for assault and battery and again on August 24, 1957, for larceny, and that she was supposed to have robbed JOHN B. THOMPSON of the Pacific House. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that she had two addresses for SUSAN RYAN. [REDACTED] advised that according to her information, SUSAN RYAN moved from Quincy, Illinois, on June 23, 1966, to [REDACTED] Chicago.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] MELBA RYAN who resides at the Virginia Hotel. [REDACTED] stated that she had no further information concerning MELBA RYAN.

[REDACTED] GERALD RAYNES October 24, 1940, and that RAYNES was 38 years of age at that time. [REDACTED] stated that according to her information, RAYNES was living at R.R. #1, Ewing, Missouri, his wife was LUCILLE, and that he had four children (no names). [REDACTED] said that she had no information concerning GERALD RAYNES since 1948. [REDACTED] stated that according to her information, GERALD RAYNES came to Quincy, Illinois, from St. Louis, Missouri, and gave the following addresses and places of employment for GERALD RAYNES:

Addresses

Date

1507 North 4th  
Quincy, Illinois

September 28, 1944

Adams, Illinois

January 13, 1948

214 Spring Street  
Quincy, Illinois

November 12, 1961

Date

Employment

October 24, 1940  
January 13, 1948

Gardner, Denver  
Novelty salesman for  
BILL POPP.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] RUBY CARPENTER came to Quincy, Illinois, from Clarence, Missouri. [REDACTED] stated that RUBY CARPENTER worked for the State of Illinois, Family and Children Service, and gave the following addresses that she had for RUBY CARPENTER:

1711 1/2 Broadway  
Quincy, Illinois

410 North 9th Street  
Quincy, Illinois

630 North 6th Street  
Quincy, Illinois.

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[redacted] advised that she had [redacted] JAMES RAY crossreferenced with JOHN V. RAY. [redacted] stated that according to her information, JAMES RAY turned himself into the Adams County Sheriff's Office on March 3, 1967, and advised them that he was wanted in Ogden, Utah. [redacted] said that on June 15, 1967, RAY committed himself to the Veterans Alcoholic Hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois. [redacted] said she had four addresses for RAY which are as follows:

324 York Street  
Quincy, Illinois

221 South 5th Street  
Quincy, Illinois

323 York Street  
Quincy, Illinois

1201 South Main Street  
Jacksonville, Illinois.

[redacted] said that she had no further information concerning JAMES RAY.

[redacted] stated [redacted] JOHNNY LARRY RAY [redacted] April 8, 1953, and that he was 23 years of age at that time. [redacted] stated that JOHNNY LARRY RAY was sentenced to serve from three to four years, on June 2, 1953, at the Menard State Penitentiary, for auto theft. [redacted] stated that according to her information that JOHNNY LARRY RAY attempted to escape from the Adams County Jail on May 24, 1953. [redacted] said the only address she had for JOHNNY LARRY RAY was 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois.

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B. MELBA MARIE RYAN

On 4-20-68, MELBA MARIE RYAN was interviewed at the Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Ill.

MELBA MARIE RYAN furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED] and ASAC DONALD T. SULLIVAN:

MELBA MARIE RYAN advised that she is the sister of JAMES EARL RAY and identified a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, mated to Missouri Department of Corrections on 3-17-60, as her brother. She advised that she had only seen her brother JAMES EARL RAY three or four times during her life time and that she has spent a considerable amount of her life in mental hospitals. She stated that she has been in the Jacksonville State Hospital, Jacksonville, Ill., on three occasions.

RYAN advised that she has been living at the Virginia Hotel since December, 1967, and has had no contact with JAMES EARL RAY since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

She advised that she last saw JAMES EARL RAY around 1959 when he was living in St. Louis, Missouri, at a boarding house operated by their mother, LUCILE RYAN. She advised that she was staying with her mother, LUCILE RYAN at that time and that JAMES EARL RAY stayed with them for approximately six months.

She advised that she has never received a letter from JAMES EARL RAY in her life and had no idea as to his present whereabouts.

She advised that her mother is presently deceased and that her father is approximately 70 years of age. She stated that he was living in Missouri; however, she stated that she had talked to him on the previous night on the

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telephone and he did not want to furnish his present address to anyone. She stated for this reason she would not give the FBI the address of her father.

She advised that she has received letters in her life from her brother JOHN RAY or JOHN RYAN and also from JERRY RAY, aka JERRY RYAN. She advised that the real name of the family is RAY and that when the family moved from Ewing, Missouri, to Quincy, Illinois, the mother changed the name from RAY to RYAN inasmuch as they were going to St. Bonaface Catholic School in Quincy and the mother thought that RYAN sounded more Catholic than RAY.

She advised that her father once had a brother named EARL RAY; however, he is presently deceased.

MELBA RYAN furnished the following list of her brothers and sisters:

Brother	JAMES EARL RAY
Brother	JOHN RAY, aka
	JOHN RYAN,
	JACK RYAN
Brother	JERRY RAY, aka
	JERRY RYAN
Sister	CAROL PEPPER
Sister	SUSAN RYAN
	Whereabouts unknown
Brother	MAX RYAN
	Whereabouts unknown

MELBA RYAN advised that she also had a brother named FRANKLIN DEIANOR RYAN who had drowned in the Mississippi River around 1963. She stated also an older sister had died in a fire in Ewing, Missouri, before the birth of MELBA RYAN.

She stated that when she knew her brother JAMES EARL RAY around 1959 he had mentioned at that time he might go back to Germany inasmuch as he liked Germany when he was stationed there in the Army. She also was under the belief that JAMES EARL RAY had had a girlfriend in Germany; however, she had no knowledge of any contact RAY had with anyone in Germany since his discharge from the service. She thought that he had been discharged sometime during the 1940s.



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She advised that she had moved to Quincy, Illinois, with her mother and father approximately 1948 when she was 10 years of age.

She stated around 1953 her father had left the family and that her mother had, at that time, "put several members of the family out for adoption", and the family had not been very close since that period of time.

The following physical description of MELBA MARIE RYAN was obtained during the interview:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	9-16-38
Place of Birth	Ewing, Missouri
Height	5'5½"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Stout
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	None



[REDACTED]

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RYAN was obtained [REDACTED]

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Place of Birth	Ewing, Missouri
Height	5'5 1/2"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Stout
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	On welfare subsistence

[REDACTED] JOHNNY RAY, aka JOHN LARRY RAY and JOHN L. RAYNS and JACK RAYNS. [REDACTED] showed JOHNNY RAY's date of birth to be 2-11-31, home address 214 Spring Street, hair brown.

The record showed he was 5'10" and weighed 160 pounds. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 23, 1968, [REDACTED] Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN, sister of JAMES EARL RAY, is still residing at that hotel. [REDACTED] advised that very definitely RAY has not contacted anyone at the Virginia Hotel and that complete cooperation will be given the FBI in the matter concerning RAY by individuals connected with the Virginia Hotel. [REDACTED] advised that he is certain WALTER TERRY RIFE has not had any contact with RAY anytime during the past several years.

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On May 1, 1968 and May 3, 1968, MELBA MARIE RYAN, Virginia Hotel, 234 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois, was re-interviewed by SA [REDACTED]. On each occasion, MELBA RYAN advised that she had no further information concerning the activities and whereabouts of her brother JAMES EARL RAY. She also advised that she had no further information of value concerning any member of the family. She stated that she had been in contact with her father residing at Center, Missouri as well as her father's ex-wife RUBY CARPENTER who lived in Quincy, Illinois. She stated she had also contacted MABEL FULLER who resides in Quincy, Illinois and all of these individuals disclaim any knowledge of the whereabouts of activities of her brother JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she felt that all members of the family that she had contacted would cooperate in attempting to locate RAY and that she would furnish any information that came to her attention concerning any of his activities.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Quincy, Illinois.

Daily surveillances were conducted on a spot basis by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at the Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, where MELBA MARIE RYAN, sister of JAMES EARL RAY resides.

On May 10, 1968, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois Police Department, advised that Detectives of that Police Department daily and nightly check the Virginia Hotel. He advised that all members of the Quincy Police Department and especially the Quincy, Illinois Detective Bureau carry photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and if any information is developed concerning MELBA MARIE RYAN having visitors at the Virginia Hotel, this information will be immediately furnished to the FBI.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Quincy, Illinois.

Daily surveillances were conducted on a spot basis by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at the Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, where MELBA MARIE RYAN, sister of JAMES EARL RAY resides.

On May 10, 1968, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois Police Department, advised that Detectives of that Police Department daily and nightly check the Virginia Hotel. He advised that all members of the Quincy Police Department and especially the Quincy, Illinois Detective Bureau carry photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and if any information is developed concerning MELBA MARIE RYAN having visitors at the Virginia Hotel, this information will be immediately furnished to the FBI.

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C. SUSAN DONIAN

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 20, 1968, [REDACTED], Springfield, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Springfield Division and advised he had known subject's sister, SUE since she was a child, and in an effort to help locate and interview her, he advised he was in possession of a newspaper article of April, 1967, in the Chicago "Tribune" regarding SUE, which showed her to be going under the name [REDACTED] and to be working as a go-go dancer in [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

At Quincy, Illinois

On April 22, 1968, [REDACTED] Notre Dame High School, advised that she had a SUSAN J. RYAN graduate from Notre Dame High School on June 6, 1965.

[REDACTED] stated that SUSAN J. RYAN entered Notre Dame High School on September 8, 1961, and that she came from the Children's Home at Alton, Illinois.

[REDACTED] stated that while SUSAN J. RYAN was a student at Notre Dame High School, she lived with [REDACTED] Quincy, Ill.

[REDACTED] said that a transcript of her grades were mailed to the Gem City College on June 2, 1965, and that it was her understanding that RYAN had received a scholarship from the National Secretary's Association.

[REDACTED] said that she understood that RYAN did not accept the scholarship and that immediately after graduation, she moved from the [REDACTED] residence to Chicago, Illinois, where she was attending a modeling school. [REDACTED] gave the following information and description from SUSAN J. RYAN's file:

Name	SUSAN JANE RYAN
Date of birth	April 28, 1947
Place of birth	Adams County, Illinois
Father	JERRY (no last name)
Mother	LUCILLE MAHER

[REDACTED] said that according to her information SUSAN RYAN had four older brothers, one younger brother, two older sisters, but that she gave the name of none of these brothers or sisters.

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[REDACTED] stated that her file contained a photograph of SUSAN JANE RYAN and that it would be available if needed in the future.

[REDACTED] stated that she could give no further information concerning SUSAN J. RYAN.

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D. FRANK RYAN

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On April 22, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at St. James Trade School in Springfield, Illinois:

[REDACTED] advised that he had a Franklin Ryan in attendance from June, 14, 1958, until January, 1959. He advised that he had no personal records available which might be of lead value, and that the above dates were all that indicated that FRANKLIN RYAN had ever attended this school. He advised that he had no record of any FRANKLIN DELANO (BUZZIE) RYAN. A check of the name RAY provided no information which might be of lead value.

On April 20, 1968, MELBA MARIE RYAN, Sister of subject, advised that a brother, FRANKLIN DELANO RYAN had drowned in the Mississippi River in approximately 1963.

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E. MAX RYAN

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On 4/24/68, the following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Springfield, Illinois:

Right Reverend Monseniour CASSIN, Director of Catholic Charity of Springfield, 830 East Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois, advised that he would not disclose the adopting parents of MAX ANTHONY RYAN. CASSIN said that the boy had been under the Catholic Charity control ever since he was a young boy and would have no knowledge of his brother JAMES EARL RAY. He further advised that it was his opinion that to release the names of the adopting parents plus their whereabouts would only bring grief and injury to a family and to the young boy who he felt should not be involved with the element being investigated in this matter.

Miss AGNUS GIBBONS, Clerk, Domestic Relations Branch of Sangamon County Circuit Court, advised that she could not produce the records of the adoption of MAX ANTHONY RYAN without a court order being obtained from one of the judges.

On this date, Judge DOUGLAS issued a court order on this date to have the records checked and the records were reviewed in the office at the County Building.

The records reflected the following information:

MAX ANTHONY RYAN was adopted on 10/5/59 by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who gave their address as [REDACTED]. The natural mother of MAX ANTHONY RYAN is listed as being MARY LUCILLE (MAHR) RYAN and his natural father is listed as JERALD EDWARD RYAN. The boy's birth place was listed as Quincy, Illinois, Adams County, on 8/29/51.

In a correspondence dated 2/68, [REDACTED]

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father of the adopted boy, gave his present address as  
[REDACTED]

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F. JOHN and JERRY RAY



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Re: JOHN LARRY RAY:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] A review of the file was made by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and the only new information developed was  
the name of an aunt of the subject MILDRED MAHER, listed address  
as 1118 East- 74th Street, Alton, Illinois.

Warden MAX FRY, of the Menard State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, made available records at Menard Prison to SA [REDACTED] for examination:

JOHN LARRY RYAN, was released from Menard State Penitentiary, 2/1/60. He was incarcerated there on a larceny of motor vehicle charge. His registration number at Menard is [REDACTED]. RYAN left Menard on a full discharge and immediately after his discharge, made application to the State of Illinois to have his civil rights restored. He wanted the results of this application sent to an address which was given in the record as 1723 North 10th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

It was discovered during examination of the above records, that JOHN LARRY RYAN's brother, JERRY RYAN, also was incarcerated at Menard State Penitentiary. JERRY RYAN had number [REDACTED]; from December, 30, 1954, to December 12, 1955, both RYANS were in the Menard State Prison together. Also from August, 1, 1953, to February 1, 1960, both were incarcerated at Menard at the same time.

Both RYANS listed their relatives the same. Correspondence in the file of JOHN LARRY RYAN while at Menard Prison consisted generally of correspondence going out to his mother, LUCILLE RYAN, 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Other communications were those to his sister, MELBA RYAN, 1201 South Main, Jacksonville, Illinois.

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Other sisters are CAROL RYAN, 1727 South 11th, St. Louis, Missouri; and CAROL ROGERS, 1701 Washington, Quincy, Illinois.

Listed as brothers in the file of RYAN are brother JERRY RYAN, the above mentioned, who was released May 6, 1960, from Menard. JERRY was charged with larceny and was from Adams County, Illinois. Also listed as a brother was JAMES RAY, Quincy, Illinois, no other address shown. It could not be determined if this JAMES E. RAY is identical with subject.

Other relatives noted in the file were MARY HABER, Tremont Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, who is the grandmother of JOHN LARRY RYAN. Other outgoing communications were to RALPH HOWARD, Indianapolis, Indiana, no other address shown, and a communication in 1960 was directed to JAMES E. RAY, addressed to Leavenworth Prison, Kansas. Again, it is not known or is it shown by the record that this JAMES E. RAY is identical with subject.

Correspondence noted in the file of JERRY RYAN were outgoing communications going to PAT WITT, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri. and RUBY DOBYNS, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri. One communication was addressed to JERRY LANCASTER, [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri.

As above stated, the relatives shown for both JERRY RYAN and JOHN LARRY RYAN were identical in each file.

No other information helpful to this investigation was noted in these files.

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G. RUBY CARPENTER

On 4/23/68, RUBY CARPENTER, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed at her home by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]. She furnished the following information.

In 1952, she was working in Quincy, Illinois at the Lincoln-Douglas Hotel. Also working at the hotel at that time was a JAMES GERALD RAY. She and RAY started going together and left Quincy, Illinois together and went to St. Louis, Missouri to live.

She stated at the time she left Quincy with RAY, he was married to LUCILLE RAY or LUCILLE RINE. RAY and his wife LUCILLE had seven children by their marriage to her knowledge. These included JAMES EARL RAY, JOHN RAY, also known as JACK RAY or JACK RINE, JERRY RAY, CAROL RAY, FRANKLIN D. RAY, SANDRA RAY, and MAX RAY.

She stated that before the RAY family moved to Quincy, Illinois from Ewing, Missouri, the father, JAMES GERALD RAY had obtained a job with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad and had moved from Ewing, Missouri to Galesburg, Illinois where he worked for a short time as a switchman. He obtained a Social Security card before starting to work for the railroad under the name of RAYNES and he used the name of RAYNES during the time that she lived with RAY in St. Louis. She advised that she and RAY lived together in St. Louis from 1952 until 1961 and on 8/1/61, she married JAMES GERALD RAY at Palmyra, Missouri, the marriage vows and services being performed by the Methodist minister in that town. They lived together starting on that date on farm, Rural Route 1, Clarence, Missouri and this continued until RAY left her in December of 1963. She then obtained a divorce from RAY in Palmyra, Missouri in 1964 and returned to Quincy, Illinois. She stated that after he left her, JAMES GERALD RAY moved to Center, Missouri where he has continued to reside on a farm.

She advised that she has been in frequent contact with JAMES GERALD RAY since their separation in 1965 and that MELBA MARIE RYAN, the daughter of JAMES GERALD RAY also lives in Quincy and she occasionally is in contact with MELBA. She advised however that she has not been in contact with MELBA since Christmas, 1967 until 4/19/68 when MELBA called her to talk to her concerning JAMES EARL RAY and RAY being charged concerning the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. She advised also on that date she had telephonically contacted JAMES GERALD RAY and at that time the father had stated that he hoped his son, JAMES EARL RAY was caught as soon as possible so that this thing would end. She advised that she is certain that JAMES GERALD RAY does not know of the whereabouts of his son JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that at the present time, JAMES GERALD RAY was using the name of GERRY RAYNES.

She advised that of the entire RAY family, she considers JACK RAY or JACK RINE to be closer to JAMES EARL RAY than any of the remainder of the family. She stated that the only time that JAMES EARL RAY ever lived with JAMES GERALD RAY and herself was sometime around 1959 when he worked as a baker in St. Louis. She stated that during this period of time, he also resided with his mother and grandmother, Mrs. MAHER at 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri. She advised that during this period of time, she and JAMES GERALD RAY were living on 1727 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

She advised that JAMES EARL RAY is supposed to have learned the trade of a baker in prison and that he worked at one of the bakeries in St. Louis around 1959. She had no idea as to the name of the bakery or the exact location. She stated that he also had his own apartment while in St. Louis as well as living with both his mother and his father. She stated that she had not seen him since he went to prison around 1960 and has had no contact with JAMES EARL RAY since she and the subject's father moved to Clarence, Missouri on 8/1/61.

She advised that the subject's father JAMES GERALD RAY was an excellent car salesman and did quite well as a car salesman for a used car lot in St. Louis. Since 1961, however, he has worked on a farm, first, the one

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owned by her at Clarence, Missouri and afterwards on a farm at Center, Missouri.

She advised that he has never married and she does not know of any close girlfriends of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that she did not know of the identity of any girlfriends..

RUBY CARPENTER stated that she is certain that JAMES EARL RAY does not know of her present whereabouts. She stated that she is presently employed babysitting and doing housework for various individuals in Quincy [REDACTED]

The Harboring Statute was explained by SA [REDACTED] to RUBY CARPENTER.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED]  
Quincy, Illinois, [REDACTED], advised that RUBY CARPENTER is  
employed at his home as a babysitter and housekeeper  
during the daytime [REDACTED]  
After viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, [REDACTED]  
advised that this individual had never been to his house  
to his knowledge and he has never heard RUBY CARPENTER  
mention JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On May 3, 1968, RUBY CARPENTER, [REDACTED], Quincy, Illinois, was re-interviewed at her home and furnished the following information:

She has had no contact with anyone who has any information concerning the whereabouts or activities of JAMES EARL RAY since last being contacted by the FBI.

She advised that definitely JAMES EARL RAY had lived with RUBY CARPENTER and her former husband, JAMES GERALD RAYNES who was commonly known as JERRY RAYNES or JERRY RAYNS in St. Louis, Missouri, sometime around 1959 or 1960. Also, during this period of time, JAMES EARL RAY had resided with his mother, LUCILE RYAN and grandmother, Mrs. MAHER, in St. Louis. This was shortly before he was sent to prison to the Missouri State Penitentiary in either 1959 or 1960.

Sometime during the period of time while JAMES EARL RAY was in St. Louis, Missouri, around 1959 or 1960 he definitely made a trip to Mexico. She had no idea as to the location of the town in Mexico that he visited; however, she remembered hearing him speak of his trip into Mexico.

She advised that on the previous day, May 2, 1968, Mrs. FRANK FULLER, [REDACTED], Quincy, Illinois, had visited in RUBY CARPENTER's home. Mrs. MABEL FULLER, at that time, had advised that she had heard nothing concerning JAMES EARL RAY's whereabouts and she stated that Mrs. FULLER did not know anything concerning the activities of RAY. She stated that Mrs. FULLER has always been very defensive concerning her relatives and that Mrs. FULLER stated that she did not believe her nephew, JAMES EARL RAY, committed any crime or was involved in any way in the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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RUBY CARPENTER advised that she had not recently talked to MELBA MARIE RYAN but that when last contacted by MELBA RYAN approximately one week before, MELBA had no information concerning the activities of JAMES EARL RAY, and had no information concerning his whereabouts. RUBY CARPENTER stated she doubted very much that JAMES EARL RAY would ever contact MELBA RYAN.

RUBY CARPENTER advised that she felt that her former husband, JERRY RAYNES, has had his phone disconnected inasmuch as she had tried several times during the past few days to call JERRY RAYNES at Center, Missouri. She stated that he has been "very jumpy" concerning JAMES EARL RAY and that she feels this is the reason that RAYNES had his phone disconnected. She stated that she is tempted to call RAYNES and was told that the phone was disconnected; however, she stated that a telephone strike was in existence and the possibility was that the calls did not go through.

Mrs. CARPENTER advised that she had no idea as to the present whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY's brother JERRY RAY or JERRY RYAN who is supposed to have disappeared from the Chicago area. She advised that sometime around April 25, 1968, JERRY RAY had called her from Chicago, Illinois, and asked her to speak to a Life magazine reporter. At that time, JERRY RAY had indicated that he wished his brother would surrender to the FBI.

She advised that she has not been contacted by CAROL PEPPER in any way and has no idea as to CAROL's present address. She also stated she had no information concerning the present whereabouts or address of JAMES EARL RAY's sister SUSAN; however, she did think SUSAN was in Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. CARPENTER advised that she personally has very few visitors and every Monday through Friday she leaves her home at approximately 6:30 a.m. and walks to [REDACTED] in Quincy, Illinois, where she is employed by the Child Welfare Department of the State of Illinois, as a babysitter and housekeeper in the daytime for the [REDACTED] family. She advised

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that [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] children and that [REDACTED] wife died in March, 1968, and she has been employed as a housekeeper for him since that time. She usually returns home in the afternoon sometime between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. after [REDACTED] returns home from work. She stated that [REDACTED] is employed at [REDACTED]

RUBY CARPENTER advised that she did not feel that JAMES EARL RAY would have any information as to her present location. [REDACTED]

RUBY CARPENTER advised that her son JEROME CARPENTER is still in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, for the crime of murder and she does not feel that he would have any information concerning the whereabouts of activities of JAMES EARL RAY.

On May 3, 1968, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed and advised that RUBY CARPENTER is employed on a daily basis as a babysitter and housekeeper for his children at that address while he is working. [REDACTED] advised that he has [REDACTED] children and three are not in school and that his wife died in March, 1968. He stated he has no information concerning any visitors who may have visited RUBY CARPENTER during the daytime at his home. He stated that she has never mentioned JAMES EARL RAY to him and after viewing photographs of RAY, advised that RAY has never been to his home and that he has never seen JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Quincy, Illinois.

On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED], Quincy, Illinois, advised that he resides at [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois. He advised that RUBY CARPENTER who resides at [REDACTED] is a neighbor of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that he would notify the FBI of any visitors to or from the CARPENTER residence. [REDACTED] advised that Miss CARPENTER does not have many visitors and only goes to and from work each day after which time she seems to reside at her home by herself and she has very little contact with her neighbors.

On May 10, 1968 and May 13, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that he has not observed any visitors to the RUBY CARPENTER home since last being contacted, by SA [REDACTED].

Spot surveillances on a daily basis were conducted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] at the residence of 630 North Sixth Street, Quincy, Illinois, for the period of May 1, 1968 through May 10, 1968. During this period of time, no visitors were observed entering or leaving the RUBY CARPENTER home at that address.

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Date May 23, 1968

RUBY SMITH CARPENTER was reinterviewed at her home, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, after she telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] and requested to be reinterviewed by him.

Mrs. CARPENTER furnished to SA [REDACTED] the following written statement which she stated she had written to give as exact account as possible of her knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY. The statement was on both sides of a white piece of paper and read as follows.

"[REDACTED] - Since you were here the last time I have thought of some things I would like to make clear, things I did not think of at first. First I know nothing of the whereabouts of James Earl Ray. I have seen him perhaps 6 times, the last in 1958 I believe. 2nd I know nothing about any unlawful acts of any of the Ray, Rayns, Ryan family. The only one of the family I have been closely associated with is the father, James Gerald Ray, who was my husband for about 3 years. We were divorced the 9th of December 1963. 3rd I have always lived an honest and lawabiding life. I have worked hard and supported myself entirely for 16 years and have helped others a great deal besides. Everything I have or ever had has been from honest and respectful work. No one has ever given me anything except my father, who left me some money at his death. 4th I would not accept anything obtained dishonestly if it were offered to me, which was not.

"I have seen many errors printed about the family. The headlines of the Herald Whig stating Ray's father has long local criminal record. An article in Chicago Daily News by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson stating the children were adopted by various persons. None of the children were adopted unless perhaps Max, the youngest. They also stated James Earl Ray was the product of a broken home. How could he be when he was 24 years old when the father left the home, and had been living away from home several years prior.

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by SA [REDACTED] /smr Date dictated 5/22/68

"This statement is written by me and is true and sincere.

"/s/ Ruby Smith Carpenter

"May 15, 1968"

Mrs. CARPENTER advised that her former husband, JAMES GERALD RAY, is still residing in Center, Missouri, under the name of JERRY RAYNS, and that he had his phone changed to an unlisted phone in order that he would not be bothered by crank calls. She stated that she is in contact occasionally with MELBA MARIE RYAN, the sister of JAMES EARL RAY, and with Mrs. FRANK FULLER, the aunt of JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that all members of the family tell her that they have no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY's whereabouts and will cooperate in the location of RAY.

Mrs. CARPENTER advised that she could not furnish any further information other than that previously furnished to the FBI.

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H. EARL EVERETT RAY

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On April 22, 1968, [REDACTED], Illinois State Board of Probation and Parole, advised of the following re captioned individual subject's uncle:

EARL RAY, also known as Earl Everett Ray, James Ryan, James Mc Carthy, James Patrick Clancy, Joe Roe, White, male, date of birth, May 5, 1904, place of birth, Quincy, Illinois, and as of 1949, 5' 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " in height, 178 pounds, dark gray hair, light blue eyes, wife - AUDREY, divorced 1950, last known address, 1439 Cherry Street, Quincy, Illinois, criminal record dateing back to 1916, Menard, Illinois State Prison Numbers 6588 and 21025. Incarcerated at Menard 1925 to 1933 (assault to kill) and 1948 to 1955 (assault to mayhem - threw acid in wife's face), no FBI number available.



On 4/22/68 Chief RAY WELSH, Quincy, Illinois Police Department, made available the records of the Quincy Police Department of EARL EVERETT RAY.

The files showed that EARL EVERETT RAY is holder of Peoria, Illinois PD #14439 and that on 8/23/43 EARL RAY, 1401 Cherry Street, was arrested for throwing acid in the face of his wife, Mrs. EARL RAY. This case was later closed and no prosecution was involved.

The file showed that EARL RAY was 43 years of age in 1943. On 8/25/47 EARL RAY was wanted by the Quincy PD on an assault to kill charge. This apparently also involved his wife. On 9/10/48 the files contain information that EARL RAY and his wife were involved in a fight and that her sister, DORIS, was a witness. At that time Mrs. RAY moved to 1403 Cherry Street and her sister was [REDACTED]

On 7/24/55 EARL RAY was arrested for the assault of YVONNE MC GINBERG, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois.

On 8/59 EARL RAY was arrested for assault and battery and the victims were AUDREY RAY, wife, and LEONA FERGUSON. This occurred at [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, after he had hit AUDREY RAY in the mouth and LEONA FERGUSON in the stomach. At that time EARL RAY was living at 1415 Cherry Street, Quincy, Illinois.

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AT GALESBURG, ILLINOIS:

On April 26, 1968, [REDACTED] C B & Q Railroad, stated that a review of the employment files listed a file on EARL EVERETT RAY, subject's uncle, 164 South Academy Street, Galesburg, Illinois. He showed a previous address of 128 North 5th Street, Quincy, Illinois and listed LOUISA RAY as his Mother. The file indicated that he worked for the railroad for the period November 4, 1944, to November 17, 1944, 13 days. He listed former employment of April, 1934 to June, 1944 with Sunset Amusement Company, Excelsior Springs, Missouri and C B & Q Railroad, Omaha, Nebraska, and W. A. COLE, a fellow employee, does not recall RAY.

Name checks at the Galesburg, Police Department, Knox County Sheriff's Office and the Credit Bureau failed to develop any information. The former residence area of 164 South Academy is now a cemetery.

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I. WILLIAM and MILDRED MAHER

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WILLIAM E. MAHER, Uncle of JAMES EARL RAY, was located at [REDACTED] Alton, Illinois April 22, 1968. He stated prior to RAY's entry into the Army, he worked at a shoe tannery, Hartford, Illinois, where he became associated with individual who had pro-Nazi leanings and RAY became anti-Negro and anti-Jewish as a result. In military service, RAY was in Germany where opinion crystalized.

MAHER stated he last saw RAY 10 or 12 years ago and to his knowledge, RAY has not been in Alton since 1959 when he was involved in an armed robbery. He stated he could suggest no one in the Alton area acquainted with RAY or to whom RAY might turn for help.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

WILLIAM and MILDRED MAHER, [REDACTED] Alton, Illinois advised they are the uncle and aunt of JAMES EARL RAY. They have advised that RAY has not been in contact with them for 10 or 12 years; that they do not believe he will contact them since they had a falling out when they last were together. [REDACTED]

With regard to other relatives of RAY, Mr. and Mrs. MAHER advised as follows:

Mrs. MARY MAHER,  
Grandmother,  
deceased

LUCILLE RYAN,  
Mother  
Deceased.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

AT ALTON, ILLINOIS:

From May 2, through May 14, 1968, physical surveillance of the residence of WILLIAM MAHER, [REDACTED] was instituted on a daily basis at varying times of the day and evening hours.


No unusual activity was noted during these surveillances.

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J. Mrs. FRANK (MABLE) FULLER

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On April 20, 1968, Mrs. MABLE FULLER, nee Ray, Paternal Aunt of Subject, Quinty, Illinois, stated very little contact with any member of family. No information regarding subject's whereabouts of or background. She last heard that SUSAN, subject's sister, in Chicago and married. Uncle, WILLIAM MAHER, an advertising service man and paint contractor as of 1960, believed either deceased or in San Francisco, California.



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The following individuals in Quincy, Illinois, were recontacted by SA [REDACTED] on the dates indicated by each name, at which time they could not furnish any information not already furnished concerning this matter:

WALTER TERRY RIFE  
Virginia Hotel  
April 30, 1968

SAMUEL EDWARD HARPER  
Virginia Hotel  
April 25, 1968 and  
April 30, 1968

ART CONNORS  
Virginia Hotel  
April 30, 1968

EARL JACK HILAND  
Sky Ride Inn Tavern  
April 30, 1968

[REDACTED]

MABEL RAY FULLER, [REDACTED], Quincy, Illinois, was reinterviewed on April 26, 1968, by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Mrs. FULLER furnished the following information:

She has received no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY since last being interviewed by the FBI. She has not seen RAY since 1955 when her mother, the [REDACTED]

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JAMES EARL RAY, died. He apparently arrived at the funeral services by himself and left by himself.

She advised that she is the sister of JAMES GERALD RAY, the father of JAMES EARL RAY. She has not seen JAMES GERALD RAY for a number of years and has not had any close contact with her brother JAMES GERALD RAY.

She stated that JAMES EARL RAY served in the United States Army in Germany, near the end of World War II, or after the war and this is the only overseas travel concerning RAY of which she has any knowledge. She stated that she did not consider herself to be the favorite aunt of JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that before he entered the service in the middle 1940's, he had lived with the grandmother named MAHER, in Alton, Illinois, and apparently he had worked for some "leather making outfit" in Alton.

Mrs. FULLER advised that all of the children of the RAY family were apparently put out for adoption some time around 1952 and that she personally did not know there had been a RAY child by the name of MAX RAY.

She advised that until the FBI contacted her concerning JAMES EARL RAY, she did not even know that his mother LUCILLE was dead.

She advised that while JAMES EARL RAY was in prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, she had sent him mail on a number of occasions and had on occasion sent him small quantities of money. She stated that he had sent her two or three Christmas cards and this was the only contact she had with him.

Mrs. FULLER advised that apparently she had not been on JAMES EARL RAY's mailing list while in the penitentiary and he had smuggled out through other visitors and inmates Christmas cards to her on two or three occasions. These in turn were mailed to her.

She advised that on each one of these cards, he had signed them "JIMMY".

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She advised that EARL RAY was her brother and that he had died in Buffalo, New York, a number of years ago. She stated that JAMES EARL RAY probably had no knowledge of the death of EARL RAY or the whereabouts of EARL RAY at the time of death.

Mrs. FULLER advised that she and her husband are retired and spend almost all of their time at home. She stated they have very few visitors and she has practically no contact with other members of the RAY family.

[REDACTED]

FRANK FULLER, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, advised that he is the husband of MABEL RAY FULLER and that she is the aunt of JAMES EARL RAY.

FRANK FULLER advised he has no contact with members of the RAY family and he had no information concerning the whereabouts, activities or associates of JAMES EARL RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Quincy, Illinois.

[REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, advised that the FRANK FULLER family resides at [REDACTED], Quincy, Illinois and that the family solely consists of FRANK FULLER and his wife MABEL FULLER. [REDACTED] advised that he, after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, had never seen this individual at the FULLER's house and he would immediately advise the FBI of any information concerning the activities of the FRANK FULLER family. He advised that FRANK FULLER is retired and that he and his wife spend almost all of their time at their own home. Occasionally, FRANK FULLER might work at a tavern in Quincy, Illinois, if a bartender could not be found a tavern on some given date.

[REDACTED] was contacted concerning the activities at the FRANK FULLER house on May 1, 1968, May 6, 1968, and May 9, 1968, and on each occasion, [REDACTED] advised that there had been no visitors to the FULLER house during that period of time.

Surveillances were conducted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on the residence at [REDACTED] on a spot basis daily from May 1, 1968 to May 10, 1968. In this period of time, no activity was observed at the FULLER home and no visitors were observed at the FULLER home.

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IV. ASSOCIATES OF JAMES EARL RAY

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A. WALTER TERRY RIFE

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

The following correspondents were shown in WALTER  
T. RIFE's correspondence file # [REDACTED] at Menard Prison,  
Menard, Illinois:

Frequent letters to his wife, JAN RIFE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Peoria, Illinois; [REDACTED]

Mother-in-law, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Peoria, Illinois;

Other Miscellaneous Correspondence:

U.S. Disciplinary Barrack  
Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas;

[REDACTED]  
Hillsboro, Illinois, June 19, 1964;

[REDACTED]  
First National Bank Building,  
Peoria, Illinois,  
July 7, 1964;

[REDACTED]  
Peoria, Illinois  
July 13, 1965

Peoria County Bar Association,  
Box 209,  
Peoria, Illinois,  
July 17, 1964;

CECIL MC CRACKEN,  
Greenville, Illinois  
Circuit Court Clerk,  
December 10, 1964;

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Bond County State's Attorney  
December 15, 1964;

[REDACTED]  
Pekin, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
November 3, 1965;

[REDACTED]  
Waukegan, Illinois  
April 25, 1966;

LAST ADDRESS: (May 19, 1966) paroled to FRANK OWENS

(assumed [REDACTED])

PREVIOUS INCARCERATION:

Joliet Prison  
April 16, 1959,  
No. 22-674

BROTHER:

FRED RIFE,  
Lanark, Illinois;

SISTER:

[REDACTED]  
Lanark, Illinois;

FRIEND:

[REDACTED]  
Christopher, Illinois;

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The following agencies at Harrisburg, Illinois, were checked with negative results concerning possible location of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] sister and niece, respectively, of WALTER TERRY RIFE (associate of subject JAMES EARL RAY).

Postmaster  
[REDACTED]

Harrisburg, Illinois;

Sheriff CLIFTON JONES  
Saline County Sheriff's Office;

[REDACTED]  
Harrisburg, Illinois, Police Department;

[REDACTED]  
Illinois State Police;

RAY JOHNSON,  
Operator  
Little Ray's Bar-B-Que  
Route 45;

[REDACTED]  
Saline County Credit Bureau

It is to be noted that all of the above persons remembered the [REDACTED] but all advised the [REDACTED] moved away during 1955 or 1956 and they have no knowledge of forwarding address or their present location.



On 4-20-68, WALTER TERRY RIFE was re-interviewed at the Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, by SA [REDACTED] and ASAC DONALD T. SULLIVAN.

RIFE furnished the following information:

RIFE advised that he had had no contact with JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, since he last saw RAY in the Federal Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1957.

RIFE advised that the best he could remember concerning RAY that RAY had had close associates or relatives at one time in the Alton, Illinois, area. He stated that he felt that RAY had at one time hung out around taverns owned by TERRY TWEET in the Alton area.

RIFE advised that he knew that RAY had at one time close contact with some fence in Peoria, Illinois, to whom RAY sold stolen items. By this he stated that he meant that RAY was a thief and would steal anything during the period of time he knew RAY from the late 1940s until 1955 and this included household items, groups of burglaries of business establishments and such like and that RAY would get rid of hot items through a fence in Peoria. RIFE advised that he had no idea as to the identity of this fence.

RIFE stated that he (RIFE) had lived in the Peoria, Illinois, area until 1967 when RIFE moved to the home of his brother LONNIE RIFE at Baylis, Illinois. RIFE then in 2-68 had taken over the operation of the restaurant at the Virginia Hotel and had been operating this restaurant since that time.

RIFE again reiterated that any of the individuals who lived or worked at the Virginia Hotel could verify the fact that he had been at the Virginia Hotel for the period 3-27-68 through 4-4-68. He stated also that since he and his wife operated the restaurant together and since his wife

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had had a baby in 2-68, it had been necessary for him to work long hours and to also be at home on a regular basis to take care of the RIFE's three other children.

He again stated that members of the Quincy Police Force could verify that RIFE had been in Quincy on a daily basis inasmuch as the police checked the Virginia Hotel every night.

RIFE advised that he would be available for interviews by the FBI at any time and that in the event that he was not working or at his home [REDACTED], Quincy, Illinois, SAMUEL EDNA HARPER, a Clerk at the Virginia Hotel, would know of his exact whereabouts, and RIFE could be reached in a short period of time.

RIFE advised that he could not remember anyone in the Quincy area who was close to the subject and could not think of anyone who might have any information concerning RAY.

RIFE advised that he did not feel that MELBA MARIE RYAN, the sister of the subject, has had any contact with RAY and he certainly is aware of the fact that MELBA MARIE RYAN has had serious mental problems and that any information that she would furnish could not be relied on.

The following investigation was conducted by SA'S [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] on 4-19-68:

[REDACTED] Illinois State Police, Hull, Illinois, advised that he has since 3-18-68 seen LONNIE RIFE and WALTER RIFE almost on a daily basis. He advised that until recently, WALTER RIFE had lived at the home of LONNIE RIFE; however, WALTER RIFE is now working at the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, Illinois, operating the restaurant in that Hotel. [REDACTED] advised that he does not believe either RIFE has made any long trips from the Quincy, Illinois, area or has been gone from Quincy, Ill., for any extended period of time during the past month.

On 4-19-68, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Quincy, Ill., PD, advised that they are night detectives for that PD. Each advised that as a usual thing on their night routines they pass the Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second St., Quincy, Ill. They advised that they cannot state for certain on any exact date that WALTER RIFE was at the Virginia Hotel; however, they have seen him there practically every night operating the restaurant in the Virginia Hotel. Each advised that RIFE certainly could not have been gone for any extended period of time from Quincy without their knowing of this and that RIFE was certainly not gone for several days at any time.

On 4-19-68, MARY JAN RIFE, home address [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed at her place of employment, the restaurant at the Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois. She advised that she is married to WALTER TERRY RIFE and that her husband has been in Quincy, Illinois, for every day since February, 1968. She stated that her husband certainly was not gone any day from 3-27-68 through 4-4-68. She advised that he was working each day at the restaurant in the Virginia Hotel operated by her husband. She viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY,

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FBI # 306 443 A, made on 3-17-60. She advised that she had never seen this individual in her life and had never heard her husband speak concerning this individual. MARY JAN RIFE advised that she has been married to WALTER TERRY RIFE since 1961 and that during that period of time JAMES EARL RAY has never contacted him for any reason. She advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN resides at the Virginia Hotel and that shortly before being interviewed she had learned that MELBA MARIE RYAN was supposed to be the sister of the individual charged with the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. She advised this was the first time she had ever heard of JAMES EARL RAY and did not know that RAY was a brother to MELBA MARIE RYAN.

She also advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN is a mental case and has been in Jacksonville State Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois, on numerous occasions.

On 4-19-68, SAMUEL EDWARD HARPER, Desk Clerk, Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, advised that WALTER TERRY RIFE operates the restaurant in the Hotel. HARPER advised that WALTER TERRY RIFE had been working every day at the restaurant since 2-68 when he took over the operation of the restaurant. He advised that RIFE's wife had given birth to a child in 2-68 and that during the period of time that RIFE's wife was in the hospital, he had operated the restaurant practically without any help and had worked from 15 to 18 hours a day. HARPER advised that RIFE has not been gone from Quincy, Ill., for any one-day period since taking over the operation of the restaurant.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to HARPER. HARPER advised that this individual was unknown to him and stated he had never seen RAY to his recollection during his life.

HARPER advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN resides at the Virginia Hotel; however, he had never heard her mention JAMES EARL RAY and did not know that this was the brother of MELBA MARIE RYAN until that date. HARPER advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN had resided at the Virginia Hotel since 12-67 and he is certain that RAY has not visited the Virginia Hotel during that period of time.

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On 4-19-68, attempts were made to interview MELBA MARIE RYAN; however, she was in a hysterical state and it was impossible to conduct an interview on that date. She advised that she would be available for an interview on 4-20-68 and that she was willing to consent to an interview with the FBI. She did stated during a short period of time an interview was attempted to be conducted that she had no idea as to the whereabouts of her brother JAMES EARL RAY.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date MAY 1, 1968

On April 19, 1968, WALTER TERRY RIFE, home address [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of business, Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois. Before the interview, RIFE was advised of his rights by SA [REDACTED] and a Waiver of Rights Form was read to RIFE. RIFE advised he would not sign the Waiver of Rights Form but that he was willing to discuss anything with FBI Agents.

RIFE furnished the following information:

RIFE advised that he last saw JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, in 1957 when WALTER TERRY RIFE was released from the United States Prison at Leavenworth, Kansas.

RIFE advised that he had been arrested in 1955 with JAMES EARL RAY at Hannibal, Missouri, and both had been charged with the possession of stolen money orders from a Post Office. He advised that these had been taken from a Post Office at Kellerville, Illinois, in a burglary and that he and JAMES EARL RAY had then traveled throughout the United States cashing these postal money orders. He advised that they had traveled to New Orleans, Florida, Kansas City and California, cashing the stolen money orders before being arrested at Hannibal, Missouri.

Both were then sentenced to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

RIFE advised that he had seen JAMES EARL RAY almost on a daily basis at the penitentiary at Leavenworth from 1955 until RIFE was released from the penitentiary in 1957. RIFE later learned that RAY was not released from the penitentiary at Leavenworth until 1958. He stated that he had not been in contact with RAY since that date and had no knowledge of RAY's activities other than he had heard that RAY was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary in the early 1960's. He had no idea as to the charge concerning RAY at that time; however, he thought it was some type of armed robbery.

On 4-19-68 at Quincy, Illinois File # SI 44-561 -  
by SA [REDACTED] /RAS Date dictated 4-25-68

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money and he knew that during that time that RAY broke into houses and stole money or goods he could sell. RAY also pulled stick-ups with a gun and that RAY committed burglaries in which safes were involved. RIFE advised that he does not want to talk about any particular job that he might have been involved in with RAY. He stated that RAY would also roll drunks to obtain money and would obtain money any way that a thief could obtain money. He stated that RAY was a roamer and a loaner and did not seem to have any close friends.

RIFE felt that in the event that JAMES EARL RAY ever returns to the Quincy, Illinois, area, RAY will contact RIFE. RIFE stated, however, that he has no knowledge that RAY has returned to Quincy since 1955 and does not believe RAY has returned to Quincy or he would have known something concerning the return of RAY.

[REDACTED]

RIFE advised that he personally knew nothing concerning the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in Memphis, Tennessee and that he most certainly himself was not in the Memphis area during the period of March 27, 1968 through April 4, 1968. He advised that this could be verified from all people connected with the Virginia Hotel as well as members of the Police Department of Quincy, Illinois. He stated that night policemen cruise by his restaurant at the Virginia Hotel practically every hour of each night and that the night detectives and also patrolman [REDACTED] could verify that he had not left the Quincy, Illinois, area.

RIFE advised that he knew that JAMES EARL RAY's uncle EARL RAY had moved to California from the Quincy, Illinois, area ten to fifteen years before and that he thought the uncle had died with a heart attack. He knew that somewhere he had understood that EARL RAY was dead.

RIFE advised that he could furnish no information concerning possible contacts of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Harboring Statute was explained to RIFE by SA [REDACTED]

RIFE advised that he first met JAMES EARL RAY around 1942 when apparently RAY and his family moved to Quincy, Illinois, from some small town in Missouri. He stated that RAY had close connections in Quincy and that during the period of time that he had known RAY, RAY had resided with his Uncle, EARL RAY, in Quincy and at the time he and RAY were arrested in Hannibla, Missouri, RAY was living at the Victor Hotel on North Sixth Street in Quincy, Illinois. He advised that the Victor Hotel has been closed for many years and that he understands the operator of the Victor Hotel is now deceased.

RIFE advised that he had never heard RAY mention his father or talk very much concerning his relatives and RIFE advised that he did not know that MELBA RYAN, who resides at the Virginia Hotel was RAY's sister until learning on that date that RAY was charged with the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RIFE advised that when he and RAY were apprehended in Hannibal, Missouri, they were accompanied by [REDACTED]. He advised that he is certain that RAY had never met [REDACTED] until the date of their arrest in Hannibal and that he (RIFE) had picked up [REDACTED] in a tavern in Quincy and took her to Hannibal on a date. He advised that [REDACTED] is presently married to [REDACTED] in Quincy, Illinois.

RIFE stated that he remembered distinctly that [REDACTED] and RAY did not know each other until he introduced them on the date the three were arrested in Hannibal. He stated that [REDACTED] was not actually arrested but was released and that she had nothing to do with the passing of the stolen postal money orders.

RIFE advised that he had never visited in the RAY home in Quincy, Illinois, and had no idea as to the address of RAY's people or the number of relatives that RAY had in Quincy. He stated that he and RAY as a normal thing, did not actually run around together but would meet each other in taverns at which time they would talk and decide to do something together.

RIFE advised that during the period of time that he had known JAMES EARL RAY, RAY had been "a thief". He stated that RAY would do anything during that period of time to make



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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED]

On April 23, 1968, MARY JAN RIFE, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, advised she is certain her husband, WALTER TERRY RIFE, has no knowledge of the present activities or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

She stated also that MELBA MARIE RYAN, sister of RAY, still resides at the Virginia Hotel and eats almost all of her meals at RIFE's restaurant in the hotel. She stated that MELBA MARIE RYAN has told her on several occasions during the last three or four days that she has no information or knowledge of the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN has been highly emotional during the past few days and she felt that this was due to numerous reporters attempting to interview MELBA MARIE RYAN.

She advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN is a mental case and no reliance can be placed on any statement made by MELBA RYAN.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 23, 1968, WALTER TERRY RIFE, [REDACTED] was reinterviewed at his place of business, the Virginia Hotel Restaurant, Quincy, Illinois.

RIFE advised that once when he was fingerprinted after his arrest on a possession of stolen postal money orders with JAMES EARL RAY in 1955, he was booked under the name of VERNON ELMO RIFE. He stated that VERNON ELMO RIFE has never been an associate of JAMES EARL RAY and has never been in jail with RAY and this is the reason records in Missouri would show RAY was arrested with VERNON ELMO RIFE instead of WALTER TERRY RIFE.

RIFE advised that when he and JAMES EARL RAY were passing the stolen money orders throughout the United States after their arrest in Hannibal, Missouri, they claimed they had purchased these money orders from a wino named WILLARD J. MC BRIDE. He advised that this information is not correct and they did not purchase the money orders from any WILLARD J. MC BRIDE. He advised that he has never known a WILLARD J. MC BRIDE and that he and RAY obtained the money orders in Adams County, Illinois. He said that the Post Office at Kellerville, Illinois, is located in Adams County, Illinois, and that he did not intend to admit to any burglary but that neither RAY nor RIFE obtained the money orders outside of Adams County.

RIFE advised that during the period of time that he and RAY were passing the money orders, they traveled extensively throughout the United States to towns in Florida, New Orleans, Louisiana, St. Louis, Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, across the United States to California and back to the Quincy, Illinois, Hannibal, Missouri, area, where they were arrested. He stated that there was no particular place that RAY seemed fond of during that trip more than anywhere else and that they traveled from town to town on a spur of the moment deal and no plan or scheme was involved in their travels.

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He advised that during these travels he and RAY did not contact anyone named [REDACTED] and did not contact anyone to his knowledge, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

He advised that they did contact a [REDACTED] in Kansas City, Missouri, and sole [REDACTED] some of the money orders. RIFE was not certain as to the description of [REDACTED] but thought that he would now be an old man. RIFE personally did not know [REDACTED] or anything concerning his whereabouts or activities. He stated that [REDACTED] was a man that they contacted in a tavern and sold him some of the stolen money orders. He stated that they contact [REDACTED] by just asking questions in taverns as to who would buy money orders.

RIFE advised that he knew that JAMES EARL RAY disliked Negroes immensely ; however, he had no idea as to the reason why. He advised that he had never known any incident involving RAY and Negroes.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Quincy, Illinois.

WALTER TERRY RIFE, operator, Virginia Restaurant, Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois, was recontacted on April 30, 1968, May 3, 1968, May 10, 1968, and May 13, 1968, and on each date advised that he could furnish no additional information concerning JAMES EARL RAY. He also advised on those dates that definitely JAMES EARL RAY has not contacted MELBA MARIE RYAN at the Virginia Hotel.

SAMUEL EDWARD HARPER, desk clerk, Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois, was recontacted by SA [REDACTED] on April 25, 1968, April 30, 1968, May 3, 1968, and May 9, 1968, and on each date advised that he could furnish no additional information concerning JAMES EARL RAY. On each date, he advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN, RAY's sister, still resides at the Virginia Hotel and that the restaurant of the Virginia Hotel is operated by WALTER TERRY RIFE.

On May 3, 1968 and May 9, 1968, ART CONNORS whose wife owns the Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois, was recontacted on each date and advised that he had no information concerning the whereabouts or activities of JAMES EARL RAY not previously furnished.

On May 9, 1968, ART CONNORS, Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, advised that to his knowledge, no telephone calls have been charged to the Virginia Hotel that were made by MELBA MARIE RYAN. He advised that he remembers his wife placing a call or else accepting a telephone call in April, 1967 from his son Sergeant ARTHUR A. CONNORS, JR. who is stationed in New Jersey and was coming home to visit his parents before being transferred to Vietnam. CONNORS advised that his son Sergeant ARTHUR A. CONNORS, JR. was presently at the CONNORS home, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois.

On May 9, 1968, Sergeant ARTHUR A. CONNORS, JR. [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] that he placed a collect telephone call to the Virginia Hotel from Long Branch, New Jersey on April 9, 1968. He

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advised that this was of a personal nature to his mother concerning his transfer to Vietnam.

Sergeant CONNORS advised that the name JAMES EARL RAY is completely unfamiliar to him and that he could not recognize any photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as anyone he had ever seen.

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B. JOSEPH ELMER "BLACKIE" AUSTIN

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at the Menard Branch, Illinois State Penitentiary, on April 26, 1968:

A record was located for JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN who has FBI #821733 whose date of birth is April 15, 1898, and who originally was received at the Menard Branch, on December 21, 1925, and he remained at the penitentiary until July 22, 1949, when he was released and was returned to the penitentiary on December 22, 1950, where he remained until April 8, 1954, when he was released on parole and again returned to the penitentiary on February 8, 1955, where he remained until April 27, 1956, when he was again released on parole and then returned to the penitentiary on September 17, 1957, where he remained until May 7, 1959, when he was again released on parole until September 23, 1959, when he was returned until his ultimate discharge on February 23, 1965.

According to penitentiary records, AUSTIN when he was dismissed from Menard went to St. Leonard's House located at 2100 West Warren Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and he received a final parole on discharge on July 11, 1967, through the Parole Office located at 160 North LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois.

According to the records, AUSTIN at one time, was transferred to the state penitentiary at Joliet, from August 2, 1934, until August 15, 1936, when he was returned from Menard. According to the records, AUSTIN used the names JAMES FREELEY, SHARKEY AUSTIN and BLACKKEY.

AUSTIN was originally received on a 25-year sentence for murder and a 10 to life sentence for armed robbery from Morgan County, Illinois. According to the records, AUSTIN has a nephew by the name of [REDACTED] whose full name is [REDACTED] Madison, Illinois, a niece, [REDACTED] Hoosier, Brazil, Indiana; a brother, [REDACTED] residing in Waverly, Illinois; a brother, [REDACTED] residing in Springfield, Illinois.

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AUSTIN is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	4/5/98
Height	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	129 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Gray
Occupation	Farmer
	Has cut scar on center of forehead

A review of his correspondence file reflects correspondence with [REDACTED], at Franklin, Illinois, a sister;

[REDACTED] St. Leonard  
House, 2100 Warren Avenue, Chicago, Illinois;

Father DOUGLAS WOLFE,  
St. Leonards House,

Attorney J. EDWARD JONES  
1432 West Harrison Street,  
Chicago, Illinois;

A. A. Farris Company, Inc.  
122 West Lincoln Avenue  
Goshen, Indiana

St. Anthony's Inn Inc.  
29 South LaSalle Street,  
Chicago, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
Warren Clinic  
2449 West Washington Boulevard,  
Chicago, Illinois



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[REDACTED]  
Caseyville Nursing Home  
Caseyville, Illinois;

[REDACTED]  
Madison, Illinois

Waukegan Rescue Mission  
Waukegan, Illinois

Friend [REDACTED]  
Waverly, Illinois;

[REDACTED]  
Acme Hotel  
St. Louis, Missouri

Cousin [REDACTED]  
Quincy, Illinois

No other information of value noted in file  
for AUSTIN.

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On May 9, 1968, AUSTIN's brother, [REDACTED], was located and interviewed at Waverly, Illinois and advised he was in receipt of a letter, dated May 7, 1968, from AUSTIN with a return address of [REDACTED], Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] was not sure if his brother was employed or not.

[REDACTED] was interviewed re subject RAY and shown photographs of RAY but advised he was not acquainted with the subject nor had he ever heard his brother mention the subject.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Quincy, Illinois, on May 10, 1968:

[REDACTED], Quincy, Illinois, advised that she formerly resided at [REDACTED], Quincy, Illinois. She advised that when she lived on [REDACTED] she occasionally rented rooms in her home and sometime around 1956 she rented a room to JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN. She advised that she remembered AUSTIN'S date of birth to be 1898 inasmuch as her year of birth was the same and that was the only person she had ever lived in a house with who was born the same year as her. She stated that AUSTIN when he came to Quincy, Illinois, came to Quincy through some contact with a Catholic priest in either Quincy or Chicago. She advised that AUSTIN had been in the Illinois State Penitentiary and came to Quincy in an effort to obtain a job and that apparently this unknown Catholic priest had obtained AUSTIN a job in Quincy. However, AUSTIN lived at her home less than one month when he left and she heard shortly thereafter that he had been arrested and was returned to prison. She stated that she could not remember the name of the town in which he was arrested and had not seen AUSTIN since 1956. She stated as far as she knew AUSTIN did not have any relatives or associates in Quincy, Illinois, and that AUSTIN was not related to her. He simply lived in her home for a period of less than one month and that was as a border.

She advised that she did not know JAMES EARL RAY and had never known AUSTIN to speak concerning RAY under RAY'S true name or known aliases.

She stated that she is certain JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN was not a Quincy resident and that he knew nothing concerning Quincy at the time he moved to Quincy.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to [REDACTED] and she advised that she had never seen this individual before.

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] concerning JOSEPH  
ELMER AUSTIN [REDACTED] a newspaper clipping which showed  
that JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, age 59; had been arrested on  
August 4, 1957, in Robertson County, Tennessee, with  
JOHN GEWIN SCROGGINS, age 38, and a DORRIS CALVIN MEACHAM  
of Elkton, Kentucky. The three had been arrested for the  
alleged kidnapping of a Guthrie, Kentucky, motel clerk  
and had allegedly taken him across the state line into  
Robertson County, Tennessee, where they robbed him of  
\$139.00 and set him free. The trio was stopped for  
speeding near Ashland City, Tennessee, and the \$139.00  
believed stolen from the Guthrie, Kentucky, motel clerk  
was found scattered along the highway near the scene of  
arrest.

AUSTIN was then committed to the Central State  
Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, after Government  
attorneys said they believed he might not be mentally  
capable of advising with council.

The article showed that AUSTIN came to Quincy,  
Illinois, in April, 1956, and previous to that he had  
been sent back to prison three times for violation of  
parole and had spent three months in a tuberculosis  
sanitarium in Jacksonville, Illinois.

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C. MILTON DEAN "BUCKY" BATCHELDER

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On April 25, 1968, investigation at Springfield, Illinois, revealed MILTON DEAN BATCHELDER, also known as Bucky, [REDACTED], white male, dob [REDACTED] at Quincy, Illinois, was the individual to whom a Hannibal, Missouri, policeman sold a car from RAY and forwarded the proceeds to [REDACTED]

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D. [REDACTED]

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A review of the Springfield files regarding [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] reflected him as subject of a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] case, in which he was described  
as follows:

Name

FBI #

Race

Sex

Nationality

DOB

POB

Height

Weight

Hair

Occupation

Social Security #

Teeth

Scars

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
White

Male

American



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E. [REDACTED]

On 5-1-68, SA's [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] interviewed HILLIARD ALLEN SANDERS, at [REDACTED] Wood River, Illinois.

[REDACTED] stated that he was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on [REDACTED] upon conviction of [REDACTED] charge at St. Joseph, Missouri. He said he was released on parole on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he never became acquainted with or had knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY during the time he was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He said that while he was in the penitentiary, he worked at several trades and that the last two jobs he had in the penitentiary had to do with the [REDACTED] section and that the last job he had was a [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that upon parole he went to Gadsden, Alabama, where he lived and worked for approximately 18 months; that he then went to Camden, South Carolina, where he was employed by the firm of [REDACTED] for 9 months. [REDACTED] said that he then came to Wood River, Illinois, where he has been working on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in Wood River. He said that he arrived in Wood River in [REDACTED] and has resided in Wood River since that time.

[REDACTED] concluded by stating that when national publicity was released concerning the identification of JAMES EARL RAY, he viewed photographs appearing on television and in the news media and determined that he had never known RAY while both were at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

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F. [REDACTED]

On 4/20/68, [REDACTED] Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed by ASAC DONALD T. SULLIVAN and SA [REDACTED] and furnished the following information:

On that date was the first he had learned of his wife [REDACTED] had been arrested with WALTER RIFE and JAMES EARL RAY in Hannibal, Missouri, in 1955. He advised that he had never heard his wife mention JAMES EARL RAY and is quite certain that she did not know RAY or have much of any contact with him. He pointed out in 1955 his wife was only seventeen years of age and that she did not have a criminal record and for this reason he did not believe she had been involved with RAY and RIFE in any crime.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] owns the Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois. [REDACTED] advised that he is in this hotel on almost a daily basis and can state that WALTER RIFE was certainly working each day at the restaurant and the Virginia Hotel from the period 3/27/68 through 4/4/68.

[REDACTED] advised that he personally does not know JAMES EARL RAY and does not have any information concerning RAY's activities or whereabouts.

On 4/20/68 LAURA CONNORS, owner, Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and ASAC DONALD T. SULLIVAN and furnished the following information.

Around 2/6/68 she had leased the restaurant in the Virginia Hotel to WALTER TERRY RIFE. She advised since that date the restaurant has been operated by RIFE and that RIFE has been working in the restaurant every day. She advised that RIFE's wife, JAN RIFE, gave birth to a baby in late 2/68 and for this reason WALTER RIFE had worked from approximately 7:00 each morning until 11:00 at night operating the restaurant. She stated that certainly WALTER RIFE was working during the period 3/27/68 until 4/4/68.

She advised that she does not know JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 306443A, and after viewing five different photographs of RAY advised that this is not an individual who she has ever known. She stated that MELBA MARIE RYAN does live at the Virginia Hotel and that she had learned on the previous night that MELBA MARIE RYAN was a sister to JAMES EARL RAY. She stated, however, in her conversations with MELBA MARIE RYAN, MELBA MARIE RYAN had denied any knowledge of the whereabouts of RAY and she does not believe that RAY has contacted the sister since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

On 4/20/68 ARTHUR CONNORS advised that he is the husband of LAURA CONNORS, owner of the Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois. ARTHUR CONNORS advised that he can verify that WALTER RIFE was working at the restaurant in the Virginia Hotel during the period of 3/27/68 through 4/4/68.

ARTHUR CONNORS also viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306443A. CONNORS advised that this individual was completely unknown to him and he has never seen him at the Virginia Hotel.

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G. [REDACTED]

On 4/20/68 [REDACTED] presently married to [REDACTED] and residing [REDACTED] Street, Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed by ASAC DONALD T. SULLIVAN and SA [REDACTED].

She advised that she had never met JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306443A, until one night during 1955 when WALTER RIFE, an acquaintance of her, approached her in a tavern in Quincy, Illinois, and asked her if she wanted to go with RIFE to Hannibal, Missouri. While in the automobile, she was introduced to JAMES EARL RAY and after arrival in Hannibal, Missouri, WALTER RIFE and JAMES EARL RAY were arrested concerning some postal money orders that had been stolen. She advised that she had never seen RAY before that date and has never seen him since. She stated that she had no information concerning the whereabouts of RAY or any information concerning the background of RAY.

She advised that her husband did not know RAY and had never heard of her being arrested with RAY and RIFE in Hannibal, Missouri.

She advised that she is acquainted with MELBA MARIE RYAN since MELBA MARIE RYAN resides at the Virginia Hotel but that she did not know that this was a sister of JAMES EARL RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED]

On April 24, 1968, ART CONNORS, whose wife LAURA CONNORS, owns the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, Illinois, advised that he had received no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.  
[REDACTED]

He advised that RAY's sister, MELBA MARIE RYAN, has stated numerous times she has no information as to RAY's whereabouts. He advised that [REDACTED], now married to [REDACTED] known as [REDACTED], has told him that she knew nothing concerning RAY other than she was arrested with RAY and WALTER RIFE at Hannibal, Missouri, in 1955. Inasmuch as she was not involved and knew nothing concerning the passing of the stolen money orders, she was released on the same day of the arrest and no charges pressed against her.

CONNORS advised he is certain in his own mind that neither MELBA MARIE RYAN or WALTER TERRY RIFE has any information concerning the whereabouts of RAY.



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H. [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted at the Menard Branch, Illinois State Penitentiary, on April 26, 1968:

On April 26, 1968, MAX FRYE, Warden, Menard Branch, Illinois State Penitentiary, advised that one of the inmates by the name of [REDACTED], who works in the [REDACTED] at the Penitentiary, indicated to him recently that he was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY having been with him at the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Warden FRYE stated that he did not question him concerning his contacts or knowledge of RAY but thought it might be of value to interview him.

On April 26, 1968, [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] who has Menard # [REDACTED] was interviewed at the penitentiary and advised after viewing a photograph of RAY that he was acquainted with RAY when RAY was at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

[REDACTED] advised that he left the penitentiary for Menard last [REDACTED] and that when he got there, RAY was already there.

[REDACTED] advised that his only knowledge of RAY was that RAY brought food over to the hospital [REDACTED] and he assumed that RAY apparently worked in the prison kitchen.

[REDACTED] advised that he never talked directly to RAY at any time nor did he ever observe him with any other inmates. He described RAY as a very quiet individual and this is all the information he had concerning him.

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I. JOHN EUGENE GAWRON

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The following investigation was conducted at  
Menard, Illinois, on May 1, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Illinois State Penitentiary,  
Menard Branch, made available the prison records of JOHN EUGENE  
GAWRON, Illinois State Police # [REDACTED] (Joliet Penitentiary  
# [REDACTED]). The file reflected the following background data:

NAME	JOHN EUGENE GAWRON
ALIASES	JOHN GAWRON JACK DAWSON JOHN GAWDGS JACK MCLELY
RACE	White
SEX	Male
DATE OF BIRTH	[REDACTED]
PLACE OF BIRTH	Chicago, Illinois
HEIGHT	5'3"
WEIGHT	170 pounds
HAIR	Gray
EYES	Hazel
RELIGION	Catholic
EDUCATION	8th Grade, Chicago
NATIONALITY	Polish
MILITARY SERVICE	U. S. Marine Corps from May 6, 1916, to May 24, 1917. Marine Corps Serial No. [REDACTED] Deceased, father died 1931, mother died 1931.
PARENTS	[REDACTED]
FBI NUMBER	[REDACTED]
OCCUPATION	Cook and baker
CHARACTERISTICS	Smokes, chews tobacco, and drinks heavily

The file revealed that GAWRON was originally received  
at Joliet, Illinois, Penitentiary on November 2, 1934, under  
sentence of one to life for burglary. GAWRON received Menard  
Branch, Illinois State Penitentiary on July 25, 1953, from  
Adams County, Illinois, as a parole violator. GAWRON paroled  
from Menard on March 21, 1959, to Veterans Administration Hospital,

Wood, Wisconsin. He remained there three days and left without permission. GARNON carried at that time in an absconder status until November 16, 1961, when he was returned to Menard Penitentiary. He was paroled on April 11, 1963, to the Soldiers and Sailors Home, Quincy, Illinois, but was never received at this home. GARNON's address as of April, 1960, was shown as [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri.

The following individuals were listed as correspondents in GARNON's file:

[REDACTED], cousin, [REDACTED]  
St. Louis, Missouri

Miss CAROL MAHER, later shown as Mrs. CAROL PEPPER, a friend, 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and ALBERT PEPPER, [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri.

Questionnaires were filled out by the following individuals:

Date of questionnaire not shown on file. LUCILLE MARY RYAN (friend), who lists an address of 701 1/2 Washington (date not shown) and 527 York, Quincy, Illinois, in July, 1957.

CAROL ANN MAHER (Second cousin), later shown as CAROL ANN PEPPER, [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri

ALBERT BENNY PEPPER (friend), [REDACTED], St. Louis, Missouri

JOHN LARRY RAY (friend), [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri.

Also included in the file were 3 re-classification reports dated June 10, 1940; December 2, 1961; and September 2, 1956, which would be of pertinent background value.

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J. MELVINA "RUSTY" TYLER

On May 9, 1968, BERNICE DUCKAN and ELIZABETH ZIMMERMAN, owners of the Jewel Lounge, 106 (rear) - 5th Street, Peoria, Illinois, advised that they have owned that tavern for approximately one year. Both are from the State of California and they advised that the Jewel Lounge was formerly known as the m & n Tavern and that the tavern is still commonly referred to as the "Old M & N". They advised that the former tavern owner (1959) called "Rusty" was unknown to them and they could furnish no information concerning her identity or whereabouts.

On May 10, 1968, LARRY ENNIGER, [REDACTED] Peoria, Illinois, former tavern operator, advised that "Rusty" was widely known in the Peoria, Illinois area inasmuch as during the 1950s she had tended bar at two or three different establishments.

On May 13, 1968, BETTY MEYERS, owner of the Beer Barrel Tavern, suggested "Rusty" whose name she did not know may be employed at the Piere Marquette Hotel in Peoria, Illinois.

On the same date, PHIL BUSSMAN, Sales Representative, Piere Marquette Hotel, identified "Rusy" as Mrs. RAY M. TYLER, also known as MELVINA TYLER, [REDACTED] Peoria, Illinois and [REDACTED] Bartonville, Illinois. He advised she has been employed as waitress in the lounge of the hotel for the past 6 years.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 16, 1968

MELVINA TYLER, also known as "Rusty", and "Mrs. Ray M. Tyler, [REDACTED] Bartonville, Illinois, was interviewed at her residence regarding her knowledge or any prior association with JAMES EARL RAY, FBI # 405 942 G. She viewed photographs of RAY and advised that this individual is unknown to her and that she could furnish absolutely no information regarding this man.

She advised that she was the owner on record, and operated the M & N Tavern, 106 (rear) -5th Street, Peoria, Illinois, during 1958 and 1959. She said she purchased the tavern from MILLIE and MAC BURDIN who now operate the "Galley" a basement night club at the Hotel Jefferson, Peoria, Illinois. She said prior to 1958, she had operated bars at the Beer Barrel, 1034 Northeast Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois, and also the Pour House, 800 North Main Street, Peoria, Illinois. She advised she was born in Norfolk, Virginia, and came to Peoria, Illinois, at the age of 16. She advised that she married SAM ALLEN in early 1950 and she and ALLEN had had business interests in the above taverns between 1953 and 1959.

[REDACTED] She stated she has been steadily employed as a waitress at the Piere Marquette Hotel, Peoria, Illinois, for the past six years.

She was advised that it had been reported that she may have associated socially with RAY and that she had been termed "a girl friend of RAY" about 1959. She stated that due to her association with the general public for the past several years as a waitress, she had become widely known in the Peoria, Illinois area due to her natural red hair, however, she advised that in many instances she would not know or recall customers who may have remembered her by name. She advised she is positive that she has never known RAY socially and has never corresponded with him. [REDACTED]

On 5/13/68 at Bartonville, Illinois File # SI 44-561

by SA [REDACTED] skt Date dictated 5/15/68

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The following physical description was obtained from observation and interview and comments made by Mrs. TYLER:

Name:	MELVINA TYLER
Aliases:	"RUSTY"
	Mrs. RAY M. TYLER
Address:	[REDACTED]
	Bartonville, Illinois
Sex:	Female
Race:	White
Age:	40
Height:	5'5"
Weight:	130 lbs.
Hair:	Red (shoulder length)
Complexion:	Fair, freckled
Marital Status:	Married (1960)
Husband:	RAY M. TYLER
Occupation:	[REDACTED]
Previous addresses:	[REDACTED]
	Peoria, Illinois
Telephone number:	Unlisted
	[REDACTED]
Occupation:	Waitress

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K. JAMES LAOMA OWENS

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Springfield, Illinois:

On May 15, 1968, [REDACTED] Division of Supervision of Paroles, 103 National Guard Armory Building, Springfield, Illinois, advised that his office has a file concerning JAMES LAOMA OWENS and OWENS has been incarcerated at the State Prison in Menard, Illinois, and the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. [REDACTED] advised that JAMES OWENS has a prison registry number for the State Prison of Menard, Illinois, being [REDACTED] OWENS' registry number for Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that the only description that he has in his file is as follows:

NAME:	JAMES LAOMA OWENS
RACE:	White
SEX:	Male
FBI NUMBER:	[REDACTED]
AGE:	27 on March 12, 1947
HEIGHT:	5'2½"
WEIGHT:	129
HAIR:	Charcoal medium
EYES:	Dark Black
COMPLEXION:	Fair
OCCUPATION:	Clerk
CHARACTERISTICS:	Top of head bald.

OWENS was incarcerated at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard Branch, Menard, Illinois, having number [REDACTED], received from St. Clair County, Illinois, March 12, 1947, on the crime of robbery.

[REDACTED] advised that the most current address that his files reveal is an address of [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, and this address was current as of August 15, 1965, as a communication sent to OWENS on this date was not returned. [REDACTED] stated that on August 15, 1965, OWENS was issued a Certificate of Restoration of the Rights of Citizenship. [REDACTED] stated that JAMES OWENS was discharged on June 27, 1965, at the expiration of his sentence from the State Prison, Menard Branch, Menard, [REDACTED]

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Illinois. [REDACTED] advised that he has not had any further communication or correspondence with OWENS since August 15, 1965.

[REDACTED] stated that any additional information needed concerning OWENS could be obtained from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, or the State Penitentiary of Menard, Illinois, and this information at the penitentiaries would be more current than the information that he has, especially information concerning description and background information.

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L. ANDREW WILSON "BLACKIE" DE CORE

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Menard Prison records reflect on May 17, 1968, ANDREW WILSON DE CORE, also known as De Cora and Blackie De Core, Menard # [REDACTED] received Menard Prison, June 15, 1953, on a transfer from Joliet, Illinois prison to serve a sentence of 1 to 20 years for robbery.

DE CORE was paroled June 15, 1959 to Rev. JAMES WINENEGAR, St. Louis Rescue Mission, St. Louis, Missouri, and was returned as a parole violator to Menard, July 19, 1960. He was paroled January 15, 1965 to Baptist Rescue Mission, Collinsville, Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. He was returned to Menard as parole violator, May 28, 1965. He was discharged upon expiration of sentence, December 20, 1966. Upon discharge, he expressed intention of going to his sister's residence, [REDACTED] and her husband, [REDACTED], Freemont, California. Other friends and relatives contained in prison records are as follows:

Brother

[REDACTED]  
Chicago, Illinois or  
[REDACTED]  
Melrose Park, Illinois ;

Sister

[REDACTED]  
husband - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Morton Grove, Illinois;

Sister

[REDACTED]  
Bensonville, Illinois;

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Niece

[REDACTED]  
Chicago, Illinois;

Cousin

[REDACTED]  
Chicago, Illinois

Fiance

[REDACTED]  
Chicago, Illinois;

Brothers

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
addresses unknown

Friend

[REDACTED]  
St. Louis, Missouri.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED]

At East St. Louis, Illinois

On May 22, 1968, Reverend DAVID BLISS, Pastor of the Baptist Rescue Mission, located in East St. Louis, Illinois, was contacted and advised that ANDREW WILSON DE CORE is unknown to him, and according to his records, he could not identify him in the East St. Louis, Illinois area and could not identify him as having given any service at the Rescue Mission.  
[REDACTED]



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V. INVESTIGATION AT ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY  
PONTIAC BRANCH

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A. RECORDS RE JAMES EARL RAY

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[REDACTED] Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois on April 25, 1968, advised his file contains little information concerning RAY who was a model prisoner while incarcerated Pontiac, July 7, 1952 until discharged March 12, 1954. He stated RAY was confined on a charge of robbery under Criminal Court, Cook County, Illinois case 52-1155 which sets forth in statement of facts subject at time of arrest, in Chicago, Illinois was wounded in both arms by police bullets. No information was located at Pontiac describing wounds or location of scars. Subject RAY at Pontiac assigned Honor Farm, August 12, 1952 until discharge. This is dormitory type housing rather than cell type. Subject was assigned to the kitchen as a cook and also on officers quarters detail.

The following inmates were identified and are set forth with their last known addresses furnished the prison at their time of release:

[REDACTED]  
Pontiac Number [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Chicago, Illinois;

[REDACTED]  
Pontiac Number [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Chicago, Illinois;

[REDACTED]  
Pontiac Number [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Chicago, Illinois;

[REDACTED]  
Pontiac Number [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Pontiac Number [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Peoria, Illinois  
[REDACTED]

Peoria, Illinois;

[REDACTED]  
Pontiac Number [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bushnell, Illinois;

[REDACTED]  
Pontiac Number [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Kewanee, Illinois.

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B. INTERVIEWS WITH POSSIBLE INMATES  
OF JAMES EARL RAY

On 4/28/67, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Peoria, Illinois, a former inmate at Pontiac Penitentiary, was shown a 1955 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY without effecting an identification.

[REDACTED] advised that for about one and one-half months in late [REDACTED] he served as [REDACTED] at the Pontiac Honor Farm in the penitentiary, however, he does not recall RAY. Prior to this, [REDACTED] at the main prison and served thirty-three months at Pontiac from [REDACTED] to early [REDACTED] before being paroled. [REDACTED] advised that he took inmate [REDACTED] place as [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] may recall RAY.

On 5/1/68, [REDACTED]  
Pekin, Illinois, a former inmate at Pontiac Penitentiary, was shown a 1955 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY without effecting an identification. [REDACTED] advised that he was discharged from Pontiac during the winter of [REDACTED] and never [REDACTED] on the Honor Farm. He possessed no information regarding RAY and was not aware that RAY was confined at Pontiac during the time of his incarceration.

On 4/23/68, [REDACTED], was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] concerning his knowledge of the present location of JAMES EARL RAY.

It is noted that the referenced teletype contains the address of [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] Illinois. This address should be corrected to show [REDACTED] address as [REDACTED] Madison, Illinois.

[REDACTED] stated that he was at the Pontiac State Farm, Pontiac, Illinois, in [REDACTED]. He stated that he entered Menard State Penitentiary at Chester, Illinois, in late [REDACTED] and was subsequently transported to Pontiac Prison, Pontiac, Illinois, in late [REDACTED]. He stated he remained there on a farm until he was released [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated at the time he was on the prison farm, there were about 150 persons working there. He stated that his job was to [REDACTED] and that he was familiar generally with every person located on the farm at that time.

When questioned about the subject, [REDACTED] stated that he does not recall the name nor does he remember associating with a person named JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that he was familiar with the name since it had been in the news frequently in recent days, but it had never come to his attention until now that RAY may have been at Pontiac State Farm while he was there. He further stated that he does not recall any particular person who may have been friends with the subject. It is noted from the referenced teletype that subject entered the farm at Pontiac [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] recalls that he was dismissed from Pontiac, [REDACTED]. He stated that he was 19 years old at the time he was on the farm. He further

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related that he has not kept in contact with anyone he met while at the farm and knows nothing of the whereabouts of any of the inmates who were incarcerated at the farm while he was there.

[REDACTED] is described as:

Age Approximately 38

Height [REDACTED]

Weight [REDACTED]

Hair [REDACTED]

Eyes [REDACTED]

Complexion [REDACTED]

Marital

status Single, lives with his mother  
at the above noted address

Employer [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has 5 brothers living in the Madison-Granite  
City area and 1 sister. [REDACTED]



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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On May 2, 1968, Deputy Sheriff, [REDACTED] Mc Donough County, Macomb, Illinois, advised that [REDACTED] no longer resides in Bushnell, Illinois, but resides in Macomb, Illinois. He stated that [REDACTED] has a criminal record and is holder of FBI # [REDACTED]. He advised that [REDACTED] is presently employed by [REDACTED] in Macomb, Illinois, and resides at [REDACTED] Macomb, Illinois. [REDACTED]

He furnished the following physical description of [REDACTED]:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	[REDACTED]
Weight	[REDACTED]
Hair	[REDACTED]
Eyes	[REDACTED]
Build	Slender
Education	8th Grade

On May 2, 1968, [REDACTED] Owner, [REDACTED] Macomb, Illinois, advised that [REDACTED] is employed by him and has been for a number of years. He stated that [REDACTED] resides at the [REDACTED] Macomb, Illinois, and that during the past several years [REDACTED] has been working regularly. He advised that [REDACTED] was working during the period of March 27, 1968, through April 4, 1968.

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A number of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to [REDACTED]. He advised that he has never seen anyone with [REDACTED] remotely resembling RAY. He also advised that he had never heard [REDACTED] mention RAY and felt certain that this individual had not been in Macomb in the recent past.

On May 2, 1968, [REDACTED] was interviewed at 321 College Street, Macomb, Illinois. A number of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

The photographs of JAMES EARL RAY are vaguely familiar to him as someone he has seen in the past.

[REDACTED] advised that he [REDACTED] was assigned to the Illinois State Penitentiary Honor Farm at Pontiac, Illinois, from [REDACTED] until [REDACTED]. He advised that there was not a large number of individuals residing at this Honor Farm and it is quiet possible that he knew JAMES EARL RAY vaguely during this period of time. [REDACTED] advised that he certainly has not seen RAY since [REDACTED] and has had no information concerning RAY's whereabouts.

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On 5/7/68 Chief of Police DEAN WATSON, Kewanee, advised that he knew of a [REDACTED] having formerly lived in Kewanee, but advised that he had not seen him in years. He further advised that both of [REDACTED] parents were deceased, but that he believed [REDACTED] Kewanee, was related in some way to [REDACTED]

On 5/7/68 [REDACTED] Kewanee, advised that [REDACTED] was her first husband's brother. She further advised that [REDACTED] quite often visits her children, but has not done so since the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. She has never heard him mention JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] presently resides at [REDACTED] Green Rock, Illinois.

On 5/7/68 attempts were made to contact [REDACTED] Green Rock, Illinois, but were unsuccessful.

On 5/8/68 [REDACTED] Green Rock, Illinois, advised that he had served time at Pontiac, Illinois, but stated he did not remember JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that to the best of his knowledge the first he had ever heard of RAY was when his picture appeared in the newspapers in regard to KING. [REDACTED] advised that he met so many other men while in Pontiac using so many different names that he could have met RAY and not realized it.

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VI. PRIOR THREATS AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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[REDACTED] Cairo, Illinois,  
advised on April 27, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that [REDACTED] is a heartless individual who professes to be a separationist and usually acquires small amounts of money from businessmen in the white community by soliciting donations in \$1 and \$2 amounts to promote his separation of the races program.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] usually carries a quantity of JOHN BIRCH literature and distributes same and generally operates in the Sikeston, Missouri, or Forrest City, Arkansas area.

[REDACTED] was unable to recall any conversation wherein [REDACTED] threatened the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. nor does he recall [REDACTED] ever consulting him as to what might happen if he killed KING. [REDACTED] states to the best of his knowledge, [REDACTED] is probably in Forrest City, Arkansas where he has a mother and other relatives. [REDACTED] stated to the best of his recollection, he last saw [REDACTED] 3 or 4 years ago.

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VII. "INTEROFFICE" LOOKALIKES AND POSSIBLE SUSPECTS

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A. 

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On April 6, 1968, RONALD LORENZEN, Managing Editor, Times Democrat, Davenport, Iowa, advised he received a telephone call from [REDACTED] on April 5, 1968. [REDACTED] advised him that the photograph displayed on television of the assassination suspect appears to be that of one [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also advised that he is a former Minuteman and the assassination may have been committed by a member of the Minutemen.



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[REDACTED], Peoria, Illinois, telephonically advised on April 5, 1968, she viewed a composite drawing of suspect in slaying of captioned individual on Channel 25 WEEK television, Peoria, Illinois, which individual resembles [REDACTED] Minneapolis, Minnesota. [REDACTED] was described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 11"
Age	32
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Blue
Weight	155 pounds

[REDACTED] continued by saying [REDACTED] was previously involved in narcotics and racial matters. He attended Blake School, Minneapolis, resided with father, [REDACTED] suburb of Edina, Minneapolis, approximately 10 years ago. HARLEN BARRD, WEEK TV, Peoria, Illinois, advised the composite drawing of suspected slayer of captioned individual was shown on television April 5, 1968, which drawing was from UPI Wire Photo Service.

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On April 7, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Rock Island Police Department, advised an anonymous telephone call was received at the Police Department that a white male wearing gold colored clothing was at the Ft. Armstrong Hotel in Rock Island Illinois, either had a gun or guns or made statements that he had killed someone or that he had been in Memphis, Tennessee, when MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was killed. The voice was very muffled and the exact comments could not be distinguished.

Both proceeded to the Hotel where they immediately located [REDACTED] whom they checked for a gun. In subsequent conversation, they determined that [REDACTED] came from Louisiana and spoke very bitterly of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he got what he deserved and when asked if he had killed him, this person responded that even if he had he wouldn't tell them. They decided to take him to the Police Department for further investigation.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 11, 1968

[redacted] was interviewed at the Rock Island, Illinois, Police Department, by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. [redacted] was warned of his rights and he waived them as shown on an executed warning and waiver form.

[redacted] advised he has resided for ten years at [redacted], Lake Providence, Louisiana. He has been employed as a deck hand on different boats in the Mississippi River since he was 18 years of age. He stated for the last three months he has been employed as a deck hand on a towboat for [redacted] out of Greenville, Mississippi.

He added that he had been injured on his boat approximately twenty days ago and had been treated at the Greenville, Mississippi, General Hospital, but had been recuperating at his home in Lake Providence, Louisiana. He had recovered and arranged to catch his boat, which is [redacted] at Quincy, Illinois. His Personnel Director, [redacted] with the [redacted] in Greenville, Mississippi, had given him an airplane ticket from Greenville, Mississippi, to St. Louis, Missouri, to Quincy, Illinois, for April 5, 1968; however, he determined that all planes were full and was instructed to take a bus to Memphis, Tennessee, to catch a plane to St. Louis. He left his home by Trailway Bus around noon on April 4, 1968 and proceeded to Memphis, Tennessee, which is about 175 miles. He arrived in Memphis sometime in the afternoon, probably around 4:00 p.m. While at the Trailway Bus Depot, the riots broke out due to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He advised that the bus depot was closed. There was no busses allowed to leave or enter and the people in the bus depot were forced to remain in the depot all night long. He advised that the depot was only two or three blocks from the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, where KING was shot. He advised that he knows where this motel is located as he had stayed there on previous occasions. He added that it was general knowledge in all the papers that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was in Memphis and staying at the Lorraine Motel.

On 4-7-68 at Rock Island Illinois File # SI 44-561  
by SA [redacted] /ras Date dictated 4-9-68

█████ stated that he did not shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING but hastily added even if he had done so, he would not tell. He also stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING got just what he deserved and that the people in the North are getting just what they deserved on this racial problem as they caused the whole thing. When asked if he was a member of the KKK, █████ stated that he was not a member but also added even if he was, he would not tell.

█████ then stated during the early hours before daybreak, the busses started to move and he was able to take a taxi to the airport. He recalled that the fare was somewhere around \$4.65. When he arrived at the airport, he determined that there was only one plane that he could catch to Quincy, Illinois; however, this plane was full and he was placed on stand by. When the plane left and he could not get on, he then made a long distance telephone call to his boss █████ who then told him to catch a bus to St. Louis and a bus to Quincy where he could catch the boat. He advised that he took a cab back to the bus depot where he boarded a Trailway Bus for St. Louis, Missouri. He advised this was early in the morning and arrived in St. Louis sometime around noon. He then caught a bus from St. Louis to Quincy; however, this bus made many different stops and he arrived too late in Quincy to catch the boat. He then took another bus to Rock Island, Illinois, where he now waiting for the boat which is due to arrive at 12:00 midnight.

█████ stated that he owns a 1967 bright blue Mustang which is at his home at Lake Providence, Louisiana. He explained that the papers for this car are in the name of his friend █████ who lives approximately three blocks away on Foster Street. He stated he bought this car from █████ and is making the payments but he has not had the papers changed over to his name. The car is at his home. █████ also admitted that he owned a .38 pistol and a shotgun which are both at his home.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

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Name  
Sex  
Race  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Complexion  
Address  
  
Occupation  
Education  
Marital Status  
Employment  
  
Mother  
Arrests

[REDACTED]  
Male  
White  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

6'1"  
185 pounds  
Dark Brown, Curly  
Blue  
Medium to ruddy

[REDACTED]  
Lake Providence, Louisiana  
Deck Hand, Towboat  
Seventh Grade  
Single

[REDACTED]  
Greenville, Mississippi  
[REDACTED]

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D. UNKNOWN SUSPECT



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TOM MOSS, Chief of Police, Kankakee, Illinois, advised on April 5, 1968, he received an anonymous telephone call stating that a young white man staying at the West Lane Motel, Marion, Arkansas, had told a female employee of this motel that he was a Chicago police officer and that he was on his way to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. No further information was obtained from the anonymous telephone call.

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E. [REDACTED]

The Springfield, Illinois Police Department, on April 8, 1968, advised [REDACTED] was in custody and that he fits the general description of the individual who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. [REDACTED] interviewed this date by Bureau Agents and he advised he could not account for his whereabouts on the pertinent dates as pertained to this case. He did advise, however, that he had been traveling across the United States for several weeks and that to the best of his knowledge he was in Denver, Colorado on the day that he heard that KING had been assassinated. [REDACTED] advised at no time was in in Alabama or Tennessee this year. [REDACTED] and companion were traveling in a 1959 gold Chevrolet.

[REDACTED] is described as:

Height	5' 11"
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Dark brown combed straight back
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Dark
Tattoo	Skull and crossbones left forearm

Previous arrests

DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised he knows nothing concerning the murder of KING nor has he any animosities toward KING. The Springfield Police Department filed charges against [REDACTED] for defrauding an innkeeper.

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F. WILLIAM LOHMEYER

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On April 9, 1968, discreet investigation was conducted re WILLIAM LOHMEYER, ██████████ Strawn, Illinois. Information was developed LOHMEYER has been in the Strawn Illinois area, during the pertinent period re captioned matter.

LOHMEYER is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	43
Height	5' 9"
Weight	165
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Brown
	Burr cut
Build	Medium - stocky
	round facial features
Occupation	Farmer
	Well respected in community

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[REDACTED], is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	[REDACTED]
Height	6'1½"
Weight	230 pounds
Hair	Brown, graying bald, front and top
	[REDACTED], East St. Louis (Caseyville) Illinois
Employer	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Was in Memphis, April 2-4, 1968  
to contact [REDACTED] at  
[REDACTED] owned by  
[REDACTED]

Holiday Inn Motel Chain  
Driving 1968 Green Ford  
4 door registered to  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] departed Memphis at 4:00 P.M. April 4, 1968,  
arriving at residence 10:30 P.M. the same date after  
stop at Cairo, Illinois.

Due to varience in physical and car description and  
departure time, he does not appear identical to the  
unknown subject.

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H. UNKNOWN SUSPECT



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On April 6, 1968, [REDACTED] telephonically Champaign, Illinois, telephonically advised that on Thursday, April 4, 1968, while watching the news on channel 15 in Champaign, Illinois, which immediately followed the MIKE DOUGLAS Show, she observed an individual in the crowd at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was making a speech who did not applaud when the others did and looked as though he were a trouble maker.

She commented to her family concerning this person's reactions at that time. Subsequently, on April 6, 1968, she observed an artist drawing of the slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on television, whose description is similar to that of an individual she observed in the news concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING. She said if she could see the news tape re-run of this, she is sure that she could identify the person to whom she is referring. She said she could be contacted at any time for any assistance she might be able to offer in this regard.

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I. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] white male, age 34, born [REDACTED] 5' 10" tall, 160 pounds, dark brown hair, receding, brown eyes, was a passenger on train number 6 IC Railroad to St. Louis, Missouri, at 5:00 A.M. this date, April 11, 1968. [REDACTED] briefly interviewed at Carbondale, Illinois, in view of information furnished by train personnel indicating [REDACTED] resembled artist's sketch of assassin of Dr. KING. [REDACTED] boarded IC passenger train #10 out of Jacksonville, Florida, at Corinth Mississippi with a round trip ticket to St. Louis. He was with his mother, [REDACTED] and resides at [REDACTED] Michie, Tennessee. [REDACTED] produced a letter from Veteran's Administration Hospital (Vah) St. Louis, Missouri, addressed to [REDACTED] Michie, Tennessee, requesting him to report for physical re disability claim. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The letter directed [REDACTED] to report VAH A 139, out patient service, 915 North Grand, St. Louis, Missouri, April 11, 1968. [REDACTED] claims he does not work due to physical condition. [REDACTED] obviously in poor physical condition and had difficulty in moving and breathing.

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[REDACTED]

On April 13, 1968, LEONARD KORMORNY, Manager, Lipsett Steel Products Company, 2520 East 23rd Street, Granite City, Illinois, advised that D. L. PETERSON is actually a D. L. Peterson Leasing Company, Baltimore, Maryland, and the automobiles for Lipsett Steel Products Company are leased through the D. L. Peterson Leasing Company.

He advised that the Lipsett Steel Products Company and the Luria Brothers and Company are the same company, operating out of 2520 East 23rd Street, Granite City, Illinois.

He said [REDACTED] was an employee of the Lipsett Steel Products Company and that [REDACTED] was residing at the Executive Apartments at 10038 Executive Drive North, St. Louis, Missouri, and would not be returning back to the company until April 15, 1968. He further advised that [REDACTED] was the only employee of the company who took travelling assignments. He advised that he did not have any information concerning the 1968 Illinois license [REDACTED] at the present time.

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K. UNKNOWN SUSPECT, AKA RICHARD GALT

On this date, April 12, 1968, [REDACTED] Peoria, Illinois, telephone number [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Peoria Resident Agency to advise that he had heard a radio broadcast from a Springfield station, Springfield, Illinois, not identified, while driving from Springfield to Peoria on this date. He recalled the commentator said the FBI was trying to locate an individual (FNU) GALT who was a seaman working out of Birmingham, Alabama. He advised that he is a former seaman, and he immediately recalled an individual known to him as RICHARD GALT (phonetic) whom he had sailed with on the ES Hudson of the Victory Transportation Line, New York City in December of 1961 to February of 1962, on a voyage to Spain and return to Port Arthur, Texas. He advised he and this individual known to him as RICHARD GALT were both members of the Seafarers International Union, Mobile, Alabama, whose national office is Brooklyn, New York.

He advised he and another seaman named [REDACTED] of Mobile Alabama, and also a member of the said union, discussed racial matters and religious matters and politics at length, during the above voyage. He stated there were four Negroes in the crew of approximately 40 men and that he, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were the only two who associated with GALT (PHONETIC).

He described this individual as follows:

Age	Approximately 40-42 years of age at this time
Height	6'
Weight	165
Build	Thin
	Casual dresser, had excellent knowledge of hand guns and had excellent knowledge of European countries.

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██████████ advised that this individual had related that he had studied for the priesthood in Chicago, Ill., during his early years. He also advised that he was an experienced veteran seaman.

██████████ was contacted in person by SAs ██████████, ██████████, and the writer, and he could add no additional information to the above.



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[REDACTED] Peoria, Illinois, viewed on April 18, 1968, a composite photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. He advised this individual is definitely not the crewman which he had reference to aboard the SS Hudson in December, 1961, to February, 1962. He advised there is distinct differences in the hair and facial features. [REDACTED] is of the opinion he knew the crewman as RICHARD GALT and cannot offer explanations or suggestions as to which crewman he may have made reference to. He advised he recalls [REDACTED] also a crewman, who is definitely not identical with the individual he had reference to. Based on [REDACTED] statements, after viewing a composite photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and in the absence of any recorded crewman named GALT, no further investigation to locate this individual will be conducted.

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L. CLOYD DRAKE

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Investigation by SA [REDACTED] at Winchester, Illinois, revealed on 4-15-68 that both license plates, [REDACTED], are on 1962 white Chevrolet Bel-Aire hardtop. Such is in accordance with records of DMV at Springfield, checked 4-14-68. Car duly registered to CLOYD DRAKE, Winchester, Illinois.

Mrs. DRAKE interviewed. She advised her husband recently passed away and that only she and her husband ever used the auto. She further advised that the car definitely has not been to Chicago and that the plates have not been removed or used on any other auto.

No further investigation being conducted in view of discrepancy in description of auto seen in Chicago and that of DRAKE's auto.

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M. [REDACTED]

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Information was received from the Jackson Division, on April 19, 1968, that Pascagoula, Mississippi Police Department stopped an individual driving a white Corvair bearing 1968 Illinois license DG 3109. The driver identified himself as [REDACTED] was accompanied by another white male whose identity was not determined. [REDACTED] indicated he was a musician and the other person indicated he was a seaman and they were both heading for New Orleans.

The officer who stopped the above individuals said that [REDACTED] resembled the photo of GALT and that after hearing a description of JAMES EARL RAY having a scar in the middle of his forehead he believed that [REDACTED] might be RAY as he recalled [REDACTED] having such a scar. No further description was available on [REDACTED] or the other person.

Auto Registration Section records, Springfield, Illinois, revealed 1968 Illinois license [REDACTED] is registered to [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois for a 1956 Dodge, Four door, VIN [REDACTED] Auto registration and drivers license checks re [REDACTED] negative.

Drivers License Section records re [REDACTED] describe him as:

Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED]
DOB	[REDACTED]
Height	5' 10"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Drivers license #	[REDACTED]
	Suspended since [REDACTED]

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N. [REDACTED]

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Re: [REDACTED]  
Suspect  
Clinton, Illinois

On 4/19/68, Sheriff CLAUDE BARRETT, DeWitt County Sheriff's Office, Clinton, Illinois, advised FBI, Springfield, Illinois, that he had in custody one [REDACTED] who had been arrested by the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office authorities at Clinton, Illinois. Subject had been riding a freight train from Springfield, Illinois to Clinton, Illinois, illegally and was arrested on local charges. BARRETT advised that subject resembled JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT.

Subject [REDACTED] was fingerprinted by DeWitt County Sheriff's Office and was interviewed by FBI Agents in Clinton, Illinois, at DeWitt County Jail.

During interview, subject advised that he was in Memphis, Tennessee, on 4/8/68 through 4/12/68. He stated that he had left Chicago, Illinois on the 7th of April by freight train en route to Memphis to sell a pint of his blood for \$15.00. Subject advised that he had traveled throughout the United States by hopping freight trains and he had so done this for the past two years and had worked in many states doing odd jobs. Subject advised that he was in Chicago on 4/1/68 where he worked for Ecolp Unlimited Corporation. Subject advised that while he was in Memphis, Tennessee, he resided at the Mission at Linden and -2nd Street. Subject advised that he had no information re the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. nor did he know of anyone who might have participated in the killing.

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The following description of the subject was obtained through observation and interview:

NAME:	[REDACTED]
RACE:	WHITE
SEX:	MALE
HEIGHT:	5'10"
WEIGHT:	155 LBS.
AGE:	[REDACTED]
HAIR:	BROWN
EYES:	BROWN
SCARS:	RIGHT INDEX LEFT HAND

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FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION:

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PARENTS:

[REDACTED]  
LEMA, OHIO.

Subject's parents were contacted telephonically and they advised that the description of [REDACTED] was identical with that of their son and stated that he had left home about two years ago following some family problems.



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O. UNKNOWN SUSPECT, AKA [REDACTED]

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On April 29, 1968, Motor Vehicle Bureau, Springfield, Illinois, advised 1968 Illinois license B291617 was issued to [REDACTED], Illinois for 1966 Chevrolet Fleetside Panel Truck, VIN [REDACTED]. Drivers license listed as [REDACTED], Social Security number [REDACTED].

1967 Illinois license [REDACTED] issued to [REDACTED] Murphysboro, Illinois, for a 1956 Ford pickup truck, VIN [REDACTED], drivers license listed as [REDACTED]. This license originally issued for 1954 Ford Pickup in which driver's license listed as [REDACTED]. These are not Illinois drivers license.

Drivers license section, Springfield, advised drivers license number [REDACTED] issued February 14, 1968, to [REDACTED]. This chauffeurs license expires March 7, 1969 and described him as 5' 10", 190 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, DOB [REDACTED]. Application reflects he is self employed and dba [REDACTED] Rosemont, Illinois.

Drivers license number [REDACTED] issued December 8, 1967 to [REDACTED] Murphysboro, Illinois, and license expires December 8, 1968 and describes him as 5' 11", 190 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes, DOB [REDACTED].

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Illinois Drivers License [REDACTED] issued  
June 2, 1967 to [REDACTED] Dalton,  
Illinois will expire January 30, 1971 and describes him  
as male, born [REDACTED] 5' 10", 175 pounds,  
brown hair, green eyes, occupation - [REDACTED]  
Records reflect license was suspended December 12, 1967 for  
an accident. It was again suspended in February, 1968 for three  
moving violations but is presently clear and valid.

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Q. 

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On May 17, 1968, Mr. WOODROW THOMPSON, Parts Manager, employed 23 years with Rust International, Inc., International Harvester (I-H), Inc., Industrial Tractor, and Equipment Company, 1803 West Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois, advised that there has never been a [REDACTED] any employee by the name [REDACTED] with the Rust International Company at Bloomington, Illinois. He related there is no other International Harvester Dealer in the Bloomington, Illinois area. THOMPSON further advised that the closest representative for the International Harvester Company is L. C. BARNETT, District Manager, International Harvester Company, 505 Rock Island Road, Peoria, Illinois. Records of credit bureau in Bloomington, Illinois; Police Department, Bloomington, Illinois; Mc Lean County Sheriff's Office, Bloomington, negative. A search of city directory and telephone directory failed reveal any listing for [REDACTED] or similarity.

Also on May 17, 1968, Mr. L. C. BARNETT, District Manager, I-H, Four Zero Five Rock Island Road, Peoria, Illinois, advised that his office covers the Northern 60 counties for the State of Illinois which includes Bloomington, and his records reflect no one by the name [REDACTED] as being an employee of his or as being a franchise dealer in his district. BARNETT further advised he knows of no recent employee transfers from his district to the State of California. BARNETT stated that any further checks re [REDACTED] should be directed to I-H Home Offices, 401 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

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A. [REDACTED]



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On this date [redacted] of Lexington, Illinois, telephone [redacted] telephonically contacted the office concerning this matter. [redacted] who sounded considerably upset emotionally, advised she expected her husband to return home from Detroit sometime late this afternoon and wanted to know whether or not we could assure that his identity would be protected in regard to any information provided to us concerning the MURKIN case. [redacted] also asked what kind of protection we could give to her husband who felt his life was in danger.

[redacted] was advised that any information furnished to this Bureau in confidence would certainly be protected but that we were in no position to physically guard her husband and if he felt his life was in danger this was a matter he should take up with local authorities, however, we were desirous of interviewing him concerning any valuable information he might have in regard to this case and would do so at his convenience upon his arrival. [redacted] advised she would have her husband contact the office upon his arrival at Lexington, Illinois. She was also furnished the name of the SRA at Bloomington and of the whereabouts of our office there.

[redacted] stated she and her husband were passing through Memphis at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was slain. Her husband allegedly overheard a conversation among five individuals one of whom he claims resembles the published photograph of RAY the subject, in this case, in which they talked about the killing. Subsequently, last Sunday night their car was broken into and on Monday he claims he was followed from Lexington to Detroit by a tan Chevrolet, the registration number of which he was unable to obtain. This car contained two individuals whom

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He did not recognize and at a rest stop these men took a shot at him but did not hit him because he "hit the ground". He now fears he is in grave danger for his personal safety because he has information about the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[REDACTED] was advised immediately upon her husband's return she should contact this office and we would set up a mutually agreeable time and place during which we could interview her husband concerning this matter.

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[REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] was contacted at the residence of her father, [REDACTED] Lexington, Illinois, on 4/30/68. [REDACTED] advised she and her husband were at the [REDACTED] residence the weekend of 4/20-22/68. She advised that on the night of 4/21/68 or early morning of 4/22/68 her husband was awakened by the dogs barking outside the farm residence which is located up a farm lane one-half mile from the main rural road. She advised her husband and her father, [REDACTED], upon making a search of the outside area, found that the [REDACTED] 1967 Oldsmobile Delta "45", cream colored with black vinyl top, had been broken into. [REDACTED] advised nothing was missing from the car and no one was located or seen in the area. [REDACTED] advised her husband left alone from the [REDACTED] residence on the morning of 4/22/68 en route Detroit, Michigan.

[REDACTED] advised that in a short period of time, [REDACTED] returned to the [REDACTED] residence. Upon his return,

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██████████ stated he had found a note in the recessed area of the speedometer of his car. ██████████ pointed out that the speedometer has been broken; therefore, her husband was not normally attracted to the speedometer). She related this note was made up of words cut from newspapers and pasted on the back of a pocket calendar (unable to describe the calendar). ██████████ said the note read in substance, "If you go to the police or the FBI you will be killed." ██████████ advised her husband, after returning with the note, proceeded en route Detroit, Michigan, and after a short period of time had elapsed, he telephonically contacted her, stating he was at the Holiday Inn, Bloomington, Illinois. ██████████ stated her husband informed her that upon reaching the road one mile north of the ██████████ residence, and Route 66, he saw a 1966 or 1967 Chevrolet, tan in color, no license information, with two men in the car, parked along the road. ██████████ stated her husband told her that this car followed him en route Bloomington. However, they did not turn into the Holiday Inn when he did. ██████████ advised her husband then told her he was proceeding on to Detroit, Michigan,

██████████ advised upon discussing above with her parents, her mother, ██████████ stated she had noticed a late model, tan car, making several trips on the main rural road near the ██████████ residence on the early morning of 4/22/68.

██████████ advised that on the night of 4/22/68 her husband telephonically contacted her, but he would not disclose his location as he stated he was afraid to mention his location over the phone. She related her husband told her that he stopped at a rest stop area after leaving Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon leaving his car and walking the direction of the men's restroom, he saw a tan automobile occupied by two men driving very slow. He stated at this time the rider in this automobile fired a shot at him. ██████████ told his wife the shot just missed his car and he ██████████ hit the ground where he laid as if he had been hit. ██████████ stated that the tan car disappeared and he has not seen it since.

██████████ stated her husband believes this action was due to his being in the men's restroom at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/27/68, where he allegedly overheard five men planning to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ██████████ stated her husband told her that one of the men in the restroom was RAY, whom he recognized after RAY's photograph was published. She stated he further informed her that he would be able to recognize the other men he saw in the restroom. ██████████ advised she recalls being at the Gulf Truck Stop at Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/29/68. She stated upon their leaving the truck stop, her husband did not mention to her anything of hearing of the plan to kill KING. She stated she does recall her

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husband remarked, "If King goes back to Memphis he will be killed." [redacted] advised her husband did say he wanted to see CARL STERN of NBC, Washington, D.C, whom he knew but did not state why he desired to see STERN.

[redacted] advised her husband returned to the [redacted] residence at Lexington, Illinois, on Friday, 4/26/68, where he stayed until the morning of Saturday, 4/27/68, at which time [redacted] and his mother-in-law had an argument over [redacted] son by a previous marriage. [redacted] told [redacted] to leave, which he did.

[redacted] stated she told her husband she had contacted Mr. DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Assistant Special Agent-in Charge, Springfield Office of the FBI, and that he, [redacted] should call Mr. SULLIVAN and set up an appointment; that Mr. SULLIVAN had informed her he would make an appointment to meet [redacted] at any location or at any time when [redacted] was available. [redacted] stated her husband told her he was afraid to attempt to meet with FBI Agents, as he felt he was being followed. [redacted] stated she was unable to convince her husband to make arrangements for a meeting with the FBI. She advised her husband is very much interested in obtaining protection.

[redacted] advised of some of her husband's activities, which are not concerning the murder of Dr. KING. She advised that she does not know all of her husband's business and that she is sure he has not told her all he knows.

[redacted] advised her husband is acquainted with [redacted] of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who told [redacted] in the summer of 1967 that there were several businessmen in the area of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have KING assassinated. [redacted] advised her husband is well acquainted in the Baton Rouge and Denham Springs, Louisiana, area. She stated he was, in the summer of 1967, connected with the [redacted]

[redacted] of Denham Springs, La., [redacted] She related [redacted] lives in Dallas, Texas. She related [redacted] had [redacted] and while [redacted] and [redacted] were attempting to [redacted] they were trying to gain financing for a [redacted] in Louisiana. She related that some way they came in contact with a [redacted] (ph) of Miami, Florida, who advised they could finance same but were not interested, in a [redacted] but would be interested in financing a [redacted] [redacted] advised [redacted] obtained [redacted] to help locate his land which could be used as a [redacted]. He also obtained sanction of [redacted] and [redacted], both of Slidell, La; however, "things got out of hand" and an article

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appeared in "Life" magazine and the Governor of Louisiana placed a stop to the entire operation.

[REDACTED] advised her husband is in telephonic contact with her daily but declines to furnish information as to his location over the telephone, as he is very afraid. [REDACTED] was advised to inform her husband if he has any information he desires to furnish to the FBI, he can contact any FBI Field Office who will then arrange for an interview with him.

CARL STERN, Washington, D.C., NBC Office, advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that a man (FNU) [REDACTED] whom he had met on one occasion while covering a story in the South, had, on April 24, 1968, telephoned him from someplace around Toledo, Ohio. [REDACTED] informed him he was en route to the home of his wife's parents in Lexington, Illinois. He then told STERN a "fantastic tale" about him, [REDACTED] overhearing a conversation on March 29, 1968 in Lebanon, Tennessee, concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Apparently [REDACTED] was of the impression that the people involved in the conversation knew he had overheard them and they had taken his license number. [REDACTED] believed there had been at least one shot fired at him since that time. [REDACTED] informed STERN he had vital information concerning KING's murder and called STERN for advice as to what he should do. STERN advised [REDACTED] to call the Springfield Office of the FBI and they would make arrangements to have someone meet him at his convenience in their territory. According to Mr. STERN, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is afraid to approach any office and may desire to have someone meet him at a location other than an office.

The files of the Springfield Office contain the following references to [REDACTED] however, it cannot be determined at this point whether or not they refer to [REDACTED] of Lexington, Illinois.

On November 19, 1965, [REDACTED] 6'1" -2", 175 lbs., employed [REDACTED] near Edwardsville, Illinois, and in [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Edwards-ville, Illinois [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] had represented himself as an employee of [REDACTED] of Illinois, registering at two motels at Bloomington, Illinois, and had skipped without properly checking out and without paying for his room. [REDACTED] could not be located at that time but was described as a white, male, 35 - 40, 5'10" - 6', 150 lbs., dark brown hair, medium build, and medium complexion. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Given as [REDACTED] whose FBI No. was [REDACTED] was twice a patient at hospitals, one as a patient at the [REDACTED] concerning which fingerprints were furnished by the State Bureau of Identification, Sacramento, California, on 8-3-60 and subsequently again on 9-21-60, was a patient at [REDACTED] California. That individual was described as white, male, approximately 6'3", 190 lbs., fair complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair. [REDACTED]

A check through NCIC on 4-30-68 indicated [REDACTED] was not currently wanted.

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B. INVESTIGATION, ELDORADO, ILLINOIS



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[REDACTED] Eldorado High School, Eldorado, Illinois, on 4/29/68, made a search of past academic records available at the school. It was determined that in 1943 JAMES DEE RAY also known as Jimmy Ray graduated from the school. He is the son of J. A. RAY of Wason, Illinois, and was born on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and entered the school 9/1/39 and graduated 5/30/43 [REDACTED] RAY'S year book photograph was examined as to identification with the subject in captioned case. The photo did not appear to be identical.

[REDACTED] Eldorado Illinois, [REDACTED] stated that JAMES DEE RAY was a school mate of hers. She examined a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that she is certain that the two are not identical. She further advised that she has seen JAMES DEE RAY within the past four years and that there is no question that his looks have not changed to the degree that he might resemble JAMES EARL RAY.

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C: CECIL RAY

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[REDACTED] was contacted at her home on 4/29/68.

She advised that [REDACTED] CECIL RAY, formerly of Vandalia, Illinois, has been to her residence on approximately two occasions within the last five years, accompanied by an individual who resembled JAMES EARL RAY. It is her belief that CECIL RAY referred to this person as JAMES RAY. [REDACTED] was unable to furnish any more specific information as to the times or when the visits were made.

She stated that CECIL RAY was separated from [REDACTED], who resides at [REDACTED] Highland, Illinois. They have been separated about four years. CECIL RAY is believed to be employed in JOLIET, ILL., as a [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] and was last seen by [REDACTED] in 1966. CECIL RAY's parents are deceased but he is believed to have a brother who resides in Vandalia, Illinois, name unknown. CECIL RAY was employed as [REDACTED] at one time at an unidentified bar on the main street in Vandalia. [REDACTED] had no photograph and could furnish no description of CECIL RAY.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Highland, Illinois, was interviewed April 30, 1953, concerning her knowledge of possible association with the subject, JAMES EARL RAY.

[REDACTED], stated that her husband, CECIL RAY, is at the present time separated from her although they are not divorced. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that it is her understanding [REDACTED] that her husband may have recently moved to Wisconsin [REDACTED]

However, she stated that his location, if he has moved to Wisconsin, is unknown to her. She further stated that it is her belief that her husband CECIL RAY has not moved to Wisconsin, but is instead living in Vandalia, Illinois, with some of his relatives. She stated that she has on several occasions contacted relatives of her husband in Vandalia but they have refused to help her locate her husband. She related that it is her belief that the relatives know the location of her husband but refuse to cooperate with her in finding him [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that she does not know of any association which her husband may have had with the subject but said he could have associated with him before their marriage in 1953 and may have associated sometime since then with him in Alton, Illinois.

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She stated that approximately 11 years ago, she and her husband resided in a downtown apartment in Alton, Illinois, and they resided there for approximately 3 years. She stated that during their stay in Alton, her husband brought numerous friends home with him to drink in the apartment or play cards and he never identified any of these persons with him. She stated that she never inquired as to their identity and would not be familiar with the name JAMES EARL RAY.

Mrs. RAY stated that her husband is wellknown in the Vandalia, Illinois area in that he was raised in that City. She stated that her husband's relatives all live in Vandalia and they possibly may know the present whereabouts of her husband.

[REDACTED]

She stated that it is her belief if anyone knows his present whereabouts, it will be a member of his family in Vandalia.

It is her belief that his relatives there may be protecting his present address.

She stated that a member of the family most likely to know his address will be [REDACTED] who lives on [REDACTED] Vandalia, Illinois. She stated that a brother of her husband, [REDACTED], also resides in Vandalia, Illinois, but his address is unknown.

Another brother, [REDACTED] resides in Vira, Illinois, and both parents of her husband are deceased.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is a close friend of her husband and may possibly know his present whereabouts. She stated that he is the owner of [REDACTED] Vandalia, Illinois, and the exact address is unknown to her.

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She further stated that [REDACTED] who is the owner of [REDACTED] in Vandalia, which station is located at [REDACTED] may possibly know her husband's present whereabouts in that her husband has worked for him from time to time.

[REDACTED] stated that she knows very little about her husband's associates and that he would be the one to contact concerning them. She further stated that she know very little of her husband's family background before they were married and there may be some associates at that time that she is unfamiliar with.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED]

At Edwardsville, Illinois

States Attorney LEON D. SCROGGINS, Madison County Court House, reviewed files maintained in his office and stated that a warrant for neglect and refusal was issued for CECIL RAY on complaint of his wife JUDITH in Madison County Court at Edwardsville. He stated that the information obtained at the time the complaint and warrant were issued disclosed that CECIL RAY was residing in Joliet, Illinois, and accordingly, certified copies of the warrant were forwarded to authorities at Joliet.

He indicated that he had no knowledge of the current whereabouts of CECIL RAY and that nothing in file indicated anything except that he was in Joliet.

On 5-13-68, Sheriff LEONARD KELLY, Fayette County, Vandalia, advised there are several members of the RAY family in the vicinity and he was seriously doubtful of any connection with the suspect in this case.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised CECIL RAY lived in the same neighborhood, but has not been in Vandalia for at least two years, unless very briefly. No removal could be located at USPO, and no mail received during recent past. Tax and voter's records also negative.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised 5-14-68, he is an uncle of CECIL RAY and, to his knowledge, he has not heard of JAMES EARL RAY, but possibly CECIL could have known him, since at one time he was at Edwardsville and Alton. There is a brother [REDACTED] who [REDACTED] believes is in Vira, Ill., where he works at [REDACTED]. There is a half brother, [REDACTED] who lives in Joliet, address unknown. [REDACTED] advised he had not seen or heard from CECIL RAY in several months and the last he knew he was in Peoria, Illinois, working at a [REDACTED] (phonetic) [REDACTED], probably the [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] former associate of CECIL RAY advised he had heard nothing from him for two or three years. [REDACTED] no longer operates [REDACTED] but helps his son-in-law in the [REDACTED] former associate, also had no recent information of CECIL's whereabouts. [REDACTED]



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During contact with Sheriff KELLY and Chief DALE SLATER, May 14, 1968, both advised that the entire family of this group "were a little on the stupid side."

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>HOUSTON</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/17/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/5 - 5/14/68</b>
OF CASE  <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka -                  FUGITIVE,                  I.O. # 4182,                  I.F. # 442-A,                  TOP TEN FUGITIVE;                  DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,                  (DECEASED) - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>SJM</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY;                  UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

REFERENCE: Buairtel, 5/7/68.

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Since the inception of this investigation, all investigative leads developed by Houston have been set forth upon receipt. The leads are not being restated in this report.

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(DECEASED) - VICTIMCharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION -  
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## Synopsis:

Two white males using names W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW departed Memphis 1:47 AM, 4/5/68 via Delta Flight 157 non-stop to Houston. Prior to flight departure two white males taken to Memphis Municipal Airport by taxi from William Len Hotel, Memphis and subsequently identified from hotel records as [REDACTED], San Francisco and [REDACTED] (or [REDACTED]), Kansas City, Kansas. Delta Airlines hostesses, limousine driver and logical hotel inquiries unable to identify [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Elimination of look-alikes set forth. Name of JOHN WILLARD located in records for Itaska Dance Studio, League City, Texas. Manager recalls WILLARD at studio in April, 1967 taking four weekly lessons. Telephone company records reflect 969 telephone calls from pay phones along I.S. 10, Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. [REDACTED] former inmate Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) with subject stated subject worked in Bread Room, MSP, as slicer; subject because of stomach trouble quit smoking and partial to egg diet. Houston Bartending School, labor unions, ship departures, credit, criminal, street and telephone directories negative for subject. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated on the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, April 4, 1968 at Memphis, Tennessee.

On April 5, 1968 at approximately 12:05 AM, [REDACTED] a Yellow Cab Company driver, Memphis, Tennessee, advised the FBI that he made a pickup of a white male at the William Len Hotel. [REDACTED] was directed to go in the first instance to West Memphis, Arkansas. Shortly thereafter he was re-directed by his passenger to drive to the Memphis Municipal Airport. Upon arriving at the airport, [REDACTED] was told by his passenger to wait while the passenger checked flight departure schedules. According to [REDACTED] this passenger also made an inspection of the inside and immediate area outside the airport terminal. [REDACTED] then was directed by his passenger to return to the William Len Hotel and there to wait for the passenger. Shortly thereafter the passenger returned accompanied by another white male and [REDACTED] was directed to take them to the Memphis Municipal Airport.

Investigation by the FBI determined the following:

Records of the William Len Hotel revealed that a [REDACTED] San Francisco and a [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] Kansas City, Kansas, checked into that hotel at 2:38 PM, April 4, 1968 and checked out at approximately 12:10 AM, April 5, 1968. *Calif Tenn*

Investigation by the FBI has determined that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] were identical to the individuals that Yellow Cab Driver [REDACTED] transported to the Memphis Municipal Airport. *Tenn*

Inquiry at Delta Airlines, Memphis, determined that two individuals utilizing the names [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] departed Memphis at 1:47 AM, April 5, 1968 via Delta Airlines enroute, Houston, Texas. These individuals had no reservations for that flight. *Tenn*

Mr. GLEN PARNEIL, Reservations Manager, Delta Airlines, Houston, Texas on April 5, 1968 advised that the names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had been computered into Delta Airlines records at 1:55 PM, April 4, 1968 which indicates their tickets were purchased shortly before that time and they were booked as a party of two. They traveled on Flight 157 non-stop, Memphis to Houston. *Tenn*

They departed Memphis at 1:30 AM, April 5, 1968 and arrived at 2:50 AM, April 5, 1968. Their names were added to the manifest and no addresses were listed.

On April 5, 1968 Miss SUSAN KRAUSE, one of two stewardesses aboard Delta Flight No. 157, Memphis to Houston, referred to above, advised as follows. She stated that her flight was late in arriving at Memphis. She had gone to the operations division to pick up forms and upon her return to the plane she went about her normal business. Miss KRAUSE advised that the names of passengers aboard the plane are not taken and the only thing she looks for is the envelope of the passenger that contains the ticket showing the passenger's class of travel. Because of the late hour of the departure of the flight from Memphis, the lights inside the cabin were turned down for the convenience of the majority of the passengers and she was not able to get a close look at anyone and was unable to recall the passengers and [REDACTED]

On April 5, 1968, VICKIE MC LUCAS, Delta stewardess for Delta Flight 157, Memphis to Houston, Texas, referred to above, advised as follows: While Flight 157 was at the Memphis Airport several passengers came aboard and the lights were turned down low for the convenience of other passengers; consequently, she did not pay any specific attention to any of the passengers coming aboard. Miss LUCAS advised that she was unable to recall passengers named [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as members of the passenger list, Flight 157, Memphis to Houston, April 5, 1968.

On April 8, 1968 JIM HAYDEN, Limousine Service, which service handles the Houston Municipal Airport, advised that his records disclose LUFY DELAO who is currently working for Delta Airlines at the Houston Municipal Airport was on duty at the airport when the Delta Flight arrived at 2:50 AM and his records disclosed that DELAO had six persons whom he transported in his limousine to downtown Houston, which persons presumably were from the Delta flight mentioned above.

LUFY DELAO, [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] advised that he did in fact transport passengers from the Delta flight which arrived at 2:50 AM and he recalled that there were six adult white males who requested transportation in his limousine. He stated he dropped three of the men at the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel in downtown Houston, two of the men were dropped at

the Rice Hotel in downtown Houston and one man was dropped at the Downtowner Motel in Houston, Texas. DELAO advised that the two men he dropped at the Rice Hotel indicated at first that they intended to be dropped at the Downtowner Motel however when getting in the vicinity of the Rice Hotel changed their minds and asked to be dropped off at the Rice Hotel. DELAO stated that these two men had very little luggage and each one carried only a small handbag. DELAO stated he could not furnish any descriptive data regarding the two men he dropped off at the Rice Hotel and did not in fact know if they actually stayed at the Rice Hotel or one of the other hotels in the area. DELAO stated that he would have arrived at the Rice Hotel at approximately 3:30 AM as this is the amount of time it normally takes to drive to the Rice Hotel from the airport via the route he took.

On April 8, 1968, Mr. JOHNNY RAGLEY, Credit Manager, Rice Hotel, personally checked all available logical records in an effort to identify two individuals who may have checked in the Rice Hotel approximately 3:30 AM on April 5, 1968. Further all available records were checked for the following names:

JOHN WILLIARD



No records were located which could possibly be identified with the two individuals possibly identical with the suspects who reportedly flew from Memphis to Houston, Texas on the morning of April 5, 1968.

Similar record checks were made at the Milby Hotel which is located across the street from the Rice Hotel and at the Downtowner Motel also in the vicinity of the Rice Hotel and the results of the checks were negative.

Records of the Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Houston Credit Bureau and Houston street and telephone directories checked for any information for the above listed individuals were negative.

I. INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY TAG MARK O2B-6



On April 10, 1968 HORACE F. KUHLEMAN, owner, Kuhleman Machinery Company, 2210 Taft, advised that the following laundry and cleaning concerns utilized the thermo seal marking machine which is manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. KUHLEMAN has the exclusive franchise for the thermo seal marking machine for the territory of southeast and south Texas. It has been determined through KUHLEMAN that his distributorship area is inclusive of the Houston Division. Companies are:

Pilgrim Cleaning and Laundry, Galveston, Texas  
Hi-hat Cleaners, Houston, Texas  
Pilgrim Cleaners, Homestead Road, Houston  
Pilgrim Cleaners, Baytown, Texas  
Fame Cleaners, Pasadena, Texas  
Wilkins Laundry, Conroe, Texas  
Monarch Laundry, Houston

Mr. KUHLEMAN telephoned each of the above concerns and determined from the owner the type of laundry tag used.

KUHLEMAN's inquiry resolved the pertinent fact that none of the above cleaning or laundry establishments utilized the "dash" preceding the last digit six.

II. PERSONS CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS BUT ELIMINATED THROUGH INVESTIGATION

1. [REDACTED]

Beaumont, Texas Police Department No. 23655

[REDACTED] Beaumont Police Department, on April 9, 1968 advised that [REDACTED] was arrested on April 8, 1968 for investigation. [REDACTED] had no identification and claimed he was an ex-convict from the State of Washington.

The Identification Division, FBI, advised that fingerprints of [REDACTED] are not identical with latent fingerprints developed in this investigation.

2. [REDACTED]

Information was received by the FBI, Houston, Texas that [REDACTED] had been imprisoned at Leavenworth Penitentiary and that he has a strong dislike for Negroes and had visited Memphis in the past several times. He was described as an expert shot. On April 10, 1968 his whereabouts were unknown.

On April 10, 1968 a comparison of [REDACTED] fingerprints by the Identification Division, FBI, determined that his prints were not identical with those developed in this investigation and was eliminated as a suspect.

3. [REDACTED]

Information furnished by the Dallas Division, FBI, made [REDACTED] a possible suspect in this investigation.

Investigation by the FBI at Jackson, Mississippi determined that [REDACTED] an employee of the Ingalls Ship Yard, Pascagoula, Mississippi, was at work on his job at that ship yard on April 4, 1968. He worked an hourly shift from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

4. CLAUDE CHESTER MC CLAREN, JR.

Mexican Police, Mexico City, Mexico, furnished the following information: CLAUDE CHESTER MC CLAREN, JR., US Passport [REDACTED] arrived in Mexico City from Tegucigalpa, Honduras April 8, 1968. He was enroute Houston, Texas. Airport police noticed a close resemblance of MC CLAREN to sketches of the suspect killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On April 19, 1968 CLAUDE C. MC CLAREN, JR. was interviewed at Commodore Cove, Shreveport, Texas, where he was employed as a [REDACTED]. He furnished the following information:

He is working with his brother, CARL MC CLAREN on a [REDACTED] at Commodore Cove [REDACTED]. Their employer is [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] Houston, Texas, and [REDACTED] is associated with this company. He presently resides at [REDACTED] Commodore Cove, Freeport, Texas and his permanent address is [REDACTED] Ft. Worth, Texas which is the home of his sister, [REDACTED]. For the past two years, he has worked in Honduras returning to the U.S. in December, 1967 and lived in Ft. Worth for awhile. He began his employment at Freeport sometime around March 27, 1968. He went to Honduras on March 30, 1968 leaving Houston, Texas via National Airlines and from New Orleans, Louisiana flew to Honduras via Sahsa.

Airlines. He remained at the Hotel Bolivar, San Pedro Sula, Honduras from March 30, 1968 to April 7, 1968 at which time he flew from Honduras to Mexico City, Mexico via Tan Airlines and from Mexico City to Houston, Texas via Pan American arriving in Houston April 7, 1968 thus was in Honduras from March 30, 1968 to April 7, 1968.

The following description of CLAUDE CHESTINE MC CLAREN, JR. was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5'9"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital status	Single
Complexion	Tanned
Military service	U.S. Navy, August, 1954 - September, 1958
Serial No.	[REDACTED]

It was noted from observation that MC CLAREN does not resemble the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

#### 5. JOHN A. GAULT

On April 12, 1968 the Miami Office of the FBI after reviewing records of Eastern Airlines determined that a JOHN A. GAULT employed by [REDACTED] Houston, Texas, had departed Greensboro, North Carolina on Eastern Flight 621 on April 9, 1968 destined for Atlanta, Georgia. He departed Atlanta, Georgia on Flight 341 on April 9, 1968 and traveled to Houston, Texas. GAULT was interviewed at Houston, Texas and it was determined that he is 24 years old and is in fact employed by [REDACTED] and he in no way resembles JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

#### 6. [REDACTED]

Information furnished by the Conroe Police Department, Conroe, Texas was the basis for investigation of [REDACTED] Springville, New York, advised the Conroe Police Department that on April 13, 1968 while driving from Conroe to California, he picked up a person furnishing the name [REDACTED] at Benson, Arizona. [REDACTED] was dressed in an Army uniform. Because of [REDACTED] statements [REDACTED] became suspicious of him. - 7 -

Information furnished by the Los Angeles Office determined that [REDACTED] was eliminated on the basis of information furnished by [REDACTED] who stated that [REDACTED] was a friend and associate of her son and that [REDACTED] was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

7. [REDACTED]

Information furnished to the FBI determined that [REDACTED] had been under observation at Vera Cruz, Mexico in mid-April, 1968. He had been seeking information concerning travel to Cuba and had come to Mexico by the coast having entered Mexico at Tampico. He represented himself as being an employee of [REDACTED], Corpus Christi, Texas.

On April 20, 1968, [REDACTED] Corpus Christi, Texas confirmed that [REDACTED] is an employee of that company. He was not aware of [REDACTED] visit to Mexico or Cuba. [REDACTED] upon interview April 20, 1968 advised he left Corpus Christi on April 16, 1968 by Trans-Texas Airways and traveled to Vera Cruz, Mexico. He departed Vera Cruz on April 17, 1968 by bus traveling to Mexico City. He returned to Corpus Christi, April 18, 1968 via Braniff Airlines. He denied making any inquiries while in Mexico regarding travel to Cuba. He was born August 6, 1918 at Corpus Christi.

8. [REDACTED] Houston, Texas

Information received by the FBI at Miami, Florida alleged that [REDACTED], a visitor at the C Ranch Hotel, Miami, April 23, 1968 resembled a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as.

On April 23, 1968 [REDACTED], Domestic, residence of [REDACTED] Houston, advised that [REDACTED] are presently in Florida on a vacation. [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] at Houston, Texas.

9. Driver of Auto Bearing Louisiana License

An anonymous call received by the Dallas Division claimed that the driver of the above described automobile bore a strong resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT. A check of Louisiana license records, Baton Rouge, Louisiana reflected that the above mentioned Louisiana license checked out to a car leased to Texas Services, Inc., Alexandria, Louisiana. Inquiry at Alexandria, Louisiana, determined that Texas -8 -

Services is a licensee of Hertz Rent-A-Car, Alexandria, Louisiana. Inquiry at Hertz Rent-A-Car determined that the aforementioned automobile had been turned back to the Hertz Main Office at Brian, Texas, approximately three months ago.

Inquiry at Hertz Rent-A-Car, Brian, Texas on April 24, 1968 revealed that the aforementioned automobile bearing 1968 Louisiana license [REDACTED] is maintained by Capps Car Rental, 3717 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas.

10. [REDACTED]

Information furnished by the FBI, San Francisco Office, made [REDACTED] a possible suspect. A [REDACTED] San Francisco, California stated she had attended a study group at the First Baptist Church, Market and Octavia Streets on April 22, 1968. While at that meeting she met a man named [REDACTED] who stated he came from Beaumont, Texas. It was her opinion that [REDACTED] closely resembled photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 24, 1968 inquiry made at [REDACTED] Beaumont, Texas determined that [REDACTED] is a resident at that address. [REDACTED] mother stated that her son was enroute to San Francisco and was probably in that city by now. She stated that her son is employed as a [REDACTED] at Beaumont, Texas. Beaumont street and telephone directories confirm that [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] with residence at [REDACTED] Beaumont.

11. [REDACTED]

Information furnished the San Francisco Office of the FBI was as follows:

Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] regarding passengers who left Nuevo Laredo on April 6, 1968 enroute to Monterrey, Mexico made [REDACTED] a possible suspect. [REDACTED] was described as age 22, a British subject studying at Rice University, Houston, Texas.

On April 29, 1968 [REDACTED] Rice University, advised [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] a British exchange student studying economics at Rice University. Rice University

records reflected that [REDACTED] was at Rice University until on April 4, 1968 departing Houston April 5, 1968 over Easter vacation for the purpose of making a mountain climbing trip to Mexico.

On May 4, 1968 photographs of GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH were sent to San Antonio for the purpose of eliminating SMITH as a suspect.

12. EARL RAY,  
RAY EARL  
WARREN RAY  
RAY WARREN

On April 29, 1968, [REDACTED] Hampshire, Texas, advised that his ex-wife presently resides at [REDACTED] Spring Valley, California adding she had received a letter in 1960 from a person who was then incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. [REDACTED] was not sure of the name of the person who had written to his then wife but he seemed to recall it as EARL RAY or any of the following: RAY EARL, WARREN RAY or RAY WARREN. In the letter received by his wife was a photograph which [REDACTED] claimed closely resembled that of the 1960 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, suspect in this investigation. [REDACTED] former wife. [REDACTED] was interviewed at San Diego on April 29, 1968. She stated that she formerly knew a RAY EUGENE WARREN who during 1954 or 1955 had been incarcerated at St. Louis City Jail for a period of one year prior to being sentenced to a 30 years sentence at State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. She stated that in her opinion RAY EUGENE WARREN was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

13. [REDACTED]

Information received by the FBI at Tampa, Florida made [REDACTED] a possible suspect. JOHNSON had been described in information furnished to the Tampa Office as being employed by Heart of America Shows, a traveling carnival.

On May 1, 1968 the following investigation was conducted at Houston:

V.E. BROWN, Business Manager, Ted Corey, Owner and P.L. PATTERSON, Concessions Owner, all with Heart of America Shows advised that they could find no record for a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as an employee with that show. They advised that Heart of America has no other branch shows on the road. They further advised that they had been operating in the State of Texas for the past month. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY displayed to them were not identified as being similar with any show personnel.

14. [REDACTED]

Information received by the FBI, Pittsburgh, is as follows. A [REDACTED], Gulf Service Station, operator, Bartow, West Virginia, stated that on April 22, 1968 two white males driving a 1961 or 1962 white Chevrolet Impala, Louisiana license unknown, purchased gas and tires at [REDACTED] service station using Gulf Credit Card No. [REDACTED]. The purchaser signed the purchase slip in the name [REDACTED]. On May 2, 1968 [REDACTED] concluded after reading in the newspaper descriptive data concerning JAMES EARL RAY that [REDACTED] might possibly have been RAY.

On May 8, 1968 [REDACTED] Gulf Oil Corporation, Houston, Texas advised as follows: Gulf Credit Card No. [REDACTED] is issued to a [REDACTED] Antler, Oklahoma. On April 22, 1968 [REDACTED] made a purchase at Bartow, West Virginia for an automobile, Louisiana license [REDACTED].

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. [REDACTED]

On April 11, 1968, [REDACTED] Houston, advised that the previous day he had overheard [REDACTED] stated that he, [REDACTED], had an idea who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING but he hoped he was wrong.

[REDACTED] is employed by the [REDACTED] who are [REDACTED] Houston. [REDACTED] records reflect [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] and was employed by [REDACTED] since February 27, 1968. He came to Houston from Memphis, driving a 1962 Chevrolet station wagon, Tennessee license [REDACTED] Shelby County with wife listed as [REDACTED].

On April 12, 1968 [REDACTED] was interviewed on his job. when tactfully approached for any information or observation about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING he replied he,

his family and friends in Memphis were capable of committing the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING but he had no idea or information regarding the murder. When confronted with the alleged statements he made he stated he may have been shooting off his mouth but still contended he had no information. When pressed for identities of possible suspects he became antagonistic and stated he wanted to talk to an attorney if agents persisted in questioning him.

At the outset when agents identified themselves [REDACTED] thought the inquiry regarding him was due to arrears on car payments to a finance company. With this in mind [REDACTED] was advised of the reward for information identifying the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. [REDACTED] quickly advised he was not a stoolie.

[REDACTED] denied Klan affiliation.

As a result of interview, [REDACTED] became extremely upset and belligerent and indicated that he now had reason to get a permit to buy a gun in order to kill anyone who might give him trouble.

2. Investigation at Dancing Schools,  
Houston Division

On April 18, 1968 Mrs. ITASKA WEINSTEIN, [REDACTED] Dickinson, Texas, operator of the Itaska Dance Studio, Highway 3, League City, Texas, furnished the following information. Mrs. ITASKA WEINSTEIN had been contacted on April 16, 1967 regarding any information she might have in her records indicating that ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, might have been a student at her dance studio.

On April 18, 1968 Mrs. WEINSTEIN stated that she had researched her records and located a 3 x 5 card bearing the name of JOHN WILLARD, no address or description. She stated that the card had been completed by herself and merely shows that a man named JOHN WILLARD appeared for four dancing lessons, three lessons being on a Wednesday and one on a Friday, month and date not indicated. Mrs. WEINSTEIN does recall that these lessons for JOHN WILLARD were given before her annual recital which is held in May, and to the best of her recollection this person took the dancing lessons during April, 1967. She stated she has no other record pertaining to a JOHN WILLARD and was unable to locate any record which could contain his signature or handwriting.

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED] She recalls him as being quiet and difficult to teach because he had poor balance. No one else at her studio at the present time would know him. She stated that it was possible that SHIRLEY CARROLL formerly a bookkeeper for Mrs. WEINSTEIN at the studio might have had contacts with JOHN WILLARD when he came for lessons and may have conversed with him. She stated that SHIRLEY CARROLL resides at an address in care of [REDACTED] Forest Hill, Maryland. Mrs. WEINSTEIN was shown photographs of ERIC GALT, also known as James Earl Ray, and she commented that the photograph of GALT with his eyes closed most closely resembled the JOHN WILLARD that she vaguely recalls. She stated the eyes drawn into the photograph do not resemble those of the man who took lessons from her. In addition the hair of the JOHN WILLARD that she knew was not as dark as that in the photograph and his complexion was olive, not fair.

During their very limited conversations WILLARD stated he worked "at NASA" and did not get off from work until 5:30 PM. He also stated that he was called back to work on overtime on occasion. She stated that he did not appear [REDACTED] the "engineering type". WILLARD had remarked to Mrs. WEINSTEIN that he went from work to his apartment or room, took a shower, changed clothes and then came for his dancing lesson. She recalled that he usually wore a white shirt and dark pants but on one or two occasions wore a suit. At no time did Mrs. WEINSTEIN observe a badge or identification tag with WILLARD's photograph on it as do all employees working at NASA possess. WILLARD had stated to Mrs. WEINSTEIN that he owned a record player and he once borrowed one of her records. He had mentioned that he had bought a record of Fred Astaire Dance Instructions which he said he purchased at the NASA Bay Shopping Center, Webster, Texas. Mrs. WEINSTEIN recalled that she told JOHN WILLARD that she would not dance with him while teaching him ballroom dancing as it was against her policy. On at least two occasions JOHN WILLARD brought with him a woman who acted as his partner while he took lessons. This woman was described as name "LOU", age in her 40s and definitely older than JOHN WILLARD, height 5'4", average build, dressed in ordinary cotton dresses, not slacks, with hair being dark with a reddish cast [REDACTED] To the recollection of Mrs. WEINSTEIN, WILLARD's dancing partner supposedly worked as a waitress, cafe or establishment unknown.

According to Mrs. WEINSTEIN, WILLARD told her that he, after having taken this woman to a lesson or two, would not be able to bring her back with him because she worked too late and she wanted him to pick her up after work. Mrs. WEINSTEIN although not ever seeing WILLARD drive a car was confident that he had one but she was unable to describe it other than to say it must have been an older car. Although she is not certain she thinks that perhaps on the last time that she gave him a lesson WILLARD told her he was going to "visit his mother". She can recall no further information regarding JOHN WILLARD. Mrs. WEINSTEIN further furnished the following descriptive data concerning JOHN WILLARD:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	Approximately 5'9" - 10"
Age	In his 30s
Hair	Brown, ordinary cut, combed straight back
Eyes	Gray or brown, definitely not blue, and did not wear glasses
Build	Stocky, but not fat or heavy
Complexion	Olive
Teeth	Cannot recall
Speech	Average, no accent
Jewelry	May have worn ring and wrist-watch
Shoes	Black, round toed, not alligator; feet of average size
Habits	Cannot remember if he smoked; does not remember habit of pulling ear
Dress	When wearing slacks, wore belt and slacks
	belt worn low

On April 19, 1968 Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] contacted the following employees and proprietors of restaurants and bars on Old Galveston Road north from Webster to South Houston:

CECIL RAMSEY, Goliad Bar  
7722 Old Galveston Road

Mrs. W. MULDER, Mulder's Courts,  
7806 Old Galveston Road

Mrs. BEATRICE PAIGE, Ellington Motel  
7822 Old Galveston Road

RICHARD GALIMBO, WW Rance Bar,  
9002 Old Galveston Road

BARBARA FRENCH, Eunice's  
9136 Old Galveston Road

NEILSON BLAND, Singing Wheel,  
603 N. Commerce (Webster)

JEAN BRADFORD, Five B's Cafe,  
16516 Old Galveston Road

JIMMY STUBBS, Lone Star Beer Salesman,  
Pasadena

NELL KAMPER, Coconut Grove Lounge  
9322 Old Galveston Road

Shangri-La Inn, NINA ESPEANSE  
9410 Old Galveston Road

S.L. HARLOW, Hollywood Inn  
10638 Old Galveston Road

FAYE ETZEL, Roy's Tune-Up,  
10010 Old Galveston Road

The following investigation was conducted by SAs  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 19, 1968:

Mr. M.L. CASSIDY, Proprietor, League City Bar,  
Old Galveston Road, League City, Texas, advised he had not  
known of a female named "LOU" working at this bar in recent  
years and that photographs of ERIC GALT was unfamiliar to  
him.

MARGARET MOORE, Manager, Diamond Apartments, 628  
Highway 3; Mariner Apartments, 1100 E. Main; Todd-Diamond  
Duplexes, 7th and Danna Streets, all League City, Texas,  
advised after viewing photograph and description of ERIC  
GALT that GALT was unknown to her.

Mrs. JULIUS LOOSIER, Hacienda Cafe, 3817 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas, advised one LUCILLE G. MERKA who was more commonly referred to as "LU" worked as a waitress at this cafe for about two months, terminating about September 4, 1965. LU was a white female, age about 40-43, 5'6", dark hair, slender build. She was married to one LUM HOLLAN or HALLAN of Dickinson for awhile prior to her death from cancer in a hospital about one and one half to two years ago in Beaumont, Texas. Mrs. LOOSIER was unable to identify photograph of ERIC GALT as anyone she had known or seen before.

The following persons were contacted in efforts to locate and/or identify the unknown waitress described only as first name "LOU". Each of these persons reviewed subject's Wanted Flyer and each advised they could offer no information concerning "LOU" or subject.

L.B. WRIGHT, owner, Flintlock Inn,  
810 Nasa Boulevard

ELIANE HUDSON, Manager, Monterrey House,  
914 NASA Boulevard

D.W. ROBINSON, Manager  
BETTY COPELAND, Berger Town Restaurant  
No. 2, 918 NASA Boulevard

RAYMOND E. HANKAMER, JR., Manager,  
Holiday Inn Motel, 1300 NASA Boulevard

LESLEY C. BARCLAY, Manager, Sveden House  
Restaurant, Nassau Bay Shopping Village

BARRY FLEISHCHMANN, Manager, Nassau Bay  
Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. LOUISE CASEY, Waitress, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard was interviewed at the hotel. Mrs. CASEY furnished the following information concerning herself:

Mrs. CASEY advised that she was born LOUISE ANETTE BOLEENO, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. The following physical description was noted:

Height	4'11"
Weight	100 lbs.
Eyes	Green
Hair	Blond with reddish tint

Mrs. CASEY advised that she has been employed by the Nassau Bay Hotel as a waitress since May, 1965 and at no time has she dated anyone. Mrs. CASEY advised she has been married to RICHARD CASEY for 19 years and has a 17 year old son. She advised that subject's name and photograph were completely unfamiliar to her, with the exception of recent press coverage and that at no time has she ever taken dancing lessons. Mrs. CASEY advised she currently resides at [REDACTED] Kamah, Texas, and that her husband RICHARD is employed as [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Mrs. CASEY advised that during the spring and summer of 1967 she was employed full-time working evenings in the Club Seville at the Nassau Bay Hotel. Mrs. CASEY advised she has never been arrested and that the only time she has ever been fingerprinted was in 1951 or 1952 when she was employed as a part-time clerk at the Post Office in Buffalo, New York, during the Christmas season. She advised subsequently she and her husband have resided at Columbus, Ohio; Baltimore, Maryland; Granada Hills, California; and League City, Texas, prior to her present residence. She advised she and her husband moved to League City in February, 1965 and while at League City lived at the Diamond Apartments, 613 Texas Highway No. 3. Mrs. CASEY advised the only other waitress in the area that she knows whose first name could be LOU is Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE who is also employed as a waitress at the Nassau Bay Hotel.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

On April 19, 1968 BARRY FLEISCHMANN, Manager, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard, advised that he employs two waitresses whose first name is "LOU". He advised that Mrs. LOUISE CASEY is employed as a waitress in the hotel restaurant and Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE is employed in the hotel coffee shop.

Mrs. LOUISE CASEY was interviewed on April 19, 1968 and it was determined she is not identical with the (LOU) (Last Name Unknown) previously determined in this case. Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE was on a day off on April 19, 1968 and efforts to locate her at her home, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Kemah, Texas met with negative results.

the following investigation was conducted in this case at Dickinson, Texas by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on April 19, 1968:

Attempts to locate a waitress by the name of LOU (Last Name Unknown) were negative and photograph of subject was shown to all persons interviewed also with negative results. In the course of this investigation the following persons were contacted:

[REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff,  
Galveston County Sheriff's Office

[REDACTED] Galveston County Sheriff's  
Office

MARY WILD, Mary's Cafe

CARLO EMMETT, T&C Night Club and Motel

LAVON BOOTH, Colonial Rooms  
All 1967 room receipts were reviewed

E.R. COOK, owner, rooming house,  
4401 Gore

Mrs. PRESTON G. NORTHRUP, Northup Trailer  
Park, Highway 517

LUCILLE GRAHAM, Railroad Cafe

Mrs. JACKIE ROSS, Railroad Cafe

Four Seasons Beauty Salon, TINA VAN HOY

FRANK BOSTICK, Bostick Restaurant,  
Texas City, Texas

LINDA SKEPTER, Pete's Cafe  
LaMarque, Texas

Closed accounts, Security Savings and Loan and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Citizens State Bank, were checked for possible  
accounts of subject with negative results.

On April 23, 1968 BARRY FLEISHMAN, Resident Manager,  
Nassau Bay Hotel advised as follows:

Mrs. WALLACE has been employed by that hotel as  
a waitress for an extended period. She was not at work  
April 23, 1968. He described her as being in her middle  
or late 40s, married and has seven children. Her husband  
is an invalid. Mrs. WALLACE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is a quiet, stable and refined person

who is a dedicated housewife and mother with outside employment to support her family. [REDACTED]

On April 19, 1968 the following individuals were interviewed by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] and were exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as. All individuals interviewed advised after viewing photographs of RAY they had never seen him.

LOU KENNEDY, 1805 Wesley, Houston, Texas, employed as waitress at Denny's Restaurant, 3137 Southwest Freeway. White female, 5'2", medium build, hair brown with reddish tint, date of birth November 2, 1934, place of birth [REDACTED].

LOJ RAWZA, [REDACTED] Houston, Texas. Previous employment at Astoria Lounge, 1106 St. Emanuel, Houston. White female, 5'5", complexion medium, build medium, eyes brown, hair brown, date of birth [REDACTED], place of birth [REDACTED].

Mrs. ADA CAMARON, Manager, Larabee Apartments, 1914 Larabee Road

ALICE INTEGERMEIR, Assistant Manager  
King Kastle Restaurant, 5114 Nasa Road

R.L. FARMER, Manager, Ebb Tide Apartments, 4521 Nasa Road

J.F. PASCHALL, Manager, Dobbs House Restaurant, 1311 Nasa Road

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 19, 1968 on Nasa Highway 1. All bars, restaurants, and cafeterias on Nasa No. 1 were contacted to determine if the proprietors or employees of these establishments knew a waitress by the name of LOU, who is described as a white female, age 40, 5'4", brown hair with red tint. The following individuals were also contacted to determine if they had ever seen the individual known as ERIC STARVO GALT or JOHN WILLARD or LOWMYER. These individuals were unable to furnish any positive information.

LEON DYER  
JAMES H. ROSSER, proprietor  
1705 Second Street  
Seabrook, Texas

Paul's Cafeteria  
1913 NASA #1  
ELLEN PERRY, Waitress  
PAUL HAYES, Manager

Lake Side Seafood  
6031 NASA #1  
P.C. LARRYBEE, Proprietor

The Lake House  
5500 NASA #1  
Mrs. HAROLD LEHMAN, Assistant Manager

Clear Lake Motel  
5222 Nasa #1  
H.W. WHITE, Manager

Eric Restaurant  
5014 NASA #1  
ERIC WILLIAMS and JAMES BOLDS, proprietors

Pier 7 Diner  
4525 NASA #1  
EVELYN SMITH, Manager

The Landing Apartments  
4420 NASA Road #1  
ED RAY, Manager

Port of Call Apartments  
#1 Porifito Strip  
MARION PETERS, Manager

Ramada Inn Restaurant  
NASA Road #1  
V.LITTLE, Manager  
DIANA HANDS, Bookkeeper

On April 19, 1968 the following persons were contacted at their respective establishments by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in Seabrook, Texas with negative results. Wanted Flyer 442 dated April 17, 1968 was exhibited to these individuals and they were



questioned regarding subject's possible whereabouts in Seabrook during April, 1967 and their knowledge of a waitress named "LOU" who allegedly is from the Texas Gulf Coast area.

C.J. ESHLEMAN  
[REDACTED]

B.A. HEIMANN  
[REDACTED]

R.A. MILLER  
[REDACTED]

HARRY FRIEDMAN  
[REDACTED]

B.L. GUNDERSON  
[REDACTED]

ALICE JACKSON  
Bayview Apartments, Incorporated.  
1822 Todville Road

Todville Apartments  
905 Todville Road  
RICHARD E. PEACOCK

Wes Nuecke's Bar  
618 Todville Road

J.S. FOVILE  
[REDACTED]

RACHEL MC DOWELL's Restaurant  
Box 342-906 Todville Road

LEON DYER's Bar  
313 Todville Road

JOSEPH HACK's Beer Lounge  
~~112 11th Street~~

LEO MASTERS  
Pier 8 Market  
104 Houston Street

Regatta Inn  
Highway 146  
PHILLIP LONG

OSCAR SCHWARTZ  
Crossroads Coffee House  
1011 Meyer Street

A.L. WILCOX  
Chief, Seabrook Police Department

RALPH ANGELINO  
Fox and Hounds Club  
Highway 146

On April 19, 1968 the following persons were  
contacted at their respective establishments by SAs [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in Kemah, Texas with  
negative results:

[REDACTED] Kemah, Texas, Precinct 7  
[REDACTED] 2nd Street and Harris Street

BEN BLACKLEDGE, Mayor of Kemah  
Rocket Lounge, 610 2nd Street  
Bradford Apartments, 610 3rd Street

TIM HOMER  
JIMMIE WALKER's Edgewater Inn

JAMES COOPER  
Key Largo Restaurant

WESLEY VAN COURT  
Clear Creek Inn  
606 3rd Street

SYLVIA D. Motel  
Texas Avenue  
L.E. MARTIN

DONALD FRY  
Don's Place  
312 Texas

DON COURTS  
406 Texas

HAZEL CONFLIN  
Chatterbox  
401 Texas

Kemah Motel  
503 Kipp  
EDNA OLIVER

SAM ATLEDGE  
Halls Lounge  
701 Highway 146

STEVE ROBINSON  
Robinson's Restaurant

Del Mar Lounge  
601 2nd Street  
JAMES BREWSTER

Moonshot Cafe  
605 2nd Street  
I.P. DICKSON

Cabana Motel  
Kipp Street  
MARY CEDAR

Pirate's Cove  
609 2nd Street  
JACK CAMPBELL  
LOUIS WILSON

On April 26, 1968 information from the Baltimore Office, FBI, set forth results of the interview of SHIRLEY CARROLL who in 1967 had been employed by Itaska Dance Studio as a bookkeeper, League City, Texas. Miss CARROLL stated that she did not recognize photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, as being anyone whom she had ever met and specifically not anyone that she could associate with a person named JOHN WILLARD or in any way with a person who attended the Itaska Dance Studio at League City, Texas. She further stated that the name JOHN WILLARD was not familiar to her. She stated that she vaguely recalled an individual who appeared bashful [REDACTED] who had taken lessons at the Itaska Dance Studio but this individual was not a person named JOHN WILLARD and the person that she vaguely recalls does not in any way resemble ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 19, 1968 STEVE GERON, Manager, Home Entertainment, Inc. (record shop), 18091 Upper Bay Road, Nassau Bay, was exhibited photo and description of JAMES EARL

RAY. He was unable to identify this photo. He searched his records under the name and aliases of RAY and was unable to locate any record under these names. GERON explained that he had been manager only since January, 1968. Previous manager was DAVID WEINBRENER, now with Sterling Electronics.

On April 19, 1968, DAVID WEINBRENER, Salesman, Sterling Electronics, 4201 Southwest Freeway, was exhibited photo and description of subject and stated he could not identify this individual as having been a patron of Home Entertainment, Inc. during the time he was manager. WEINBRENER stated Home Entertainment, Inc. opened for business in Nassau Bay about June 7, 1967 under his management. He remained there as manager until the latter part of 1967.

Mrs. NORMA DRESZER, Clerk, and Mrs. JOYCE MURPHY, Owner, Melody Lane Music Shop, Clear Lake City Shopping Center, on April 19, 1968 were exhibited photo and description of subject and were unable to identify as a patron of this store. Name and aliases searched against records with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]:

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

On April 16, 1968 HENRY RODRIGUEZ, Assistant Manager, Arthur Murray School of Dancing, 809 N. Shoreline, advised this school of dancing was closed for some months, and reopened in December, 1967. He was unable to locate any record of a person attending this school under the surname GALT, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER or WILLARD.

On April 16, 1968 DAVE HOSKINS, operator, Dave Hoskins Dancing School, 4415 Gollihar, advised he has had no persons taking dancing lessons from him in the past four years, having surname GALT, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER or WILLARD.

It is noted the above two dancing schools are the only schools in Corpus Christi at which ballroom dancing is taught.

The following dance studios were contacted in Houston, Texas, by SA [REDACTED] on April 15, 1967, in an effort to determine if ERIC STARVO GALT had ever been on record as attending these schools:

1. Academy of Flamenco,  
5134 Richmond  
Mrs. BETTY GILBERSON

2. Vivian King Adams School  
5238 Palm Center,  
Mrs. VIVIAN KING ADAMS
3. Alexander Joy School  
3102 Beechamp  
Mrs. EVA MILLER
4. Allegro Ballet of Houston  
ELLA MAE HORN  
2707 Saye Road
5. Pat Herring Alston Dance Studiö  
3804 Broadway  
PAT HERRING ALSTON
6. Dance City U.S.A.  
5134 Richmond  
Mrs. BETTY GILBERSON
7. Mary Jo Dance Studio  
1734 West 34th Street  
MARY JO CARIVELLA
8. McDowell  
420 Little York Road  
BILLY MC DOWELL
9. Twin Dance Studio  
907 East Southmore  
MARY MC COWAN
10. Westbury Dance Studio  
10903 Chimney Rock  
KAREN MAINERD
11. Eleanor Eason Studiok  
824 Wakefield  
Mrs. EMONONE
12. Herzog Studio  
7909 Hillcroft  
Miss KERRY
13. Linkwood School of Ballet  
8827 Timberside  
Mrs. LUISA
14. London International  
5134 Richmond  
BETTY GILBERSON

15. Lobella School of Dancing  
8409 Winkler  
JEAN LOBELLA

16. Emmons  
1520 Foley  
Mrs. EMMONS

The results of these interviews were negative.

The following persons were contacted on April 15, 1968 and advised they had no records of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD as ever being students at their respective establishments:

EVELYN IRETON  
Jane Browning Dance Studio  
5415 South Braeswood

Mrs. W.L. GURGANUS  
Buddy & Tina's School  
of Dance  
8122 Ley Road

ROBERT H. CALVERT  
Calvert Ballroom Dance  
Instructors  
4114 Portsmouth

MIKE GOMEZ  
Lane Conway Dance Studio  
909 Marshall Street

Mrs. JAMES ALPHIN  
Cribo Dance Studio  
1022 Edgebrook

CLAIRE KOTCHY  
The Kotchy School of Dancing  
2010 Peden

RUDOLF KROELLER  
Rudolf Kroeller Dance Studio  
3419 Graustark

Mrs. PEGGY POUNDERS  
LeChateau DeBallet  
1105 Meyer

BETTY GILBERTSON  
Patsy Swayze School of Dancing  
5134 Richmond Avenue

Mrs. ELIZABETH SMITH  
Smith Dance Studios  
9121 Kenilworth

BETTY GILBERTSON  
Nancy Stevens Dance Club  
5134 Richmond Avenue

BETTY TAYLOR  
Betty Taylor School of Dance  
2527 Robinhood

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED]

The following were contacted on April 16, 1968  
with negative results as to anyone under the names of ERIC  
STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD:

CAROLYN EHMAN  
Carolyn Ehman Dancing Academy  
4116 Broadway  
Galveston, Texas

MARY GABRILES  
Gabriles School of Dancing  
1920 45th Street  
Galveston, Texas

MYRTLE GRIEGO  
Griego School of Dancing  
1506 39th Street  
Galveston, Texas

ISABEL MC KENNA  
McKenna School of Dancing  
4602 Avenue S  
Galveston, Texas

MARC LIGON  
Marc Ligon School of Ballet  
920 8th Avenue North  
Texas City, Texas

MARION GARNER KING  
Marion Garner Studio of Dance  
402 8th Avenue North  
Texas City, Texas

ITASKA WEINSTEIN  
Itaska School of Dance  
Highway #3  
League City, Texas

On April 17, 1968 Mrs. JANE S. LEE, owner, Lee Jan School of Dance, 208 N. Coulter, Bryan, Texas, advised there is no dance studio catering to adults in the local area or for that matter in any of the towns within the College Station Resident Agency territory.

The following dance studios were contacted by SA [REDACTED] on April 15, 1968 and furnished a description of subject and names GALT, LOWMYER and WILLARD and all advised that they had never had anyone by that name take dance lessons at their studio.

Arthur Murray Dance Studio  
1945 West Gray  
BEA DE MARCO

Asbury School of Dancing  
2819 Hillcroft  
HUGH F. ASBURY

Fred Astaire Dance  
5734 Richmond  
BETTY GILBERTSON

Ballet of Houston  
3416 Louisiana  
THELMA SEMENONA

Emma Mae Horn Dance Studio  
2707 Sage Road  
Houston  
EMMA MAE HORN

Houston Get Acquainted Dance Club  
5134 Richmond  
BETTY GILBERTSON

Joy's School of Dance  
3102 Beauchamp  
Mrs. CHARLES FRENCH

Vivian King Dance Studio  
5283 Palm Center  
VIVIAN KING ADAMS



Niland School of Dance  
7150 Bellfort  
MARY NILAND

HALLY R. PRICHARD School of Dance  
HALLY PRICHARD

PRICHARD stated 15 years ago they had a TOMMY  
GALTS who is a long-time Houston resident.

Barbara Lee Rankin Ballet  
2010 Peden  
CLARA KOTCHETOUSKY

Taylor Dance Art Studio  
1616 Gessner  
DON TAYLOR

Vergie Lee Dance Studio  
1520 Foley  
ETHEL EMMONS

The Wiekert School  
3706 Colgate  
AILEEN LANGERMAN

Whitney School of Dance  
DERIDRE WHITNEY

Stevens of Hollywood  
Westheimer  
LAD STEVENS

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

On April 19, 1968 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Webster Police  
Department, advised that they checked their records under  
the names GALT, WILLARD and LOWMYER and could find no one  
having been arrested by the Webster Police Department.  
[REDACTED] advised that they have only one rooming house in  
Webster, and that is Mrs. LUCILLE ADLER's rooming house.  
He also advised that there are no restaurants or bars off the  
main highway passing through Webster.

Mrs. LUCILLE ADLER, 305 Houston Street, was exhibited photograph of subject and furnished the three aliases of subject, and advised she has never rented to anyone by that name.

The following individuals were contacted at League City, Texas, furnished aliases, description and exhibited photo of subject, and all advised that they had never seen him or heard of his name. All were asked about a waitress by the name of LOU and none could furnish any information as to her.

City Water Department  
Mrs. W.B. HALEY

Mrs. H.W. HEWITT  
1014 East Main  
Rooming House

The League City Police Department  
[REDACTED]

Dorothy's Kuntry Kitchen  
DOROTHY SMITH

FRANK LUTRETE  
[REDACTED]

Mr. W.L. RIGSBY  
[REDACTED]

Mrs. LOUIS DAMMERNHAYNE  
[REDACTED]

FAYE GUBERT  
[REDACTED]

WAYNE MILES  
[REDACTED]

JOHN CHIRARDI  
[REDACTED]

Mrs. J.C. KNIGHT  
[REDACTED]

F.H. FERGUSON  
[REDACTED]

C.B. MANLEY  
[REDACTED]

HENRY ANDERSON  
Chart Room

Mrs. LEE BLACK  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised  
[REDACTED] ELEAN LUCRETIAN GALT at 223 Maple, Kemah,  
Texas on March 29, 1968 [REDACTED]

On April 19, 1968 SAs [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED] interviewed ELEAN L. GALT and she advised that  
she is employed by [REDACTED] at  
Seabrook, Texas. She has never known anyone fitting suspect's  
description. She advised that she is from Harlingen, Texas  
and her father's name is JOHN GALT who she said has been  
already contacted by the FBI.

On April 19, 1968 ITASKA WEINSTEIN was recontacted  
and at that time she stated that she now recalled that a  
man named JAMES ELLIS also took dancing lessons from her  
during the period that JOHN WILLARD, another one of her  
students, was taking lessons. Mrs. WEINSTEIN was unable to  
recall if WILLARD and ELLIS had ever met. She definitely  
recalls that they did not at any time ever take lessons from  
her at the same time. Mrs. WEINSTEIN stated that as a matter  
of fact she now is unable to definitely state that the pre-  
vious information she had furnished regarding JOHN WILLARD is correct and  
is perhaps descriptive data pertaining to JAMES ELLIS. She  
stated to the best of her recollection ELLIS is employed at  
NASA and resides at either League City or Webster.

Mrs. WEINSTEIN also said that her clientele is  
almost complete children to whom she teaches ballet  
type dancing. She stated that she dislikes giving ballroom  
dancing lessons and the only ones she could recall having  
taken ballroom lessons were JAMES ELLIS and JOHN WILLARD.

On April 19, 1968 JAMES M. ELLIS was interviewed  
at the NASA Security Office and he advised as follows:

JAMES ELLIS resides at [REDACTED] League City. He was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. He is employed as [REDACTED] NASA. He has been employed at NASA since August 24, 1966. ELLIS stated that he commenced dancing lessons at Itaska Dance Studio, League City, in the spring approximately March or April and continued them through approximately September, 1967. He was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY; however, none were identifiable to him as anyone whom he had ever seen or had known at any time. He stated that he does not know or recall the name of JOHN WILLARD as a person he knew nor was he aware of a person by this name who was taking dance lessons from ITASKA WEINSTEIN at the Itaska Dance Studio during the spring of 1967.

ELLIS stated that he usually took his dancing lessons at the Itaska Dance Studio at approximately 6:00 PM in the evening. He stated that he usually left his employment, went to his apartment where he cleaned up, changed clothes and then went to the dance studio. He stated that during the period that he was taking dancing lessons he did date a girl who was a waitress whose name was ROSE. He recalled that he had mentioned to ITASKA WEINSTEIN that he had quit dating ROSE because she worked a late shift and expected him, ELLIS, to drop by and pick her up when she completed work. He said that this became a difficulty in that he had to get up in the morning at an early hour to get to work and he did not think she was worth it.

Records of the NASA Security Division, checked April 19, 1968 reflect that JAMES M. ELLIS was issued a Manned Spacecraft Center (MSC) decal No. [REDACTED] on August 24, 1966. His car is described as a 1959 Chevrolet Biscayne, white over gray, Alabama license [REDACTED]. His occupation was shown to be that of a [REDACTED] NASA. He was described in these records as 6'2", 160 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes.

[REDACTED] NASA, made available records of all temporary badge permits from the period March, 1967 to date. Also made available were temporary vehicle passes from the period of March through May, 1967. A review of these records failed to reflect any registration for JAMES EARL RAY, aka.

On April 22, 1968 [REDACTED], NASA, made available records of all contractors and sub-contractors who have during the year 1967 and

1968 worked on NASA projects. A review of the payroll records maintained by the Procurement Division, of all employees working for prime and sub-contractors, failed to reflect the name of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

3. Bartender's School Records  
Houston, Texas

On April 17, 1968 DON HOWE, Manager, Bartending School of Houston, 3619 Fannin, advised his records from 1966 to the present date contain no reference to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

4. Alleged Employment at Ingall's Ship Yard  
Pascagoula, Mississippi

ERIC STARVO GALT allegedly claimed employment in 1967 at the Ingall's Ship Yard, Pascagoula, Mississippi. An employment record was located for one INEZ COWART GALT for the period 1944 at Ingall's Ship Yard. A subsequent address for GALT was at Houston, Texas.

On April 20, 1968 records of Hughes Tool Company, Houston, Texas were reviewed and information obtained reflecting that INEZ COWART GALT was employed by that company in 1945. The address for GALT as of 1945 was [REDACTED] Houston, Texas.

MARY RICE, Manager, Oak Court Apartments, 2501 Galveston Road, stated that she had been the manager of these apartments since 1961 and has no records as to tenants for any time prior to 1961. She stated that INEZ COWART GALT is unknown to her and that name along with the name ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, is not contained with her records.

Mr. HASTING MEADOWS, 606 Dell Court, Houston, Texas, owner of Oak Court Apartments, since 1960, advised that the name INEZ COWART GALT and ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, are unknown to him and he has no records for these apartments prior to 1960. MEADOWS advised that the Oak Court Apartments prior to his purchase of them had several owners, the identities of which are unknown to him at this time. He stated that it is highly improbable that any records are available dating back to 1945. Houston street, city, telephone directories, police department, sheriff's office records and credit bureau records contained no identifiable information for the name INEZ COWART GALT.

5 [REDACTED]

On April 17, 1968 the FBI at Birmingham received information that a person named [REDACTED] may have known a person who fits the description of the artist conception of the logical suspect in this investigation. [REDACTED] was described as a member of the Seafarers International Union working on ships out of Houston, Texas owned by the American Bulk Carriers, New York, New York. According to information received by Birmingham, [REDACTED] allegedly brought an individual to a motel in Birmingham who used the name of SHAW GALT (phonetic). This occurred in September, 1967.

On April 18, 1968 [REDACTED] was interviewed aboard the vessel "The Hudson", an oil tanker directed to be docked at the Humble Docks, Baytown, Texas. [REDACTED] was shown photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, and [REDACTED] stated that these photographs are not familiar or identifiable by him as being anyone whom he, [REDACTED] has ever known. He, [REDACTED], said that the last time he was in Birmingham, Alabama was in March, 1966 and that at that time he stayed at a rundown motel on the road towards Mobile, Alabama. He stated that the name SHAW GALT is completely unfamiliar to him. He stated the only person he could recall knowing that he could consider as having come from Birmingham was a girl he can recall only as [REDACTED] whom he met in Houston. He stated he dated her when he came to port at Houston. He recalled that [REDACTED] had a family in Birmingham. [REDACTED] advised that the fact that he was not in Birmingham in September, 1967 could be verified through records of the Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. through his, [REDACTED] Z Number, [REDACTED]

Information received by the FBI, Phoenix, April 21, 1968 was furnished by [REDACTED] alleging that JAMES EARL RAY was seen by [REDACTED] during the summer of 1967 in an unrecalled city in Missouri. Information furnished by [REDACTED] noted that at that time [REDACTED] was a truck driver for the [REDACTED] and had with him a co-truck driver named [REDACTED]

On April 22, 1968 [REDACTED] truck driver for [REDACTED] Elm Springs, Arkansas was interviewed and advised as follows: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

\_\_\_\_\_ were on a cross country haul for \_\_\_\_\_ enroute to the West Coast. At Lebanon, Missouri while \_\_\_\_\_ was driving their truck was stopped by law enforcement officers. \_\_\_\_\_ was charged and arrested for drunk driving. \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of the arrest had been asleep in the truck bunk and was not charged by the arresting officer. He was not taken into custody. \_\_\_\_\_ said that he remained in the truck that evening sleeping until the next morning and then because he was left without a driver to assist in the cross country run he turned the truck around and returned to the point of origin. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he has not seen \_\_\_\_\_ since the time of \_\_\_\_\_ arrest when he was taken into custody. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he later heard from now unrecalled sources that \_\_\_\_\_ had been fined \$100 for drunk driving and had attempted to contact \_\_\_\_\_ for money to pay the fine. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, were displayed to \_\_\_\_\_ and he advised that the photographs were not familiar or recognizable to him as being identifiable with anyone whom he, \_\_\_\_\_ has ever known.

6. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in 1965 alleged that he had been approached by an individual on February 25, 1965 and asked to kill the President (of the United States) and MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On April 30, 1968 \_\_\_\_\_, Beaumont Police Department, advised their records reflect \_\_\_\_\_ was last handled at Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas on \_\_\_\_\_ when he was sentenced to \_\_\_\_\_ Texas Prison System, Huntsville, Texas Unit, Department of Public Safety No. \_\_\_\_\_

A check of Texas Department of Correction records, Huntsville, Texas May 1, 1968 reflect that \_\_\_\_\_ was released from detention, \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of returning to Kansas City, Missouri to seek employment. These records reflect that \_\_\_\_\_ admitted being committed at least three times for mental observation at Austin, Texas prior to confinement. In addition these records reflect that he had admitted from 1946 to 1958 he was unable to remember anything due to his mental illness caused by acute alcoholism.

Records of the Texas State Mental Hospital reflected that [REDACTED] had a sister named [REDACTED] allegedly residing at [REDACTED] Houston. A check of the following records failed to reflect any information for [REDACTED]

Houston City Directory  
Houston Cross Reference  
Houston Telephone Directory  
Houston Credit Bureau  
Harris County Sheriff's Office  
Houston Police Department

An effort to locate [REDACTED] revealed that the address is non-existent. There is in Houston a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], however, there is no address of an [REDACTED] on either street.

On May 9, 1968 [REDACTED] Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) Huntsville, Texas, advised as follows:

On March 25, 1965 [REDACTED] received a [REDACTED] sentence at TDC. His minimum discharge date was [REDACTED] lost no time and caused no trouble. On [REDACTED] in view of his good behavior, he was transferred to the Texas Department of Corrections Pre-Release Unit, Huntsville and was given a trustee status. As such he picked up another month which accounts for his release on [REDACTED] On [REDACTED] was discharged from the TDC with no parole involved. TDC records contain no subsequent information regarding [REDACTED]

#### 7. Labor Union Checks

The following labor unions were contacted and checked for any information identifiable with a member named JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:

[REDACTED] Seafarers International Union  
of North America

International Association of Fire Fighters

International Association of Machinists, Local  
15, [REDACTED]

International Association of Machinists,  
District Office



International Brotherhood of Pulp-Sulphite  
and Paper Mill Workers

International Organization of Masters Mates  
and Pilots-Local 20

International Union of District 50 - United  
Mine Workers of America

International Union of Operating Engineers,

Iron Workers Union Local 84

Laborers International Union Local 18

Lathers Local Union 224

Lithographers and Photoengravers International  
Union Local 265

Millwright's Local Union, 2232

Movie Operators Union Local 279,

National Maritime Union

Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers International  
Union, Locals 4-227, 4-367

Painters Local Union 130,

Pile Drivers and Marine Diving Local Union 2079

, Asbestor Workers  
Local No. 22, 6001 Gulf Freeway

Boiler Makers Union  
No. 74, 8303 Leander

Boiler Makers Union  
Local No. 469, 3506 Harrisburg

Brewery Workers  
Union Local No. 111, South Coast Building

Bricklayers Union No. 7, 2017 Clay

[REDACTED]  
Carpenters and Joiners Unions of  
America, 1800 McGowen

[REDACTED]  
Carpet and Linoleum Layers Local No. 1863,  
1705 Bell

[REDACTED]  
Cement Masons Local No. 681  
3130 North Freeway

[REDACTED], Electrical Workers  
Union No. 66, 2506 Sutherland

[REDACTED] Communications  
Workers of America Local No. 6222,  
1520 Pease

Electrical Workers Union, 2501 Crawford  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Teamsters Local 968,  
626 E. 4½ Street

[REDACTED] Houston Building and  
Construction Trades, 2704 Sutherland

[REDACTED] Houston Building and  
Construction Trades, 2704 Sutherland

[REDACTED] IATSE Local 615,  
615 Louisiana

ILA Locals 872, 1231, 1272, 1271, 1273  
1330, 1331, 1525, 1727, 1581 and 1351  
[REDACTED]

AFL-CIO. [REDACTED], 2404 Sutherland

United Steel Workers of America, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

AF of L Local 26, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sheet Metal Workers Local 54

[REDACTED] Sales Drivers Local Union No. 949

[REDACTED] Roofers and Waterproofers and  
Pipe Wrappers Local 116

[REDACTED] AF of L-CIO Local 455

[REDACTED] Pipe Fitters Local 211

Information developed by the FBI determined that ERIC STARVO GALT stayed alone at the Hotel Rio, Room 212, Merelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico during the period October 19 to November 6, 1967 and from November 7 until November 13, 1967 at the Hotel Tropicana. One of the U.S. residents who was visiting at the Hotel Rio during the time that GALT resided at this hotel was Mr. and Mrs. LU (MARY E) SCHRADER, [REDACTED], LaPorte, Texas. Another was Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR; and Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, [REDACTED] Galveston, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On May 1, 1968 Mrs MARY E. SCHRADER, [REDACTED] LaPorte, Texas advised that she and her husband stayed at the Hotel Rio in Room 206, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico for about four or five days in late October, 1967. She stated she did not recall anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or other aliases of this name staying there at the same time. She was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone that she had seen during her stay in Mexico.

On May 1, 1968 LEWIS R. SCHRADER, [REDACTED] LaPorte, Texas was interviewed at his place of employment, [REDACTED] where he is a [REDACTED] employed on the [REDACTED] San Leon, Texas. Mr. SCHRADER stated that he and his wife were on a vacation trip during late October, 1967 and stayed at the Hotel Rio (room unrecalled) Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico. He stated he did not recall anyone staying there at the time by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone he had seen.

The following investigation was conducted at Houston, Texas on May 1, 1968 by SA [REDACTED]

Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, [REDACTED] advised she stayed at the Hotel Rio in Puerto Vallarta,

Mexico, sometime in about October, 1967 for a period of about four or five days. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR. Shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and told that he may have used the name of ERIC GALT, she stated she does not recall that she noticed this person at the Hotel Rio or elsewhere during her visit to Mexico. She does not recall her room number in this hotel and does not believe she held any conversation with GALT.

She stated also her sister lives in Houston, Texas at [REDACTED] and is employed in [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]

Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR., [REDACTED] Houston, Texas advised that during her trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in October, 1967 when she was accompanied by her sister, VIVIAN FRIEDBERG she can recall no male who looked like the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt. It is her recollection most of the residents at Hotel Rio were elderly people and not fit the description of RAY, also known as Galt. She was unable to recall the number of the room at the Hotel Rio in which they stayed.

8. Telephone Calls From Pay Telephones  
December 15 - 17, 1967 Along Inter-  
State Highway 10, Texas

CHARLES STEIN when interviewed by agents of the FBI at Los Angeles in April, 1968 alleged that while traveling by automobile in the company of JAMES EARL RAY from Los Angeles to New Orleans in mid-December, 1967 RAY made approximately six telephone calls most of which were made while traveling through Texas. He recalled that one call may have been completed as STEIN had to wait for quite a while for RAY to return to the car. In the other instances RAY was gone for such a short period of time from the car that STEIN was of the opinion that the calls were not completed. STEIN was unable to recall the exact location from which RAY made the alleged completed phone call, but he was of the opinion that it was in the area "just west of Houston" at a service station type establishment just off of U.S. Interstate Highway 10. The call was made at night, from a phone booth located on an access road paralleling the freeway near a liquor store and gas station at a point where the freeway is eight lanes wide with a fence separating

the freeway from the access road; STEIN further defined the time of the call as at approximately 9:00 PM on December 16, 1967 and was probably made to New Orleans, Louisiana.

[REDACTED]

LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN had arrived at Houston at 4:15 PM, April 25, 1968.

LOMAX is a controversial TV personality from the Los Angeles area who had his own TV show until March, 1968. He has also authored a book entitled "The Negro Revolt".

LOMAX and STEIN, [REDACTED] searched the area west of Houston in an attempt to locate the phone booth from which JAMES EARL RAY allegedly made a call on the evening of December 16, 1967 and the search was unsuccessful. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] described STEIN as being extremely vague and not at all sure of the area where the call was allegedly made.

[REDACTED] the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA) has been trying to get in touch with LOMAX on April 26, 1968 for the purpose of writing a story on April 26, 1968 about STEIN's trip from Los Angeles to New Orleans with RAY.

[REDACTED] thought NANA was controlled by columnist DREW PEARSON.

[REDACTED] LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN at San Antonio at 4:30 PM on April 26, 1968. They intended to rent a car in San Antonio and indicated [REDACTED] that they would turn the car in at San Antonio when through.

[REDACTED] LOMAX and STEIN appeared to be "lost" as far as their operation is concerned. [REDACTED] STEIN is taking LOMAX "for a ride". [REDACTED] learned from comments made by STEIN that STEIN had slept most of the way on the December cross-country trip, California to Louisiana when he accompanied RAY.

On April 28, 1968 HUGH AINSWORTH, Newsweek correspondent, Houston, Texas, contacted Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Houston, and advised that LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN had identified a coin telephone located at an Enco Station, Route 90, Uvalde, Texas as one allegedly used by JAMES EARL RAY to make a telephone call to New Orleans between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM, December 16, 1967. The telephone number was identified as being BR 8-9048. AINSWORTH requested that toll calls from this telephone be checked by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to determine if any calls had been made to the New Orleans area on December 16, 1967. AINSWORTH requested that he be advised of the result of this check.

On April 26, 1968 a subpoena was issued for the records of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Houston, Texas to be made available before the Grand Jury, Laredo, Texas on May 20, 1968. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company made available their records, period December 15 - 17, 1967 for all coin operated telephones along Highway 90, U.S. Interstate Ten. Subsequent to a review of these records by agents of the FBI, a representative of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was advised that the subpoena had been complied with and records need not be furnished on May 20, 1968.

On the basis of the aforementioned review of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records the following data was obtained:

Telephone calls, Houston Division, December 15-17, 1967 emanating from pay telephones along Interstate Highway 10 to:

New Orleans Division	380
Indianapolis	1
Kansas City	1
Little Rock	5
Los Angeles	16
Mobile	4
Oklahoma City	9
San Francisco	3
San Diego	4

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Denver	1
Louisville	1
Memphis	4
Miami	1
New York	2
Norfolk	1
Omaha	1
Philadelphia	2
Sacramento	1
Seattle	1
Springfield	3
St. Louis	1
Tampa	1
Atlanta	1
Albuquerque	2
Boston	2
Charlotte	2
Chicago	3
Cincinnati	3
Detroit	1
Cleveland	3
El Paso	3
Jackson.	6
Jacksonville	2
Las Vegas	1

Dallas	59
San Antonio	46
Phoenix	1
Houston	391
Total	<u>969</u>

All of the above field divisions were furnished the telephone number called in their division, date called and number and place from which call emanated.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 25, 1968 at Houston, Texas.

JERRY F. MC PHERSON, Manager, Holiday Inn, 9799 Katy, reviewed records for the period December 14-20, 1967; D.J. GRAVINK, Manager, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 7953 Katy, reviewed records for the entire year 1967; LOWELL MASON, Assistant Manager, Cactus Court, 7631 Katy, records for December, 1967. Each advised no record of CHARLES STEIN or of JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases as occupants of motel unit during respective periods indicated.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 25, 1968 at Houston, Texas.

Registration records of the following motels along Katy Freeway west (I.S. 10) were reviewed through the following persons for the period December 16-18, 1967 for CHARLES STEIN and/or JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases. No record was located:

Field Inn  
TED DEMETRE, Manager  
9821 Katy Freeway

Yupon Motel  
Mrs. NORA WILSIE, Manager  
8615 Katy Freeway

Western Skies Motel  
DAVID PEERY, Manager  
7809 Katy Freeway



Robinhood Motor Lodge  
ROSE PATTON, Assistant Manager  
7611 Katy Freeway

9. Associates of JAMES EARL RAY

Information developed by the Kansas City Office, FBI determined that [REDACTED] had been closely associated in Missouri State Penitentiary with JAMES EARL RAY while RAY was incarcerated at that institution until his escape April 23, 1967.

On April 25, 1967 [REDACTED] also interviewed at [REDACTED] Houston, Texas. [REDACTED] advised as follows:

He and JAMES EARL RAY had been inmates at Missouri State Penitentiary for about five years. [REDACTED] RAY had handled minor narcotics while in prison in order to get money for commissary items. [REDACTED] stated that he had never known RAY to be a user of hard narcotics. [REDACTED] has three brothers, [REDACTED] Segoville, Texas who also was a friend of RAY and who had served time with RAY at Missouri State Penitentiary; [REDACTED] address unknown, Dallas, Texas; and [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas and who has never been arrested.

[REDACTED] advised that he arrived at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that while enroute to [REDACTED] he was lodged in Oklahoma City for one night where he mailed a postcard to [REDACTED] an inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary.

[REDACTED] advised that his ex-wife [REDACTED] possibly resides in the Houston area but he has not seen her for several years and does not know where she could be located.

[REDACTED] stated that JAMES EARL RAY had very few friends while in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He described RAY as being "very deadly". He stated that RAY was not a loud rabble rousing type individual and that RAY never expressed any hatred for the Negro race but if anyone wronged him in any way RAY would immediately contrive means to get even. [REDACTED] stated that he was a [REDACTED] while at Missouri State Penitentiary and that RAY worked [REDACTED]

as a slicer in the bread room. [REDACTED] advised that RAY on two occasions, once in 1962 and again in 1965 attempted to escape from Missouri State Penitentiary but in each case he was unsuccessful. In one instance the ladder broke and in the other instance the rope which he was using failed to support him and he fell and fractured his arm. After serving time in solitary RAY was again returned to the bread room.

[REDACTED] stated that RAY had mentioned to him that he, RAY, had a brother in St. Louis and that he, RAY, was from St. Louis. [REDACTED] advised that he did not know the names of RAY's brother or where he could be located. When questioned about the escape route utilized by RAY in 1967 [REDACTED] advised he would not divulge this escape route as the route is still good and could be used by other prisoners. [REDACTED] advised that he hated the warden at Missouri State Penitentiary and hoped that he was receiving considerable "heat" as a result of RAY's escape. Regarding the escape of RAY, [REDACTED] stated that it would have been the "smart thing to do" to have an outside man waiting to assist RAY in leaving the territory. [REDACTED] would not admit that he knew of any outside man so assisting RAY in his escape. [REDACTED] did not state whether or not RAY had had any inside help in his escape.

[REDACTED] advised that in 1963 or 1964 RAY had a nervous breakdown while at Missouri State Penitentiary and RAY developed a bad stomach which necessitated RAY eating special feeds. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated RAY was partial to eggs. He recalled that while at Missouri State Penitentiary RAY quit smoking probably because of his stomach ailment. He recalled too that RAY enjoyed tinkering with mechanical things and that RAY had built an air conditioner out of spare parts for RAY's jail cell. RAY was also handy in the repair of radios, parts for which he would obtain from the penitentiary machine shop. [REDACTED] stated that he did not believe that RAY would go to Mexico or leave the country and he stated that he hoped that RAY would never be caught. [REDACTED] stated he would in no way render assistance that would aid in the capture of RAY and he would furnish no further information regarding RAY.

[REDACTED], nee [REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED] Houston, no telephone, interviewed on April 26, 1968 and furnished the following information:

She was married to [REDACTED] for approximately two years in 1960 and 1961. When he was arrested and returned to Missouri in [REDACTED] she came to Houston and has not seen [REDACTED] since that time. She last contacted him on April 19, 1962 advising him of the birth of their daughter. She has divorced [REDACTED] and has not corresponded with him since that date. Subject RAY is unknown to her and she has not been contacted by any of [REDACTED] associates during the past six years. She stated [REDACTED] does not know her exact address and could not locate her himself.

The only relative of [REDACTED] who subject RAY might contact would be brother [REDACTED], Dallas, Texas. She does not know the whereabouts of [REDACTED] relatives and never was closely associated with them.

10. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Houston, Texas when interviewed on April 26, 1968 advised that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name or photograph. [REDACTED] had been incarcerated at Missouri State Penitentiary from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. He was released in [REDACTED] and had come to Houston from St. Louis, Missouri in approximately November, 1967. [REDACTED] also stated that the name [REDACTED] was also unknown to him.

Information was received by the FBI, Birmingham, that ERIC STARVO GALT had once indicated that he had been employed as a barge working out of St. Louis, Missouri between that city and New Orleans, Louisiana.

On April 11, 1968 COURTNEY ALLEN, Vice President, Sioux City and New Orleans Barge Lines, Houston, Texas advised records of that company, 1953 to date, contained no employment record for an ERIC STARVO GALT.

11. Check of Ship Departures, Houston Division

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

[REDACTED] U.S. Customs, Oil Industries Building, advised as follows: His agency receives a list of crew members and passengers of all U.S. vessels departing from Corpus Christi and vicinity direct for foreign ports. Since April 3, 1968 there has been only one such departure, a Marine Sea Transport Service vessel. [REDACTED] checked the list of crew members and passengers and advised it did not contain the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD or any logical variations of these names.

On April 11, 1968 [REDACTED] U.S. Customs, advised her files reflected no American vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968. She stated several foreign vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968 but her files would not contain the crew and passenger lists as these are maintained by the agency that handles these vessels. She furnished the following list of foreign vessels that have sailed since April 4, 1968 together with the agencies that handled these vessels:

"TRADE CARRIER"  
Gulf Motorship, Inc.  
Texas Building  
Galveston, Texas

"MANBAJDO"  
Texas Transport & Terminal  
U.S. National Bank Building  
Galveston, Texas

"MANILA MARU"  
Dalton Steamship Corporation  
U.S. National Bank Building  
Galveston, Texas

"ILICE"  
Strachen Shipping Co.  
U.S. National Bank Building  
Galveston, Texas

"NEW YORK MARU"  
Dalton Steamship Corporation  
U.S. National Bank Building  
Galveston, Texas

"HONNOR"

Texas Transport and Terminal  
U.S. National Bank Building  
Galveston, Texas

"BOLIVA MARU"

Kerr Steamship Company  
Cotton Exchange Building  
Galveston, Texas

"NORSLAND"

Hansen and Tideman  
Cotton Exchange Building  
Galveston, Texas

The above listed agencies were contacted on April 11, 1968 and their crew and passenger lists were reviewed with negative results as to anyone by the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

[REDACTED] Supervisory Customs Maritime Officer, Houston, Texas advised on April 11, 1968 that five ships of American registry sailed from the Port of Houston during the period April 4-11, 1968, all going foreign direct. Crew and passenger lists contained no name identifiable with GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD. By law there is no coastwise passenger service from Houston or any other Texas port.

[REDACTED] U.S. Customs, Beaumont, Texas and [REDACTED], U.S. Customs, Port Arthur, Texas, April 11, 1968, were contacted and advised as follows:

A check of all departing ships, U.S. registry, April 4-10, 1968 failed to reflect the names of GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD as either crewmen or passengers.

12. Airline Checks

On April 5, 1968, DAVID MAC DONALD, Ticket Supervisor, National Airlines, Houston, advised that National Airlines and American Airlines were the only carriers flying a direct route from Houston to San Francisco. Mr. MAC DONALD was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the National Airlines, Houston to San Francisco passenger manifesto for April 5, 1968.

On April 5, 1968 JOSEPH CUTLIP, Reservations Salesman, American Airlines, Houston, was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the American Airlines, Houston to San Francisco or Dallas to San Francisco passenger Manifesto for April 5, 1968.

On April 23, 1968 the following stops were reset and the most current Wanted Flyer No. 405 942 G regarding JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, along with his IO, were furnished to the following:

Braniff Airlines  
JOHN HARE, Agent in Charge

KLM  
Ursula Plumbee, Station Agent

Pan Am  
LEE ROJAS, Airport Customer Service Manager

Aeronaves de Mexico  
ALBERTO ROJAS, Manager

The above comprise those airlines that furnish international transportation from Houston International Airport.

13. Criminal, Credit, Street and Telephone  
Directory Checks on All Known Names  
for James Earl Ray

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On April 11, 1968 the following individuals advised their files contained no record concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER:

[REDACTED]  
Credit Bureau of Greater Houston

[REDACTED]  
Records Division  
Houston Police Department

[REDACTED]  
Identification Division  
Houston Police Department

[REDACTED]  
Identification Division  
Harris County Sheriff's Office

[REDACTED]  
Voter Registration Section  
Harris County Tax Office  
Houston, Texas

A review of the Houston telephone and city directories reflects no listing of an individual by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

Houston indices negative concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 10, 1968 the following persons checked their respective records under the names ERIC STARVO GALT and LOWMEYER and LOWMYER and advised they were unable to locate any record under any of these names:

[REDACTED] Retail Merchants Association

[REDACTED], Identification Officer,  
Nueces County Sheriff's Office

[REDACTED] Identification Officer,  
Corpus Christi Police Department

[REDACTED]  
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In addition, the current Southwestern Bell Telephone Company directory for Corpus Christi and the Corpus Christi City Directories for the years 1960 through 1967 were checked under these names, but no listing was located.

On April 10, 1968, [REDACTED], Auto License Department, office of Assessor and Collector of Taxes, advised that auto licenses in Nueces County are listed by license number only and not by name of the person to whom issued. Accordingly, there is no manner in which it can be ascertained if a particular person has an automobile license issued in this county.

On April 10, 1968, [REDACTED] Voter Registration, Tax Collector's Office, advised as follows: Voter registration lists for Nueces County are maintained by alphabetical lists for each of the 106 precincts. Without knowing the address of a particular person, it would be necessary to check each precinct list to ascertain if the person has registered to vote. The voter registration lists are not presently available for examination in view of the fact they are being cross-checked and verified in connection with the approaching primary election.

On April 10, 1968, [REDACTED] Driver's License Division, Texas Department of Public Safety, 1402 S. Fort, informed that no alphabetical list is maintained at this office regarding persons who have sought or to whom have been issued, Texas Driver's Licenses. She did not know whether or not alphabetical listings are maintained at the Driver's License Division of the Department of Public Safety at Austin, Texas but was of the opinion they are.

On April 10, 1968 pertinent telephone and city directories within the College Station Resident Agency were checked regarding the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and ERIC S. GALT with negative results.

On April 10, 1968 [REDACTED] and on April 12, 1968 [REDACTED] for Brazos and Walker Counties, respectively, advised no voters registration appear concerning the above names.

On April 11, 1968 [REDACTED] Department of Public Safety, Bryan, advised he caused checks to be made at Tax Assessor-Collectors Offices in Madison, Grimes, Montgomery, Polk, Trinity and San Jacinto Counties on the above names, with negative results. Similar checks were made through each respective law enforcement agency in the above counties, all negative.

The following sources of information were contacted on the dates indicated for any record of the names HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, ERIC GALT, ERIC GAULT and JOHN WILLARD:

AT ANAHUAC, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968

[REDACTED]  
Chambers County Sheriff's Office  
Current telephone directory



[REDACTED]  
Voter registration records

AT LIBERTY, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968

Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED]  
Liberty County Sheriff's Office

Chief of Police A.L. REGISTER  
Police Department

On April 12, 1968

[REDACTED]  
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

[REDACTED]  
Selective Service System

On April 11, 1968

[REDACTED]  
Voter registration records

On April 11, 1968

Current telephone and city directory

AT DAYTON, TEXAS

On April 12, 1968

Chief of Police HD. LOVINGS  
Police Department

On April 10, 1968

Current telephone directory

AT CLEVELAND, TEXAS

On April 12, 1968

Chief of Police W.W. MOORE  
Police Department

[REDACTED]  
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

Current telephone and city (1965) directory

AT NEDERLAND, TEXAS

On April 10, 1968

[REDACTED]  
Police Department

[REDACTED]  
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

Current telephone directory

AT PORT NECHES, TEXAS

On April 10, 1968

Chief CHARLES R. BENEFIELD  
Police Department

Current telephone directory

On April 16, 1968 [REDACTED], Voters Registration Records, Galveston County, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 [REDACTED] Local Board 49, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 15, 1968 [REDACTED], Credit Bureau of Texas City and the Mainland, Texas City, Texas and [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Greater Galveston, Galveston, Texas advised their files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all city and telephone directories covering the towns in Galveston County, Texas were reviewed with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all banking institutions, Galveston County, Texas, all police departments, Galveston County, Texas as well as Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas were contacted with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] at Port Arthur, Texas:

On April 16, 1968 [REDACTED] Identification Division, Port Arthur Police Department, advised she was unable to locate any arrest record identifiable with a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968, [REDACTED], Credit Bureau of Port Arthur, stated he was unable to locate a credit record for a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968 [REDACTED], National Maritime Union (NMU), 333 7th Street, advised he was unable to locate any record for a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968 [REDACTED], Seafarers International Union, 1348 7th Street, stated he did not have any record for a RICHARD GALT; [REDACTED] advised all records are destroyed after a five year period.

A review of the 1967 City Directory for Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Vidor, Texas, failed to reflect a listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

A review of the current telephone directories for the following cities also failed to reflect a listing for the above mentioned individuals:

Jasper, Texas  
Beaumont, Texas  
Orange, Texas  
Bridge City, Texas  
Port Arthur, Texas  
San Augustine, Texas  
Woodville, Texas  
Spurger, Texas  
Hemphill, Texas  
Bronson, Texas  
Pineland, Texas  
Cleveland, Texas  
Kirbyville, Texas  
Liberty, Texas  
Dayton, Texas

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Credit and criminal checks, Port Arthur and Beaumont, Texas negative concerning GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 11, 1968 [REDACTED] Beaumont, Texas advised a review of all ships departing the Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas area for foreign ports since April 4, 1968 failed to reflect a passenger or crew member under the name of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 11, and 12, 1968 and listed below are the names of those individuals with their titles, agencies and locales, who were contacted in order to have their records reviewed for the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or any similar name. All record checks were negative.

April 10, 1968            At Orange, Texas

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Identification Division  
Orange Police Department

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Identification Division  
Orange County Sheriff's Office

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Tax Assessor and Collector's Office

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Retail Merchants Association

April 11, 1968            At Jasper, Texas

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Jasper County Sheriff's Office

ALTON WRIGHT  
COP, Jasper Police Department

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Jasper Credit Bureau  
(Credit bureau covers Jasper and Newton Counties)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Tax Assessor and Collector  
Jasper County, Texas

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At San Augustine

N.L. TINDALL  
Sheriff, San Augustine County  
Sheriff's Office

BILL MC CALLUM  
Chief of Police, San Augustine Police Dept.

[REDACTED]  
Retail Merchants Association

[REDACTED]  
Tax Assessor and Collector  
San Augustine County, Texas

At Hemphill, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Deputy, Sabine County Sheriff's Office

[REDACTED]  
Retail Merchants Association  
Sabine County, Texas

[REDACTED]  
Tax Assessor and Collector  
Sabine County, Texas

At Newton, Texas

CURTIS HUMPHREYS  
Sheriff, Newton County Sheriff's Office

BILL DAVIS  
Chief of Police, Newton Police Department

[REDACTED]  
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office  
Newton County, Texas

April 12, 1968      At Woodville, Texas

JOHN GRAMMER  
Chief of Police, Woodville Police Department

[REDACTED]  
Deputy, Tyler County Sheriff's Office

[REDACTED]  
Tax Assessor and Collector, Tyler County, Texas

At Kountze, Texas

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Hardin County Sheriff's Office

[REDACTED]  
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office  
Hardin County, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]:

On April 19, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Webster Police  
Department, advised that they checked their records under  
the names GALT, WILLARD and LOWMYER and could find no  
one having been arrested by the Webster Police Department.  
[REDACTED] advised there are no restaurants or bars off the  
main highway passing through Webster.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
[REDACTED]:

On the dates indicated the following advised they  
have recovered no vehicles which were stolen in the State  
of Georgia subsequent to March 23, 1968:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Galveston Police Department  
Galveston, Texas on May 2, 1968

[REDACTED]  
Identification Officer, Galveston County  
Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas  
May 2, 1968

RANKIN DE WALT  
Chief of Police  
Texas City, Texas Police Department  
May 2, 1968

RICHARD DUROUX  
Acting Chief of Police  
LaMarque, Texas Police Department  
May 2, 1968

They further advised they maintain no latent finger-  
print file.

FBI

Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

in AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

680527113

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) &amp; (26-43489) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

UNSUB;  
1968 DODGE  
VIN LH41D8B323249  
1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 1D48283  
ITSMV NR  
(OO: ST. LOUIS)

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68, under MURKIN caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one National Car Rental Agreement # 7044348, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/2/68.

For information of San Francisco, Jacksonville, and Knoxville, captioned 1968 Dodge located abandoned Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, St. Louis, Missouri, on 5/16/68. Captioned Dodge rented in Atlanta on stolen credit cards on 4/2/68, in name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, [REDACTED] Richmond, Illinois, which credit cards were taken in an armed robbery in Kansas City, Missouri. Captioned car rented and located during pertinent period of time re investigation re MURKIN, and leads being logically pursued in an attempt to eliminate or identify renter with JAMES EARL RAY.

REC 11 1/4 - 38841-3989

ENCLOSURE  
3-Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
1-Chicago (Info) (RM)  
1-Memphis (RM)  
4-Atlanta  
(2-44-2386) (2-26-43489)

1-Kansas City (Info) (RM)  
3-St. Louis (44-775) (26-32047) (RM)  
2-San Francisco (RM)  
2-Jacksonville (RM)  
2-Knoxville (RM)

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MAY 29 1968

22 MAY 27 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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62 JUN 18 1968

Special Agent in Charge

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MARGIE CURTIS, [REDACTED] East Point, Georgia, employed by National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on 5/17/68, she was the individual who rented the 1968 Dodge Dart to S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on 4/2/68. She described SCHNEIDERMAN as being in his late 30s or early 40s, approximately 5' 7' 8" tall, of small build, weighing approximately 140-145, with dark hair, possibly black. She viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated from her recollection, did not believe RAY identical to SCHNEIDERMAN, however, photograph of RAY, particularly the hair, did resemble SCHNEIDERMAN.

SCHNEIDERMAN appeared at the National Car Rental Office at the Atlanta Airport at approximately 9:42 am, wearing a business suit and presented 3 Millionaire Club credit cards, 2 in plastic covering, and 1 plain paper card, all in the name of S. SCHNEIDERMAN. She could not recall if SCHNEIDERMAN had luggage, and stated she was sure that he was not accompanied by anyone. She stated she obtained the DL # from SCHNEIDERMAN's Illinois DL, and also listed the Holiday Inn at the Atlanta Airport as SCHNEIDERMAN's place of contact.

DAVE ROGERS, National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, produced National Car Rental System Rental Agreement # 7044348 for this company, Station 070-2, dated 4/2/68, at 9:42 am, indicating one S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN rented car # 701371 with Georgia license 1D98283, which is a Dodge Dart, which rental agreement reflects an address of [REDACTED] Richmond, Illinois. Also listed on this agreement, DL # W5-570-018, from the state of Illinois. The agreement reflects the car will be returned on 5/1/68, and indicates a credit card was used from the Millionaire Club National Limited, Chicago, Illinois, # 96968.

ROGERS stated that a 20% cash discount was given to SCHNEIDERMAN and stated that according to records of this office, their vehicle 701371 is a 1968 Dodge Dart, VIN LH41D8B323249, bearing 1968 Georgia license 1D48283.

ROGERS stated that SCHNEIDERMAN apparently, after obtaining this automobile, later went to the Tallahassee, Florida area, and was staying at the Holiday Inn in Tallahassee, inasmuch as he, ROGERS, had received an inquiry from [REDACTED] the Tallahassee, Florida PD, who was checking on SCHNEIDERMAN through the Georgia license plate on his car. ROGERS also stated that he later received information that SCHNEIDERMAN was locked out of his room by the Holiday Inn # 2, Knoxville, Tennessee.



Mrs. PEARL JOHNSON, Bookkeeper, Holiday Inn, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, advised that records of her office failed to reflect a S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN registered in this motel during the later part of March, or later part of April, 1968. Mrs. JOHNSON advised that records of this motel reflect that a guest register card # 44179, in the name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, [REDACTED] San Francisco, California, representing the [REDACTED], stayed in Room 284 of this motel on 4/28-30/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a bill of \$32.61. Mrs. JOHNSON stated that her records also reflect a check was cashed by this motel in the amount of \$25, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/29/68, check # 134, made out to the Holiday Inn, and drawn on the Portola District Branch of the Bank of America, San Francisco, California, 2485 San Bruno Avenue. This check bears the written notation, "Ill. # [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] and also EAL # [REDACTED]." She indicated the Illinois # was a DL # for the guest in Room 284, however, she could not explain what the other # was, and stated EAL could be Eastern Airlines.

Mrs. JOHNSON advised that letters were directed to SCHNEIDERMAN at the [REDACTED] San Francisco, California address, which letters were returned and the check was returned from the bank stamped "not sufficient funds".

LEADS:

BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to compare the enclosed evidence and handwriting with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. Will return evidence to Atlanta Division upon completion of examination. Will furnish the Memphis, Atlanta, and St. Louis Offices with results of examination.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT BANK OF AMERICA, PORTOLA BRANCH

Conduct appropriate investigation re checks in name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

KNOXVILLE,

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Conduct appropriate investigation at Holiday Inn # 2, re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN being locked out of his room. Will ascertain if any personal effects of SCHNEIDERMAN obtained by motel, and thereafter check these effects, in addition to identify unsub.

AT 44-2386  
26-43489

LEADS: (cont)

JACKSONVILLE

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Contact [REDACTED] and Holiday Inn re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

CHICAGO & KANSAS CITY

Information copies directed to these offices in view of  
outstanding investigation being conducted.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

F B I

Date: 5/24/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

/la AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CR

(OO: Memphis)

THREATS AGAINST SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY  
 MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION  
 OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BY  
 [REDACTED]

## INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Cleveland teletypes (2) to Miami dated 5/23/68,  
 and Miami teletype to Bureau dated 5/24/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM  
 suitable for dissemination. Four copies of this LHM are  
 being furnished to Washington Field and Atlanta. Two  
 copies of this LHM are being furnished to Cleveland,  
 Memphis and Richmond.

Miami will furnish Memphis investigative inserts  
 concerning captioned matter under separate cover.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM) REC 36
- 2 - Washington Field (Enc. 4) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Enc. 4) (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Richmond (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Miami (1 - 44-1854) (1 - 157-1993)

DNJ:vo  
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MAY 25 1968

9 JUN 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

UNRECORDED COPY AND COPY OF ENCL. FILED IN

MM 44-1854

Source referred to in LHM is [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

SINCE [REDACTED] OFTEN CARRIES FIREARMS IN HIS  
AUTOMOBILE, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Miami, Florida  
May 24, 1968

Re: THREATS AGAINST SEN. ROBERT F.  
KENNEDY, MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOLLOWING  
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. BY [REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On May 23, 1968, a confidential source advised the Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that [REDACTED] had recently returned from Miami, Florida, [REDACTED]. During her stay in Miami she met a man named [REDACTED] (last name unknown), who stated he was a Ku Klux Klan Grand Dragon and who drove a white Mustang. [REDACTED] stated to her after King's death that he had knowledge of it, and that Adam Clayton Powell, Stokely Carmichael, and H. Rap Brown were also scheduled for assassination and that "we will take care of Bobby Kennedy so he will never become president."

[REDACTED] reportedly carries weapons in his car and is accompanied by a large, vicious Doberman pinscher dog.

[REDACTED] was identified by the Miami Office of the FBI as [REDACTED] operates a white Mustang and breeds Doberman pinscher dogs. He is a former member of Klavern #6, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and last attended a meeting of Klavern #6 on September 11, 1967.

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is contained in the appendix section of this memorandum.

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Name	[REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	6'
Weight	170 pounds

ENCLOSURE

Re: THREATS AGAINST SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY,  
MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION  
OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BY  
[REDACTED]

Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Occupation	[REDACTED]
Home address	[REDACTED]
	Miami, Florida
Wife	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed on May 24, 1968, at his place of employment [REDACTED] Miami, Florida. He stated he has been "shooting his mouth off" sympathizing with individuals responsible for or connected with the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr. ever since April 4, 1968.

[REDACTED] further stated that he is of the opinion that Adam Clayton Powell, H. Rap Brown, and Stokely Carmichael should also be assassinated and that Bobby Kennedy should be stopped by non-violent means so he can never become president. [REDACTED] believes Kennedy is responsible for all the current racial unrest in this country.

[REDACTED] advised that he believes in the supremacy of the white race and stated that he is a former Klansman. [REDACTED] stated even though he makes many controversial statements, he has no intention of perpetrating any such act such as shooting a Negro or political leader and is not acquainted with anyone who would do so.

[REDACTED] advised that on occasion he carries firearms in his automobile but not for the purpose of shooting anyone.

The employment records of [REDACTED] were reviewed with reference to [REDACTED] and these records indicate that [REDACTED] was at work at [REDACTED] Miami, Florida, on April 4, 1968.

The above information was immediately furnished by telephone to the 111th M. I. Group, Miami, Florida, U. S. Secret Service, Miami, Florida, United States Attorney,

Re: THREATS AGAINST SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY,  
MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION  
OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BY  
**[REDACTED]**

Miami, Florida, and the Intelligence Units of the Miami Police Department and the Dade County Department of Public Safety.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished locally to the 111th M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida, the U. S. Secret Service, Miami, and the United States Attorney, Miami, Florida.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

**UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN**

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised on July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

Second source advised that at a meeting in Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on May 25, 1966, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the National office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida  
May 24, 1968

Title	THREATS AGAINST SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BY [REDACTED]
Character	INFORMATION CONCERNING
Reference	Memorandum dated and captioned as above at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

FBI

Date: 5/28/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

RE: MURKIN

680529081

Re airtel from Bureau, 5/22/68, requesting records from locksmithing schools.

Forwarded to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover are 176 applications submitted to the Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, 315 Westport Road, Kansas City, Missouri, for the months of April and May, 1968. These were furnished to IC [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] Belsaw Locksmithing Institute on 5/27/68, and may be utilized by the Bureau for handwriting and/or typewriting examinations but should be returned to the Belsaw Institute when they are of no further use to the FBI.

It is to be noted the originals are being furnished the Laboratory. Xerox copies of these were made and returned to the Belsaw Institute so Belsaw Institute does have a copy in their file while originals are being examined by the FBI Laboratory.

- 4 Bureau (RM)  
(1 - Package, Encls. 176) (RM)  
1 - Memphis  
2 - Kansas City  
RBH:gah  
(7)

C. C. Bishop

44-760-3991  
REC-25

4 MAY 29 1968

Approved

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

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Per

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FBI

Date: 5/29/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: *WMA* SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
RE: *yc* MURKIN

ATTN: FBI Laboratory  
Latent Fingerprint  
Section

680531091

RE: [REDACTED]

Enclosed is a check in amount of \$400 dated May 15, 1968, payable to [REDACTED] signed [REDACTED] a Gulf Oil Gasoline Invoice, dated 5/15/68, and signed [REDACTED] five cards, bearing partial latent prints obtained from 1967 Plymouth.

The above cards with latent prints are being forwarded for comparison with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

The check and gas invoices are forwarded to determine if latent prints can be developed and compared with prints of RAY.

Also enclosed is signature of [REDACTED] on the check and gas invoice should be compared with handwriting of RAY. These items of evidence should be returned to Los Angeles for transmittal to Covina PD.

- ④ - Bureau (RM) (Enc 1 s. 3)
- 1 - Memphis (info) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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44-38861-3992

ENCLOSURE

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Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

PORTING OFFICE <b>DETROIT</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/29/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/10 - 20/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>klh</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR</b>	

**REFERENCES:** New Orleans airtel to Memphis, 5/7/68.  
Minneapolis teletype to Detroit, 5/10/68.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> N. PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> N.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> COPIES MADE:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em;">3493</div> <div style="text-align: center;">4 MAY 31 1968</div>
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- 1 - Bureau (44-38861) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-10663) (RM)
- 2 - Detroit (44-989)

*"Not To Be Disseminated"*

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	Request Recd.	Date Fwd.	Disseminated

**JUN 10 1968**

*REL. INFO - CALL*

Notation

**STAT. SECT.**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Detroit, Michigan  
Date: 5/29/68  
Field Office File #: 44-989 Bureau File #: 44-38861  
Title: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Records of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, indicate Mr. and Mrs. W. G. TINKER, [REDACTED] Saginaw, Michigan, occupied Room 118 from 12/18/67 through 12/23/67, and that Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH, [REDACTED] Duluth, Minnesota, occupied Room 112 on 12/17/67. Investigation at Duluth, Minnesota, indicated Mr. and Mrs. KNUTH moved to [REDACTED] Escanaba, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. KNUTH and Mr. and Mrs. TINKER advised they did not see anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY while staying at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, during 12/67.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of information from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that Mr. and Mrs. W. G. TINKER, [REDACTED] Saginaw, Michigan, had registered on December 18, 1967, at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

On May 10, 1968, the Minneapolis Office of the FBI advised that Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH, [REDACTED] Duluth, Minnesota, were registered in Room 112 of the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 17, 1967, and are currently residing at [REDACTED] Escanaba, Michigan.

DE 44-989

Mr. and Mrs. EDWIN S. KNUTH, [REDACTED] Escanaba, Michigan, were contacted by SA [REDACTED] on May 16, 1968. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mr. and Mrs. KNUTH, and they advised that they could not identify this person as anyone they had seen during their stay at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, while there in December, 1967. Mr. KNUTH advised that they had arrived at this motel while on their honeymoon about 5:00 p.m. on December 17, 1967, and departed this motel at about 7:00 a.m. on December 19, 1967. Mr. KNUTH advised that he is employed by [REDACTED] Escanaba, Michigan.

Following negative attempts to contact Mr. and Mrs. W. G. TINKER on May 14 and 17, 1968, they were interviewed at their residence on May 20, 1968, by SA [REDACTED] and were shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. Both Mr. and Mrs. TINKER advised that they did not recall seeing anyone resembling RAY while they were guests at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, from December 18, 1967, through December 23, 1967.

F B I

Date: 5/29/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: EXHIBIT SECTION  
 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 RE: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel to Bureau, dated 5/29/68.

Enclosed herewith is one copy of an FD-383.

Request the artist conception be transmitted to Los Angeles with in short as possible time. Request copies of artist's conception be furnished interested field offices as contained in referenced teletype.

REC 8

44-3881-3994

JUN 1 1968

- ④ - Bureau (Enc. 1) ENCLOSURE  
 1 - Birmingham (Info)  
 1 - Memphis (Info)  
 1 - Los Angeles

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Per \_\_\_\_\_

AGE 40 RACE Caucasian COMPLEXION Dark course skin  
5'7" - 5'8" WEIGHT 140 - 150 BUILD Slender  
COLOR OF EYES Dark (possibly) COLOR OF HAIR Dark

### ADDITIONAL REMARKS

Witness likes shape of face of KJ5-14 with thinner  
cheeks and hair as that which appears in KJ5-3. Witness also  
advises that subject had dark complexion with course skin,  
that is the pores of the skin were large. He advised the  
skin had no acne eruptions.

NAME OF WITNESS Allan O. Thompson DATE 5/29/68

INTERVIEWING AGENT Special Agent [REDACTED]

CASE TITLE MURKIN

BUFILE NO. 44-38861

F.O. NO. 44-1574



## 1. . FACIAL IDENTIFICATION FACT SHEET

At the beginning of interview a detailed description of unknown subject should be obtained from witness. Check items listed below which best represent this description.

<p><b>A. HEAD</b>  — 1. oval  — 2. round  — 3. triangular  X — 4. long</p> <p><b>B. EYES</b>  X — 1. average  — 2. bulging  — 3. squint  — 4. sunken or deep-set  — 5. iris raised  — 6. close-set  — 7. wide-set  — 8. heavy lid  — 9. overhanging lid</p> <p><b>C. EYEBROWS</b>  X — 1. average  — 2. thin  — 3. heavy  — 4. meeting</p> <p><b>D. NOSE</b>  X — 1. average  — 2. concave  — 3. hooked  — 4. narrow base  — 5. snub  — 6. downward tip</p>	<p><b>NOSE (cont.)</b>  — 7. small  — 8. large  — 9. wide base</p> <p><b>E. MOUTH</b>  — 1. average  — 2. both lips thick  X — 3. both lips thin  — 4. thick upper lip  — 5. thick lower lip  — 6. thin upper lip  — 7. thin lower lip  — 8. large  — 9. small</p> <p><b>F. CHIN</b>  X — 1. average  — 2. jutting  — 3. pointed  — 4. receding  — 5. square  — 6. double chin  — 7. cleft or dimple</p> <p><b>G. EARS</b>  X — 1. average  — 2. protruding  — 3. close-set</p>	<p><b>H. CHEEK AND CHEEKBONE</b>  — 1. average  X — 2. prominent  — 3. sunken cheek</p> <p><b>J. HAIR</b>  — 1. straight  — 2. curly or wavy  — 3. kinky  — 4. balding  X — 5. crew cut or flat-top</p> <p><b>K. FACIAL LINES</b>  — 1. forehead  — 2. between eyes  — 3. nose to corner of mouth  — 4. side of face  — 5. around eyes  — 6. chin and neck</p> <p><b>L. MUSTACHE</b>  —</p> <p><b>M. BEARD</b>  —</p> <p><b>N. POCKMARKS AND SKIN</b>  X — IRREGULARITIES</p>
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Using description noted above, direct the witness to the sections of Facial Identification Catalog which show examples of items checked. Photographs selected by witness from the Catalog as representing a likeness to the feature of the unknown subject should be recorded below, using the key number found under each photograph.

KA4-12 A. HEAD      KD1-2 D. NOSE      KG1-7 G. EARS      0 L. MUSTACHE

                                 KH2-1 H. CHEEK AND CHEEKBONE      0 M. BEARD

KB1-1 B. EYES      KE3-14 E. MOUTH      KJ5-3 J. HAIR

                                 ON1-10 N. POCKMARKS AND SKIN IRREGULARITIES

KC1-5 C. EYEBROWS      KF1-1 F. CHIN      KH4-7 K. FACIAL LINES

Complete this description on reverse side of sheet. Space is also provided for explanatory statements and additional comments regarding appearance of unknown subject. Seemingly insignificant items may prove vital in arriving at the best likeness. Use this additional space for amplifying above description, including description of wearing apparel.

F B I

Date: 6/4/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

a Airtel

(Priority)

To: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)-3994

MURKIN

Re urtele 5/29/68, urairtel 5/29/68 and Bureau routing slip  
6/3/68.

1. ITEMS ENCLOSED PREPARED BY EXHIBITS SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION:  
Three photographic copies of artist's conception

## 2. ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

A. Have witness(es) view item(s) for evaluation.

ENCLOSURE

If modification is necessary, submit additional information and any pertinent comments  
 of witness(es) to Exhibits Section, Administrative Division.

If likeness is satisfactory and additional copies are desired, request same by letter  
 or routing slip.

As the case progresses, advise Exhibits Section re use and effectiveness of item(s)  
 as investigative aid(s). Upon apprehension of subject(s), submit arrest photograph(s).

Notify Bureau, Attention: Exhibits Section of approval  
 or changes desired by witnesses. Copies will then be sent  
 to field offices listed in referenced teletype dated 5/29/68.

1 - General Investigative Division (Mr. Long) (Enc.)  
 (Sent Direct)

JUN 4 - 1968  
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Date: 5/22/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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In recent check of the Dale Carnegie Institute at Birmingham, Birmingham was advised that records of all people enrolled in the Dale Carnegie self-improvement courses are maintained at New York City. It is noted that subject, JAMES EARL RAY, is described as an introverted individual who prefers to be by himself. Yet the investigation shows that he has enrolled in at least two dancing courses and a bartenders school, in which he was compelled to mix with other people. It was further noted that RAY sought professional help in Los Angeles to overcome his "shyness" and his tendency to be an introvert.

It is suggested that the Bureau consider having the records of the Dale Carnegie Institute and similar type institutions checked to ascertain if the subject was formerly enrolled or is currently enrolled in a self-improvement or confidence gaining type course. K

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1 - Mr. Long  
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To: SAC, New York (44-1609)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)-3996

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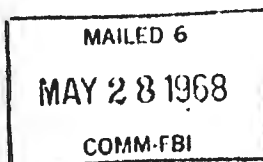
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Inasmuch as the Dale Carnegie Institute maintains centrally located records in New York, a check should be made to determine if the subject was ever enrolled.

No further inquiries should be made at this time concerning any similar type institutions.

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1 - SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) (for info.)  
1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (for info.)



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NOTE:

Birmingham has advised that a recent check of the Dale Carnegie Institute at Birmingham discloses that records of all persons enrolled in the Dale Carnegie self-improvement courses are maintained in New York City. James Earl Ray is described as an introverted individual who prefers to be by himself. Yet the investigation shows that he was enrolled in at least two dancing courses and a bartenders school, in which he was compelled to mix with other people. It was further noted that Ray sought professional help in Los Angeles to overcome his "shyness" and his tendency to be an introvert.

Birmingham suggests that records of Dale Carnegie Institute and similar type institutions be checked to ascertain if the subject was formerly enrolled or is currently enrolled in a self-improvement or confidence gaining type course.

It is not believed likely that Ray would enroll in a Dale Carnegie type course since 4/4/68, the death of Martin Luther King. There is no indication that he has enrolled in such a course; however, inasmuch as the Carnegie Institute does maintain centrally located records in New York, this can be checked out to see if he ever was enrolled. In the absence of additional information, no further inquiries along this line need be made at this time.

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Date: 5-24-68

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To: Director, FBI (44-38861)

From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)(P)

Subject: MURKIN  
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Enclosed are three copies of RCMP reports dated 5-14-68, and 5-16-68.

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 6) **ENCLOSURE**  
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1cc ENC - Mr. Long*

**D.F. Bishop**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: May 20, 1968

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages S5850-S5851. Senator Long, (D) Louisiana, requested have printed in the Record an article from the May 3, 1968, issue of Life magazine entitled "The Story of the Accused Killer of Dr. King."

Original filed in:

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1968 MAY 21 10 11 AM  
FBI - NEW ORLEANS

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for May 17, 1968 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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1 - Foreign Liaison  
1 - Mr. Long

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CABLEGRAM

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TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

THIS WILL CONFIRM BUTELCALL MAY TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, DURING WHICH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED AND INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN FOR IMMEDIATE HANDLING OF THE INDICATED INVESTIGATION.

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT ONE [REDACTED] HAD CONTACTED THE BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, RESIDENT AGENCY MAY TWENTYSEVENTH AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT JAMES RAY WAS FOUR DAYS AGO WORKING IN THE KITCHEN OF THE SADZIL HA HOTEL, LOCATED ON ISLA MUJERES, OFF THE COAST OF THE STATE OF QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO. [REDACTED] IS IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS [REDACTED] AND WILL BE THERE SEVERAL DAYS. HIS PERMANENT ADDRESS IS [REDACTED] YUCATAN, MEXICO, AND HE WILL RETURN TO THAT

ADDRESS WHEN HIS BUSINESS IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, IS COMPLETED

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY  
RE: MURKIN

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE SADZIL HA HOTEL WHICH IS LOCATED ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES BY AIR FROM MERIDA IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY A MAN NAMED LIMA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE IDENTIFIED LIMA'S SON AS BEING THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION REGARDING RAY WORKING AT THE SADZIL HA HOTEL.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DALLAS OFFICE ALSO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT A POTENTIAL CRIMINAL INFORMANT OF THE OFFICE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A SMALL TIME GAMBLER, WHOSE IDENTITY THE PCI WOULD NOT DISCLOSE, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM MONTERREY, MEXICO. ACCORDING TO THE PCI, THIS GAMBLER MADE THE STATEMENT THAT JAMES RAY IS CURRENTLY WORKING AS A BARTENDER IN A BAR LOCATED NEAR THE CHEVROLET DEALER IN MONTERREY.

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Date: 5/27/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: *JW* SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)  
 SUBJECT: *TO* MURKIN

RE FLOYD EVANS HILL, aka  
 Jimmy Lee Hill  
 Former Missouri State  
 Penitentiary Inmate  
 with Subject.

Re San Francisco teletype to Los Angeles dated  
 5/22/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
 [REDACTED] at Los Padres, California.

Records, State of California, Department of  
 Corrections, California Men's Colony, East Facility, that  
 were made available on 5/24/68 by [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] contained the following information on [REDACTED]  
 California State Prison No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] charged as [REDACTED], was received  
 by the California Department of Corrections on [REDACTED]  
 from Los Angeles County to serve a [REDACTED]  
 sentence for [REDACTED] which sentence was  
 ordered to run consecutively to Missouri sentence to which  
 [REDACTED] is subject. [REDACTED] was arrested on this charge on [REDACTED]  
 at which time he had a [REDACTED]

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These records revealed that [REDACTED] was convicted of [REDACTED] in the Circuit Court, State of Missouri, County of Barton on [REDACTED], and was sentenced to State Prison. [REDACTED] was paroled to California from Missouri on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was on parole from Missouri and had been out of that institution only a very short period of time prior to his involvement leading to his arrest and continual confinement since [REDACTED]

On 5/24/68, [REDACTED], California State Prison No. [REDACTED] was interviewed at the above institution and furnished the following information:

He was arrested [REDACTED] by Los Angeles Sheriff's Office near Compton, California, has been in continual confinement since, and is serving a sentence of [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]

He was arrested for [REDACTED] in Barton County, Missouri in October, [REDACTED] convicted, and sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary for a two years period. By about [REDACTED] he arrived at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, to start serving his sentence, and where he was confined for about 1½ months thereafter being transferred to the Men's Institution Training Center, Moberly, Missouri, where he remained for about six months. From there, he was transferred to a Missouri State Penitentiary honor farm called Rinse Farm (phonetic) which is just across the bridge from the State Prison at Jefferson City, where he was confined for only a couple of weeks prior

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to release on parole on [REDACTED] When released on parole, he flew to California by airlines and was on the street about one month prior to his arrest confinement on [REDACTED]

At the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, he was confined in a two-man cell, but was moved around quite a bit and had quite a few different cellmates. At Moberly, Missouri, they had individual cells, and Rinse Farm housed them in barrack-type buildings.

[REDACTED] said he knew a lot of the inmates in the Missouri State Penitentiary at the above locations, but he does not know their names. He initially stated that he cannot place JAMES EARL RAY by name, photograph, or description as having been a cellmate at any of the above institutions. Upon further reflection and consideration, [REDACTED] thought the center photograph on the FBI Wanted Flyer No. 442-A looked a little familiar to him, but he still definitely does not recognize RAY as having been one of his cellmates. He said that if RAY is identical to the person who he recalls resembled the center photograph on the above Wanted Flyer, that person was only a casual acquaintance of his. The man who resembled the center photograph on the Wanted Flyer walked back and forth to work with him at Moberly, Missouri Institution. The person who resembled the photograph on the Wanted Flyer worked in the [REDACTED] at Moberly and [REDACTED] went to school there for a while and worked in the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated he did not get too well acquainted with this individual and can recall nothing of value about the person that he thinks resembles RAY except that person claimed to know quite a bit about safes, was to get out soon and wanted some help in writing up scores which [REDACTED] ignored since he wanted no part of it. As he recalls, the person he knew who resembled the center photograph on the Wanted Flyer of RAY wanted to score on safes in California and "go to Mexico and cool it." [REDACTED] stated that since he was not interested in the matter, no specific place in California or Mexico was mentioned.

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[REDACTED] repeatedly denied that he knows RAY or anything about RAY other than stated that above and was emphatic in pointing out that he had no contact with RAY or the person who resembled RAY when he [REDACTED] was in California on the street in [REDACTED]

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710 PM URGENT 5/27/68 EGL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

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REBURAD MAY TWENTYONE LAST AND SAN ANTONIO TEL TO THE  
BUREAU MAY TWENTYTHREE LAST.

ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT CONFERENCE WAS HELD WITH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], DRIVER AND VEHICLE RECORDS, DIV., AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IDENTIFICATION AND CRIMINAL RECORDS DIV.,  
TEXAS DPS, AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO SEE IF ANY POSSIBLE WAYS COULD  
BE DEvised TO EFFECT COVERAGE OF ALL NEW APPLICATIONS SUB-  
MITTED FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY,  
SIXTYEIGHT, BY MALE CAUCASIANS BETWEEN AGES THIRTY AND FIFTY-  
FIVE. [REDACTED] ADVISED DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU USES THE  
SOUNDEX SYSTEM AND DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS HAVE NOT, TO DATE,  
BEEN COMPUTERIZED. THE DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU HAS THREE  
HUNDRED SUB-STATIONS AROUND THE STATE OF TEXAS THAT SUBMIT  
LICENSE APPLICATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS. NEW APPLICANTS MUST  
SUBMIT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF BIRTH SUCH AS BIRTH CERTIFICATE,  
INSURANCE POLICY OVER FIVE YEARS OR CHURCH RECORDS. APPROXI-

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-IMATELY THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND APPLICATIONS OF ALL TYPES ARE  
F RECEIVED MONTHLY INTO THE SOUNDEX SYSTEM AT HEADQUARTERS IN  
7, USTIN. THERE ARE CURRENTLY SIX AND ONE HALF MILLION  
7, PPLICATIONS ON FILE. TO LOCATE THE APPROXIMATE SIX HUNDRED  
ETHOUSAND FOR APRIL AND MAY WOULD TAKE MANUAL REVIEW OF EACH  
ISIX AND ONE-HALF MILLION INDIVIDUAL RECORDS. THE DRIVER  
ALICENSE BUREAU STARTED PHOTOGRAPHING LICENSEES JANUARY ONE,  
LAST. THESE FILM RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED SEPARATELY BY SUB-  
STATION ON FILM SUBMITTED DAILY. NO EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR  
I VISUAL REVIEW OF FILM NEGATIVES AND ONLY WAY TO REVIEW FILM  
NEGATIVES WOULD BE TO HAVE FILM COMPANY MAKE THE BUREAU A COPY  
C OF EACH NEGATIVE. DPS PAYS TWENTYFIVE POINT EIGHT CENTS PER  
I COPY. FOR APRIL THERE WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED  
THOUSAND NEGATIVES. DPS IS CURRENTLY APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS  
I IN ARREARS IN MAILING OUT LICENSES. FBI AGENTS COULD VIEW  
I THESE LICENSES THAT ARE IN ARREARS AND THEN REVIEW LICENSES ON  
A CURRENT BASIS AS RECEIVED AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU, AUSTIN.  
IT WOULD TAKE FOUR AGENTS TO WORK WITH EACH OF THE FOUR DESKS

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MAILING OUT LICENSES AT DRIVER LICENSE BUREAU. THEY MAIL OUT  
APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN THOUSAND DAILY. THEY ARE CURRENTLY  
MAILING OUT LICENSE FOR MAY ONE LAST. [REDACTED] WHO HAS  
BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE IN THE PAST, STATED HE IS DESIROUS OF  
DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST BUREAU IN THIS MATTER,  
AND EVEN THOUGH HE HAS AN ACUTE SPACE PROBLEM HE WOULD ENDEAVOR  
TO MAKE ROOM FOR FOUR AGENTS TO WORK IN DRIVER LICENSE BUREAU  
SHOULD THE BUREAU DESIRE, OR HE WILL GIVE WANTED FLYERS AND  
10 CIRCULARS TO EACH EMPLOYEE MAILING OUT LICENSES AND ASK  
THEM TO BE ALERT FOR ANYONE RESEMBLING RAY. THIS DATE  
CIRCULARS AND OTHER PHOTOS OF RAY GIVEN [REDACTED] FOR THIS  
DISTRIBUTION. [REDACTED] IS OF OPINION FICTITIOUS LICENSES  
FOR STATE OF TEXAS UNDER CURRENT POLICIES WOULD BE DIFFICULT  
IN VIEW OF FACT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF BIRTH, PHOTOGRAPH OF  
LICENSEE, AND THUMB PRINT ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH APPLICANT.

LATTER SUGGESTION OF [REDACTED] BEING FOLLOWED, UACB.

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7:35 PM URGENT 5-27-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE MAY TWENTY FOUR LAST AND LOS ANGELES  
TELETYPE MAY TWENTY FIVE LAST.

RE [REDACTED]

RECORDS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, AS REVIEWED THIS DATE INDICATE  
[REDACTED]  
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, [REDACTED] OCTOBER  
THIRTY, SIXTY SEVEN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INDICATED EMPLOYED AS A [REDACTED] BY

[REDACTED] ANAHEIM, [REDACTED] 1761-4001

ALSO DETERMINED THIS DATE THAT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAVE

RESIDED AT [REDACTED] GARDEN  
GROVE, FOR FOUR YEARS. FURTHER THAT MARGE [REDACTED] SON BY

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MU FORMER MARRIAGE USING NAME [REDACTED] LIVED AT ABOVE  
ADDRESS FROM FALL OF SIXTY SEVEN WHEN DISCHARGED FROM  
MILITARY SERVICE TO APRIL, SIXTY EIGHT, WHEN MOVED TO  
TEI ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BECAUSE TRANSFERRED BY [REDACTED]  
FOR WHICH HE WAS EMPLOYED.

FOR INFORMATION OF ATLANTA, [REDACTED] ENTERED U.S.

[REDACTED] ARMY ON JUNE FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AT LOS ANGELES  
[REDACTED] AND PROCEEDED TO FORT POLK, LOUISIANA. HE WAS ASSIGNED  
GAF ASN [REDACTED] IN MARCH,  
THI NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, HE WAS STATIONED AT FORT BLISS,  
[REDACTED] TEXAS. PHOTOS ARE BEING SHOWN IN GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA,  
[REDACTED] AREA. ATLANTA REQUESTED TO ADVISE LOS ANGELES OF  
[REDACTED] INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

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FBI ATLANTA

8:13PMURGENT 5-27-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYSEVEN  
INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO CHECK SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES  
AT BANKS IN ATLANTA METROPOLITAN AREA. INVESTIGATION TO  
DATE NEGATIVE.

NUMEROUS EFFORTS TO LOCATE HAROLD G. ANDERSON UNSUCCESSFUL.  
[REDACTED] EMPLOYMENT AT [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], ATLANTA, VERIFIED. [REDACTED] WILL BE  
CONTACTED BY AGENTS IN A SECURE LOCATION WITHOUT PRIOR  
NOTICE TO [REDACTED] IN VIEW OF HIS PAST ACTIVITIES WITH  
NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP) AND WITH [REDACTED]  
FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH NSRP AND AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS  
PARTY.

[REDACTED] NEIGHBOR OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], ADVISED  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE HAD ANY  
RECENT VISITORS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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# Body Isn't King's Slayer

MAHONNY CITY, Pa., May 28 (UPI) — A routine check of the dental charts of the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. yesterday confirmed he wasn't killed and buried in a shallow grave near here.

Police and FBI investigators never thought he was, but they made the dental comparison in following one of the "hundreds and hundreds" of leads into the disappearance of the suspect, James Earl Ray.

The dental evidence left police with no clues to the identity of the man whose body was unearthed May 8, the apparent victim of a gangland-style slaying.

Dr. Thomas Buckley, who compared Ray's charts with the man's facial skeleton in the Good Samaritan Hospital in nearby Pottsville, said, "It wasn't even a close call."

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FBI ST LOUIS

741PM URGENT 5-27-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE GRAPEVINE TAVERN. CONTACT WITH USA RIDDLE TODAY DISCLOSED STATE LIQUOR QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GRAPEVINE DUE ON OR BEFORE JUNE ONE NOT YET RECEIVED.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY. NEIGHBORHOODS OF FORMER RESIDENCES CONDUCTED. NO INFORMATION OF PERTINENCE TO LOCATION OF SUBJECT ADDUCED. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE CLARENCE HAYNES, ASSOCIATE OF JOHN, [REDACTED] WIFE RUBY, WHO IS GRAPEVINE DAY BARMAID, FOR INTERVIEW AWAY FROM GRAPEVINE UNSUCCESSFUL.

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER. SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE EX-CONS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] INTERVIEWS TOMMORROW.

MISC. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE FELLOW PRISONERS. PARTICULARLY [REDACTED]

CONTINUING.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, San Diego (175-8)

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

RE: "Possible Threat Against Robert F. Kennedy,  
Presidential Candidate, Speech at Chula Vista, California,  
May 20, 1968, Information Concerning."

Reurairtel and LHM dated 5-23-68.

Investigation conducted by your office in an  
effort to identify the unknown individual who contacted  
[REDACTED] is not adequate. You should conduct additional  
investigation in an effort to identify that individual  
as a suspect or co-conspirator in this case or to eliminate  
him. Such additional investigation should include but  
not be limited to checks of restaurants, motels, car rental  
businesses and cab companies servicing the area.

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1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
MURKIN

VIA TELETYPE  
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RESDTL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS DATED MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.  
YOU SHOULD BY RETURN COMMUNICATION ADVISE IF VEHICLE  
OBTAINED BY [REDACTED] RECOVERED AND IF HE HAS  
BEEN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. YOU SHOULD ALSO ADVISE  
IF AUTHORITIES AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, HAVE OUTSTANDING  
WARRANT AGAINST [REDACTED] FOR USE OF VEHICLE.

KEEP BUREAU FULLY ADVISED. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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1 SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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NOTE: [REDACTED] is a suspect look-alike.  
San Diego advised an individual giving name of  
[REDACTED] signed an escrow contract to  
purchase a home at Bonita, California, on 5/14/68, for \$51,000  
giving a promisory type check for \$5,000 and indicated he had a  
\$65,000 certified check in his hotel room. [REDACTED] claimed  
to be employed by International Harvest Company, Bloomington,  
Illinois, and recently transferred to San Diego area. He desired  
house so family could move to San Diego from Illinois. On  
5/14/68, he attempted to purchase an automobile at Chula Vista,  
California, displaying escrow contract and automobile salesman  
gave keys of vehicle to [REDACTED] Description of Vehicle and  
[REDACTED] placed in all points bulletin by California authorities  
and description of vehicle placed in NCIC. Chula Vista authorities

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NOTE CONTINUED:

advised that no stolen report filed on automobile as police department unable to accept due to circumstances under which [REDACTED] obtained automobile. Authorities further advised that stolen report can be accepted ten days after vehicle missing.

San Diego being requested to advise as to current status of [REDACTED] and any possible outstanding warrant as our investigation thus far unable to locate [REDACTED] and verify any of facts as given by him.



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Long (2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

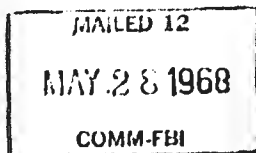
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Re: **MURKIN**  
**CR**  
**OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-680527001 JK**

Examination requested by: **Cleveland**  
Reference: **Airtel 5/23/68**  
Examination requested: **Document**  
Remarks:



**44-1987-4006**

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**2 - Cleveland (44-565) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 28, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN  
CR

Lab. No. D-680527001 JK

Request received 5/24/68

Specimens received  
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Request for comparison of evidence submitted with Philadelphia communication dated 5/20/68 and evidence submitted with Miami communication dated 4/11/68

Result of examination:

The items submitted with Miami communication dated 4/11/68 (Q124, Q125 and Q126) contain only questioned hand printing while the letter and envelope (Q347 and Q348) submitted by Philadelphia communication dated 5/20/68 bear only typewriting and the handwritten signature "Eric S. Galt."

Because of the different means employed to prepare the questioned items previously mentioned they could not be satisfactorily compared.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RS*

DATE: May 28, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ASAC Stefansson of the San Antonio Office was telephonically contacted on the morning of 5/28/68 concerning the check of driver's license records in Texas.

It was pointed out it did not appear practical that if rolls of film were available there was no way to visually review the film except by having copies made of negatives. ASAC Stefansson was instructed to ascertain specifically what type of film was used, that is make and size and also ascertain whether or not mechanical equipment could be rented locally to review such film. If such can be handled, he is to advise the Bureau of the approximate cost. If such equipment cannot be obtained locally, he is to advise the Bureau so that a check may be made nationally to determine whether or not appropriate machines are available to visually review negatives.

It was pointed out that such material should be afforded expeditious attention because it would be necessary for Bureau personnel to review the records in an effort to determine whether or not subject has obtained a driver's license in the State of Texas. This is not a project which could be left up to individual clerical employees by leaving a copy of an IO and hoping that they pay some attention to it sometime during the day. *K*

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Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

To: SACs, Dallas (44-2649)  
Houston (44-1509)  
Memphis (44-1987)  
New Orleans (157-10673)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

If not already done, Dallas, Houston, Memphis and New Orleans should check records of access to safety deposit boxes at banks in each of those cities for the month of April, 1968. Any individuals who made entry into such safety deposit boxes in this period should be eliminated as possibly being subject. This can primarily be done on the basis of length of time the box was rented or on the basis of the renter of the box being known to bank employees. Any questionable eliminations must be run out. *f*

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This is being suggested in light of the possibility that subject may have rented such a box and then while fleeing may have made entry for the purpose of withdrawing valuables.

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NOTE: In view of the fact that subject rented a safety deposit box in Birmingham, Ala., it is possible that he could have rented a safety deposit box in other cities. The divisions of Dallas, Houston, Memphis and New Orleans are being requested to ascertain the identity of individuals having safety deposit boxes in those cities and any questionable eliminations must be run out. This is being suggested in light of the possibility that subject may have rented such a box and then while fleeing may have made entry for the purpose of withdrawing valuables.

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URGENT 5-29-68

TO DIRECTOR  
FROM LEGAT TOKYO NO 36

MURKIN.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU, TAIPEI, TAIWAN, NEWSPAPERS ON MAY TWO NINE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, CARRIED STORY OF POSSIBILITY JAMES EARL RAY ENROUTE TAIWAN. LEGAT, THROUGH OSI IN TAIWAN AND KOREA, HAS ASCERTAINED NO APPARENT BASIS IN FACT FOR ALLEGATION. KOREA NATIONAL POLICE, SEOUL, GAVE PRESS RELEASE MAY TWO EIGHT, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, ASKING THAT ALL BE ALERT FOR SUBJECT IN EVENT HE TRAVELS TO KOREA AND THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE CAUSE OF MISLEADING DISPATCH FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP), KOREA TO AP, TAIWAN. KOREA NATIONAL POLICE CURRENTLY QUESTIONING AP KOREA REPRESENTATIVE AS TO BASIS FOR HIS DISPATCH. MATTER BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ABSOLUTE BASIS FOR REPORT.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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D CC MR. BRENNAN

cc Long

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

27 May 1968

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EXP. PROC.  
37 MAY 29 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
ATTN: [REDACTED] Special Agent  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the attached memorandum (Inclosure 1) from your Field Office at Knoxville, Tennessee, which contains an undeveloped lead pertaining to [REDACTED]

The attached statement (Inclosure 2), which contains the results of interview with [REDACTED] regarding this matter, is furnished as requested.

We trust this information will be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN F. HYDE  
Colonel, MPC  
Chief, Security &  
Investigation Division

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Knoxville, Tennessee

April 18, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka.,  
Eric Starvo Galt,  
Harvey Lowmeyer,  
John Willard;  
MARTIN LUTHER KING -  
VICTIM;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Captain Wilborn A. Ray, Instructor, Army ROTC, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, advised that in about September, 1966, while stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia, he and [REDACTED] were discussing racial problems when Dr. Martin Luther King's name came up. Ray continued he told [REDACTED] if Dr. King ever appeared in Memphis, Tennessee, he would be murdered. Captain Ray stated that he further told [REDACTED] that Dr. King would be shot while standing on a motel balcony, away from his friends, either looking over the arch or praying. He said that he also told [REDACTED] that Dr. King's assassin would be aiming at his head but would hit him in the throat or high in the chest.

Captain Ray explained that later in either January or February, 1967, he and [REDACTED] were drinking in a club at Fort Eustis when [REDACTED] again brought up the subject of Dr. King's possible murder in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that [REDACTED] asked him if he knew who would shoot Dr. King. He said that he replied that the man who would assassinate Dr. King was Eric Starvo Galt.

Ray stated he cannot explain why he was able to come forth with the above information and especially the name Eric Starvo Galt since he never knew anyone by

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka.,  
Eric Stokes Galt,  
Henry Sawyer,  
John Willard;  
MARTIN LUTHER KING -  
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that name, in fact, had never heard the name until after the assassination of Dr. King. He said, however, in the past on several occasions he had been able to predict future events.

Captain [REDACTED]

views the information a matter of record since he feels that when [REDACTED] receives the details of Dr. King's death, he will recall their previous conversation concerning Dr. King's assassination in Memphis and will report it to military authorities.

On April 17, 1968, [REDACTED] Military Intelligence, Johnson City, Tennessee, advised that Captain Wilborn A. Roy, ROTC Instructor, East Tennessee State University, has an above average IQ, an excellent Army record, and is considered an above average instructor at East Tennessee State University. [REDACTED] added that Colonel Richard Frueger, Captain Roy's Commanding Officer at East Tennessee State University, has advised that at the time of Dr. King's death in Memphis, Tennessee, he and Captain Roy with other members of a bowling team were bowling in Johnson City, Tennessee.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

## WITNESS STATEMENT

DATE

TIME

FILE NUMBER

[REDACTED] Hawaii

27 Apr 68

SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.

GRADE

045-26-2166

USARPAC Field Systems Agency, Fort Shafter, Hawaii

## SWORN STATEMENT

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

I became acquainted with Captain Wilborn RAY (then 2d LT) sometime in August 1962, when I was assigned to the 13th Pay War Bn at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Later, when I became the S-4, RAY worked for me as Battalion Maintenance Officer. I lived at this time in government quarters at 514 Mondragon Street. I had daily contact with RAY while he worked for me. RAY visited me and my family in my quarters rather frequently. On Saturdays during the football season we would watch ball games in my quarters. To my knowledge RAY got out of the Army sometime in 1964 and went back to Johnson City, Tennessee to take care of his mother. I left Bragg in 1964 to go to Vietnam.

I was surprised to meet RAY again at Fort Eustis, Virginia when I reported to duty there some time in August 1966. RAY had one of the Student Companies. During my stay at Eustis I had little contact with RAY. I was assigned to 714th Rail Battalion as S-3 and the job kept me pretty busy. I saw RAY three or four times during this period and had him once for dinner at my quarters at 122 Easton Drive, Warwick, Virginia. I left Fort Eustis in May of 1967 to go to Fort Benjamin Harrison, and later I was transferred to Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Q. [REDACTED] do you remember any discussions with RAY involving racial issues?

A. No. We may have discussed some of the demonstrations which were taking place in the country, but racial discussions were never a definite topic.

Q. Do you remember discussing Dr Martin Luther KING with RAY?

A. The name was probably mentioned in some of our conversations.

Q. Did RAY ever tell you that he had the ability to predict future events?

A. No, he never did.

Q. [REDACTED] RAY claims that on two occasions, once in September 1966, and again in January or February 1967, he told you that he knew that Dr KING would be assassinated if he ever came to Memphis, Tennessee, and gave you the details of the assassination and the name of the murderer. Do you remember such conversations?

A. No. I am sure that if such conversations had taken place, the events surrounding the assassination of Dr KING would have brought about a recollection. It seems to me that I remember meeting him at the Officers Club at Fort Eustis around the time during which this alleged conversation took place, but this was a very short meeting and the conversation unimportant.

EXHIBIT

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES

ADDITIONAL PAGES MUST CONTAIN THE HEADING "STATEMENT OF \_\_\_ TAKEN AT \_\_\_ DATED \_\_\_ CONTINUED." THE BOTTOM OF EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE STATEMENT AND BE INITIALED AS "PAGE \_\_\_ OF \_\_\_ PAGES." WHEN ADDITIONAL PAGES ARE UTILIZED, THE BACK OF PAGE 1 WILL BE LINED OUT AND THE STATEMENT WILL BE CONCLUDED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF ANOTHER COPY OF THIS FORM.

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN

Re: [REDACTED], Denver, Colorado.

Enclosed for Little Rock are two copies of Denver teletype to Director and Memphis dated 5/24/68, which summarizes interview with [REDACTED], Denver, Colorado.

[REDACTED] located and interviewed 5/28/68. Categorically denies any involvement in or knowledge of MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination. He claims [REDACTED] is mentally a "very sick person," who was merely trying to keep him from marrying [REDACTED]. He stated that at least most of the events described by [REDACTED] did take place, such as their trip to Acapulco, Mexico, his trip to Lubbock, Texas, and their visit with [REDACTED], but she added to what took place when she claimed he indicated he was involved in a conspiracy to kill KING.

He said the trip to Acapulco was for pleasure only, but, naturally, he and [REDACTED] discussed oil deals since they are associates in several oil ventures. He recalled a conversation with [REDACTED] in Acapulco wherein he mentioned in vague terms an oil deal in Kansas he was working on with [REDACTED], but no connection with a criminal syndicate was even implied. He stated that he avoided talking business with her because she fancied herself as an investor and a business woman, which she was not, and he did not want her becoming involved in any of his dealings. He recalled that she again brought up the subject of marriage during this conversation and that if he did not marry her, her daughter, [REDACTED], would be hurt. He said he told her that he did not want to hurt [REDACTED], but that he was not going to marry her.

C. C. Bishop

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He stated that after she learned he was going to marry [REDACTED], she came over to his apartment and threatened to kill him and herself rather than let him marry [REDACTED]. She left three of the pictures taken in Acapulco, which were taken of him, her and a sailfish he caught. He stated these are the only three pictures of the trip that he has. He recalled that only two shots of the yacht, Ultima II, were taken; one a full shot of the vessel, and the other a close-up of a red speed boat tied up to it. Neither shot contained any crewmen. It is noted that these two shots were among the pictures [REDACTED] showed interviewing Agents on 5/24/68.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] is in oil business and he worked in affiliation with him and [REDACTED] when they ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED]) were partners in [REDACTED], Denver, Colorado, a few years ago. He understood from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was in Acapulco at the time they were and was supposed to have arrived aboard the yacht. He said he had no arrangement to identify himself to any crewman or to [REDACTED] on the yacht. He stated neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] involved in any criminal activity so far as he knows.

Little Rock, at Ashdown, Arkansas, is requested to interview [REDACTED], banker, to determine if activities of the group or any of its members while in Acapulco had anything to do with planning the death of KING.

Investigation Denver continuing.

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VIA TELETYPE

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5-27-68 URGENT ERA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

MURKIN

RE PHILA TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS MAY TWENTY LAST PERTAINING TO BODY OF UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE FOUND MAY EIGHT LAST IN SHALLOW GRAVE NEAR MAHANAY CITY, PA.

ON THIS DATE [REDACTED], PSP, READING, PA, ADVISED THAT TODAY SKULL X-RAYS OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE, IO NO. FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO, FURNISHED PSP BY BUREAU WERE COMPARED WITH LOWER JAW OF INSTANT UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE ABOVE MENTIONED. COMPARISON DONE BY DR. JOSEPH E. CONRAD, RADIOLOGIST AND DR. THOMAS BUCKLEY, PATHOLOGIST, GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, POTTSVILLE, PA, WHO STATED NO SIMILARITY WHATSOEVER IN BONE STRUCTURE OR DENTAL WORK BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED AND RAY AND NOT POSSIBLE THE TWO ARE IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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memo to AG, DAF, CRD  
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The Attorney General

May 29, 1968

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Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. McDonough

**ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Reference is made to my memorandum dated May 27, 1968, relative to the body of an unidentified deceased person found in a grave near Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.

On May 27, 1968, [REDACTED] Pennsylvania State Police, Reading, Pennsylvania, advised that skull X-rays of James Earl Ray, subject of captioned case, were compared with the lower jaw of the above body by Dr. Joseph E. Conrad, radiologist, and Dr. Thomas Buckley, pathologist, Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and they stated there was no similarity whatsoever between the bone structure or dental work of the body and those of James Earl Ray.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak  
Assistant Attorney General

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**NOTE:** Attorney General was previously advised of the finding of this body near Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, on 5/8/68. There had been unsubstantiated reports that it might be Ray's body and the original examining physician and an archaeologist were in conflict as to the possible length of time the body had been in the grave, one claiming six months and the other four to six weeks. This is to furnish the Attorney General up-to-date information on this development.

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AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

UNSUB (2):  
 The Bank of Alton,  
 Alton, Illinois,  
 7/13/67  
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Being submitted under separate cover via Registered Mail are the following items of evidence recovered in connection with captioned bank robbery.

1. Item Q3 - A Van Housen Shirt
2. Item Q6 - Man's brown trousers
3. Slides of hair samples prepared by the Laboratory of hair recovered from previously submitted evidence.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the above submitted evidence with items to be submitted by the Memphis Division in connection with the MURKIN investigation to determine if there is any similarity or identification between the two cases.

- ④ - Bureau (3) 44-38861 REG 102  
 (1: 91-27494)
- 1 - Package (RM)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - St. Louis (44-775)  
 3 - Springfield (2: 44-561)  
 (1: 91-3699)

C. C. Elshomr  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in Charge

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The Memphis Division is requested to submit items of clothing bearing laundry marks and hair samples recovered by the Laboratory in the MURKIN investigation for comparison with the above submitted items.

The St. Louis Division is requested to reinterview [REDACTED] in depth; develop in detail his complete association with JAMES EARL RAY, together with all knowledge he has concerning RAY's movements and plans, particularly with reference to the casing of The Bank of Alton in 1959. Will also determine from [REDACTED] all known associates of RAY in order that they might be investigated as possible suspects in instant bank robbery. Will submit results to the Springfield Division in order that all future investigation concerning MURKIN and the bank robbery matter might be coordinated.

For information of the Bureau, the Springfield report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/10/67 beginning of page 28 sets forth results of Laboratory examination of recovered evidence in this matter. With particular reference to the shotgun recovered, the Laboratory pointed out that there was no physical evidence to indicate the shotgun had ever borne a serial number and that there are some shotguns which do not bear a serial number.

For further information of the Bureau, inquiry of employees and officials at The Bank of Alton has disclosed that no exact figure or breakdown of the bills incorporated in the loot money obtained is available since the bank was robbed near the end of the business day and the tellers had no exact accounting of denominations taken. It is the opinion of employees that a large amount of \$20 bills was obtained and further that one teller specifically recalls she had twenty-one \$100 bills in her teller's cage.

Investigation continuing Springfield Division to develop information concerning information furnished by [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER *C. J. Trotter*

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : S. F. Latona *S. F. Latona*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen *RS* \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

## LATENT PRINT TESTIMONY

*M*  
An envelope postmarked "Hoboken, NJ May 17, 1968," and addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Q345, and accompanying greeting card, Q346, have been examined, but no latent impressions of value developed.

The envelope and greeting card, which are attached, are being retained in Bufiles.

Laboratory is setting forth the results of its examination in a separate memorandum.

### RECOMMENDATION:

For information. *g*

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Enclosures (2)

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A Prayer  
For You



MARTIN L. KING  
Rec'd at [redacted]

My [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted] at [redacted]

God grant me the  
serenity to accept the  
things I cannot change,  
the courage to change  
the things I can, and  
the wisdom to know  
the difference.

Amen

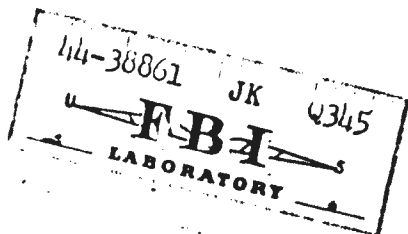
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May you be  
strengthened every day  
by the knowledge of God's  
loving presence.

AUGUST 14 1964  
[redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>EL PASO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/31/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/5/68 - 5/23/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>MURKIN</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>CLB</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

## REFERENCES

Bureau airtel to all offices dated 5/7/68.

Report of SA  dated 5/24/68  
at El Paso.

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## ENCLOSURE

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Stop card regarding stops placed by the El Paso  
Office, which are listed on Page 53 of instant report.

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Racial, Security, and Criminal Informants and Sources were contacted regarding JAMES EARL RAY. None of these Informants and Sources were acquainted with RAY, nor did they have any information regarding him. The identities of the informants and sources contacted are recorded in the El Paso file.

In regard to telephone calls made by subject RAY in December, 1967, while en route from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana, the El Paso Office checked out more than 115 telephone calls made to individuals residing in the El Paso Division which had originated from telephone booths and pay stations along the route in question during the pertinent period. None of these individuals contacted were acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY. None of them had any information regarding RAY. This information is not being included in the body of the report in view of the fact that the information regarding the telephone calls in question was obtained from the confidential records of various telephone companies.

In regard to telephone calls made from telephone booths at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, one such call was received at the Del Camino Motel in El Paso. The identity of the recipient of the telephone call was not determined. This information is not being included in the body of the report in view of the confidential nature of records of the telephone company.

In those instances where information was received by the El Paso Office regarding suspects and it was subsequently determined that the suspects were not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, such information has not been included in the body of this report.

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It is noted that the El Paso Office has no known bombing suspects in its division.

In connection with the checks made under the names HARRY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and ERIC STARVO GALT, the San Antonio Office advised by teletype dated 4/9/68 that it would cover state-wide checks for the Selective Service System, Texas Department of Public Safety (Identification Division and Drivers License Records).

The additional inquiries made in an effort to locate [REDACTED], Clint, Texas, as noted on Page 37, were contacts on 4/11/68 with [REDACTED], U.S. Post Office, Clint, Texas, and [REDACTED], U.S. Post Office, Fabens, Texas, (protect identities) neither of whom had any information regarding [REDACTED]

The identities of the persons contacted in connection with the checks regarding HARRY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and ERIC STARVO GALT are maintained in the El Paso Office file and were not included in the body of this report.

El Paso teletype to the Director, Dallas, and Los Angeles (air mail copy to Memphis) dated 5/23/68 set out the following information:

[REDACTED] (protect identity) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Midland, Texas, advised SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on 5/23/68 that when she boarded the Greyhound bus at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on 5/22/68, a white male whom she described to be age 35 to 38, 6', 185 to 190 pounds, who had small brown speck marks on face, slightly slanted eyes and mouth, 1½" V-shaped scar on back of head, brown crew-cut hair, brown eyes, wearing old brown suit, brown knit sweater, dark blue sport shirt, was sitting in the aisle seat about



two thirds of the way back in the bus on the left side as one walks to the rear. [REDACTED] stated that about one hour en route from Tulsa to Dallas this individual made the remark in a loud manner so that the other bus passengers could hear, "I killed one man. I am wanted in 48 states, but they will never catch me. I'll tell you about MARTIN LUTHER KING. There are 20 of us in on that. We are in law enforcement and who would suspect us?" This individual stated "I am going back to old L.A." He also discussed presidential history.

[REDACTED] stated this individual left the bus at Dallas and boarded a Greyhound bus at Dallas at about 11:10 p.m., 5/22/68. [REDACTED] knew no other individuals on the bus from Tulsa to Dallas. She stated that the photograph on the Wanted Flyer on JAMES EARL RAY was definitely not identical with the individual on the bus.

Leads were set out for the Dallas and Los Angeles Offices in the above-mentioned teletype.

In regard to STAYNER DUGAN, mentioned on Page 29, a lead was set out for the Dallas Office in this matter.

In regard to the 1966 Oldsmobile 98, mentioned on Page 31, the Atlanta and Savannah Offices conducted investigation in this matter.

In regard to [REDACTED], mentioned on Page 34, the Phoenix Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

In regard to [REDACTED], mentioned on Page 35, the Oklahoma City Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

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In regard to [REDACTED] mentioned on Page 36, the Knoxville Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

In regard to the man who resembled ERIC STARVO GALT, mentioned on Page 38, a lead was set out for the Albuquerque Office in this matter.

In regard to [REDACTED] mentioned on Page 41, the Phoenix Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

In regard to ERIC RAY, aka., EARL RAY, mentioned on Page 43, the Richmond and Knoxville Offices conducted investigation in this matter.

In regard to CARL RAY, mentioned on Page 50, the Los Angeles Office instituted investigation in this matter.

In regard to [REDACTED], mentioned on Page 51, the San Diego Office instituted investigation in this matter.

On 5/3/68, Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] Reeves County Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas, advised SA [REDACTED] that he had checked at the United States Post Office in Pecos and none of the employees had any recollection of receiving any mail bearing the names of C. RAY, CARL RAY, Mrs. C. RAY, or Mrs. CARL RAY. (See Page 50).

Leads regarding information contained in the body of this report were previously set out by teletype or airtel and are not being restated at this time.

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LEADS

EL PASO DIVISION

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Will continue efforts to locate and apprehend  
subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [REDACTED]

Date: 5/31/68

Office: EL PASO

Field Office File #: 157-186

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA;  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Character:

Synopsis: No record regarding JAMES EARL RAY located in the West Texas area. Stops placed. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, WAS CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MISSOURI, IN 1966, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AT EL PASO, TEXAS

CHECKS RE HARRY LOWMEYER OR  
LOWMYER OR ANYONE BY THE NAME  
OF LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER

The below-listed agencies and sources of information were checked in an effort to develop information regarding anyone with the above-captioned names. No pertinent information was developed as a result of these checks.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 9, 1968:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Credit Bureau of El Paso;

El Paso Police Department;

El Paso County Sheriff's Office;

El Paso County Tax Office (Voter Registration  
Records);

El Paso City Directories;

El Paso Telephone Directories.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 9, 1968:

AT FORT BLISS, EL PASO, TEXAS

Post Locator Records of the United States  
Army Training Center and the United States Army  
Air Defense Center;

Records of the Civilian Personnel Office.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 1968:

AT PECOS, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Credit Bureau;

Pecos Police Department;

Reeves County Sheriff's Office;

Reeves County Tax Office (Voter Registration  
Records);

Pecos Telephone and City Directories;

Security State Bank;

First National Bank.

AT MONAHAN, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Credit Bureau;  
Monahan Police Department;  
Ward County Sheriff's Office;  
Ward County Tax Office (Voter Registration  
Records);  
First State Bank;  
First National Bank;  
Monahan Telephone and City Directories.

AT MENTONE, TEXAS

Loving County Sheriff's Office (Voter's Registration  
checked through Sheriff)

The investigation as set out above conducted  
by SA [REDACTED], also included checks under the name of  
ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 1968:



AT ODESSA, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;  
Odessa Police Department;  
Ector County Sheriff's Office;  
Ector County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);  
Odessa City and Telephone Directories;  
First National Bank;  
American Bank of Commerce;  
National Bank of Odessa;  
First State Bank;  
Home Savings Association;  
Odessa Savings and Loan Association;  
First Savings and Loan Association.

AT ANDREWS, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association of Andrews;  
Andrews Police Department;  
Andrews County Sheriff's Office,

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Andrews County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Andrews Telephone Directory;

Commercial State Bank;

First National Bank;

Andrews Savings and Loan Association.

The above-mentioned investigation by SA [REDACTED] included checks under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 9, 1968:

AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

Midland Police Department;

Midland County Sheriff's Office;

Retail Merchants Association;

Midland County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Midland City and Telephone Directories.

AT STANTON, TEXAS

Stanton Police Department;

Martin County Sheriff's Office;

Martin County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Stanton Telephone Directory.

AT FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;

Fort Stockton Police Department;

Pecos County Sheriff's Office;

Pecos County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Fort Stockton Telephone and City Directories

(Pecos County Sheriff's Office covers Iraan, Sheffield, and Imperial, Texas, as does the Retail Merchants Association of Fort Stockton. Telephone Directories of Iraan, Sheffield, and Imperial were also checked.)

AT RANKIN, TEXAS

Upton County Sheriff's Office;

Upton County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Rankin Telephone Directory.

AT McCAMEY, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association (covers Rankin, Texas);

McCamey Police Department;

McCamey Telephone Directory.

AT CRANE, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;

Crane Police Department;

Crane County Sheriff's Office;

Crane County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Crane Telephone Directory.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 9, 1968:

AT ALPINE, TEXAS

Alpine Credit Bureau (also covers Marfa, Sierra Blanca, Fort Davis, Presidio, and Van Horn, Texas)

Alpine Police Department;

Brewster County Sheriff's Office;

Brewster County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Alpine Telephone Directory.

AT MARFA, TEXAS

Marfa City Marshal;

Presidio County Sheriff's Office;

Presidio County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Marfa Telephone Directory.

AT SIERRA BLANCA, TEXAS

Hudspeth County Sheriff's Office;

Hudspeth County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Sierra Blanca Telephone Directory.

AT FORT DAVIS, TEXAS

Jeff Davis County Sheriff's Office;

Jeff Davis County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Fort Davis Telephone Directory.

AT VAN HORN, TEXAS

Culberson County Sheriff's Office;

Culberson County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Van Horn Telephone Directory.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 9, 1968:

AT JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO

Mexican Immigration Service (Tourist Visa Files);

Juarez Police Department;

Chihuahua State Police;

United States Consulate;

Juarez Telephone Directory.

CHECKS RE ERIC STARVO GALT

The below-listed agencies and sources of information were contacted regarding any information under the name ERIC STARVO GALT. No pertinent information was developed:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 1968:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Credit Bureau of El Paso;

El Paso Police Department;

El Paso County Sheriff's Office;

El Paso County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

El Paso City and Telephone Directories

Post Locator Records of the United States Army Training Center and the United States Army Air Defense Center and the records of the Civilian Personnel Office, all Fort Bliss, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 1968:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

State National Bank;

Southwest National Bank;

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Bassett National Bank;  
First State Bank;  
American Bank of Commerce;  
Coronado State Bank;  
Northgate National Bank;  
El Paso Federal Savings and Loan Association;  
First Savings and Loan Association.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 1968:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association;  
Surety Federal Savings and Loan Association;  
Chelmont State Bank;  
Citizens State Bank of Ysleta;  
El Paso National Bank.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 1968:

AT ALPINE, TEXAS

Alpine Credit Bureau;



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Alpine Police Department;  
Brewster County Sheriff's Office;  
Alpine Telephone Directory;  
First National Bank of Alpine.

AT MARFA, TEXAS

Presidio County Sheriff's Office;  
Marfa Telephone Directory;  
Marfa National Bank.

AT VAN HORN, TEXAS

Culberson County Sheriff's Office;  
Van Horn Telephone Directory;  
Van Horn State Bank.

AT FORT DAVIS, TEXAS

Jeff Davis County Sheriff's Office;  
Fort Davis Telephone Directory;  
Fort Davis State Bank.

AT FABENS, TEXAS

First National Bank of Fabens;  
Fabens Telephone Directory.

AT SIERRA BLANCA, TEXAS

Hudspeth County Sheriff's Office;

Sierra Blanca Telephone Directory.

AT VALENTINE AND PRESIDIO, TEXAS

Valentine and Presidio Telephone Directories.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 1968:

(See information set out above under LOWMEYER  
caption).

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 1968:

(See information set out under the  
LOWMEYER caption).

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 1968:

AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;

Midland Police Department;

Midland County Sheriff's Office;

Midland Telephone and City Directories;

Bank of the Southwest;

Commercial Bank and Trust Company;

First National Bank;

Midland National Bank;

First Savings and Loan Association;

Citizens Savings and Loan Association;

Midland Savings Association.

AT STANTON, TEXAS

Stanton Police Department;

Martin County Sheriff's Office;

Stanton Telephone Directory;

First National Bank.

AT RANKIN, TEXAS

Upton County Sheriff's Office;

Rankin Telephone Directory;

First State Bank.

AT McCAMEY, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;

McCamey Police Department;

McCamey Telephone Directory;

Security State Bank.

AT FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;

Fort Stockton Police Department;

Pecos County Sheriff's Office;

Fort Stockton Telephone and City Directories;

First National Bank;

Pecos County State Bank;

First Savings and Loan Association.

AT CRANE, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;

Crane Police Department;

Crane County Sheriff's Office;

Crane Telephone Directory;

First State Bank.

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AT IRAAN, TEXAS

Iraan Telephone Directory;

Iraan State Bank.

AT IMPERIAL AND SHEFFIELD, TEXAS

Imperial and Sheffield Telephone Directories.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 1968:

AT JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO

Mexican Immigration Service (Tourist Visa Files);

Juarez Police Department;

Chihuahua State Police;

United States Consulate;

Juarez Telephone Directory.

LAUNDRY MARKINGS

The below-listed laundries were contacted on the dates noted in an effort to ascertain if any laundries used a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, to mark laundered clothing, in view of the fact that among articles recovered at the scene of the shooting of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., were a pair of brownish checkered print undershorts and white Jockey T-shirt bearing cloth laundry tags made by a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine. These tags were one quarter inch wide and one and one sixteenth inches long, red in color, and bear marking which appeared to be "02B-6", or "D2B-6". None of the laundries contacted made use of Thermo-Seal Marking Machines, except as otherwise indicated below:

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 9, 1968:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

A-Better Cleaners and Laundry;

AAA Cleaners and Laundry;

Acme Laundry and Cleaners;

American Laundry and Cleaners;

Angelus Cleaners;

Four Hour Shirt Service;

Wash Well Laundry;

Crystal Cleaners;

Montview Cleaners;

Circle K Cleaners;

Texas Cleaners and Laundry;

Dyer Laundry;

Spring Laundry.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 9, 1968:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Supreme Laundry;

El Paso Laundry.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on April 9, 1968.

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Mr. J. LLOYD GORE, Owner, Laun-Dry Supply Company, 3800 Durazno Street, said he could make the statement without hesitation that there were no Thermo-Seal Marking Machines used by any laundries in El Paso at the present time. He said that the Elite Laundry, which is no longer in business, was formerly located in El Paso and used a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine up to about four or five years ago, but it had not been known to have been used since that time.

A representative of the Edmunds Chemical Company, 1616 Bassett Street, telephonically advised that this company

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had no information to indicate that any Thermo-Seal Marking Machines were used by any laundries in the El Paso area.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 9, 1968:

AT PECOS, TEXAS

Airlawn Laundrette; .

EZY-Way Laundry.

AT MONAHANS, TEXAS

Monahans Steam Laundry.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 9, 1968:

AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

CARRIEL NIPP, Manager, Snowwhite Laundry and Cleaners, advised that none of the laundries in Midland used a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine. Hi said that his laundry used such a machine until about three years ago, but that it did not use red tags when the machine was in use.

AT FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

Stockton Steam Laundry.

AT ANDREWS, TEXAS

Andrews Steam Laundry.



AT KERMIT, TEXAS

Oak Street Laundry;

Monarch Professional Laundry.

AT ODESSA, TEXAS

Troy Laundry and Cleaners;

Sunshine Laundry and Cleaners;

Monarch Laundry and Cleaners;

Nu-Way Cleaners.

Mr. RUSSELL NORTON, Manager, Odessa Laundry and Cleaners, 1107 West 10th Street, advised that this was the only laundry in Odessa that was currently using a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine. He said that his machine used only numbers and no letters, that the tags used by the machine are one third inch by three quarters inch, and that only white tags are used, with the exception of rush orders, when orange tags are used. He stated that the machine is not used to mark rough dry work, such as shorts and T-shirts.

The telephone directories for McCamey, Crane, Rankin, Stanton, and Iraan, Texas, were checked and no listing was located for any laundries, except for self-service laundries.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 9, 1968:

AT ALPINE AND MARFA, TEXAS

ED DeVOLIN, Elite Laundry and Cleaners, Marfa,

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and BILL WINTERS, Winters Cleaners, Alpine, advised that they operated the only laundries covering Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio, and Brewster Counties in West Texas. They advised that their laundries do not use Thermo-Seal Marking Machines.

The only two laundries in the West Texas area which have Thermo-Seal Marking Machines, according to the records of the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, are as follows:

Elite Laundry and Cleaners  
412 South Oregon Street  
El Paso, Texas

Odessa Laundry  
1107 West 10th Street  
Odessa, Texas

(Information is set out above regarding the Odessa Laundry and Cleaners.)

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on the dates noted:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

On April 15, 1968, Mr. IRV BERRY, Manager, Red Top Linen and Industrial Supply Company, 412 South Oregon Street, advised that the Elite Laundry and Cleaners was formerly located at this address and went out of existence in 1963. He said he did not know what disposition was made of the Thermo-Seal Marking Machines used by the Elite Laundry and Cleaners. He noted that some of the

machinery was sold to other laundries in the community, but no record had been maintained regarding the disposal of any of the machinery.

The below-listed individuals were contacted in an effort to ascertain what disposition had been made of the Thermo-Seal Marking Machines formerly used by the Elite Laundry and Cleaners in El Paso. These individuals advised that they did not recall what disposition had been made of these machines:

WILLIAM JONES, Red Top Linen and Industrial Supply Company, contacted April 15, 1968;

BERNARD MUNOZ, Red Top Linen and Industrial Supply Company, contacted April 15, 1968, (former employee of Elite Laundry and Cleaners);

LORENZO ORTEGA, Red Top Linen and Industrial Supply Company, contacted on April 17, 1968, (former employee of Elite Laundry and Cleaners);

PAUL OLSEN, Secretary, W. R. Weaver Company, contacted on April 17, 1968, (the W. R. Weaver Company owned the Elite Laundry and Cleaners when the latter went out of existence);

HAROLD LEVY, Owner, Angelus Cleaners, contacted on April 17, 1968;

JAIME AYALA, Griffin Cleaners, contacted on April 17 and 18, 1968, (former Cleaning Department Foreman of Elite Laundry and Cleaners).

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Mr. LLOYD GORE, Owner, Laun-Dry Supply Company, contacted on April 17, 1968, (he stated he personally serviced the Thermo-Seal Marking Machines at the Elite Laundry and Cleaners, but did not recall what happened to them);

Mrs. PERRY STIGLER, Perry's Cleaners and Shirt Laundry, contacted on April 18, 1968;

ANTONIO GALINDO, Mesa Cleaners, contacted on April 18, 1968;

REFUGIO PARTIDA, Texas Cleaners, contacted on April 18, 1968;

RALPH THURMOND, Regal Supply Company, contacted on April 18, 1968.

On April 18, 1968, Miss CELIA F. JIMINEZ, Bookkeeper, Laun-Dry Supply Company, advised that she recalled that this company sold the Elite Laundry and Cleaners its two Thermo-Seal Marking Machines. She said it was her recollection that these machines used the old style tape, which was five sixteenths of an inch in width, not one quarter inch tape. Miss JIMINEZ reviewed the records of the Laun-Dry Supply Company and located information in the records indicating that the Thermo-Seal Marking Machines used by the Elite Laundry and Cleaners made use of five sixteenths inch tape.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the pillowcase and bedsheet found in the trunk of the 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11, 1968, contained Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately the same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but were yellow in color and contained the code, "20P-3".

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA [REDACTED] on April 23, 1968:

Mr. JAMES R. NORTON, Manager, Odessa Laundry and Cleaners, Odessa, Texas, stated that the Thermo-Seal Marking Machine used by the laundry does not use letters and only uses numbers. He said the machine uses white tape except for rush orders, when any colored tape is used.

DANCING SCHOOLS

The below-listed dancing schools were contacted in an effort to ascertain if anyone using the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD, had ever attended these schools and registered under these names or any variations thereof. No information was developed to indicate that anyone using any of the above-mentioned names had ever attended any of these schools.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 15, 1968:

AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

E. F. BINGHAM, Owner, Bingham Dance Studio;

Mrs. MARY RUTH DILTZ, Mary Ruth Diltz Dance Studio;

GEORGIA GOSS HARSTON, Harston School of Dance.

AT PECOS, TEXAS

Mrs. SHELIA MARTIN, Shelia Martin Dance Studio.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on April 15, 1968:

AT ODESSA, TEXAS

Mrs. BETTY MOOSHER, Manager, Arthur Murray Dance Studio;

Mrs. MAFJORIE MONTILLA, Owner, Montilla Studio of Ballroom Dancing,

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on the dates noted:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Miss PAT STUART, Supervisor, Arthur Murray Dance  
Studio, contacted on April 15, 1968;

Mrs. B. H. GARLAND, Garland Dance Studio,  
contacted on April 15, 1968;

Mr. GUILLERMO AGUILAR, Aguilar Dance Studio,  
contacted on April 15, 1968;

Mr. GORDON C. JOHNSON, Owner, Bassett Dance  
Studio, contacted on April 17, 1968;

Mrs. INGEBORG HEUSER, Ballet Centre, contacted on  
April 17, 1968;

Mrs. VIRGINIA M. WEAVER, Manager, The Lively  
Arts, contacted on April 17, 1968;

Mr. GORDON C. JOHNSON, supra, recontacted on  
April 18, 1968.

STAYNER DUGAN, MIDLAND, TEXAS,  
CLAIMED HE HAD RELATIVES BY  
NAME OF GALT

AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

On April 15, 1968, Mr. STAYNER DUGAN, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] as follows:

He had relatives by the name of GALT. Some of these relatives spell their name as "GUALT" and some spell the name as "GUAT". His father, GLENN E. DUGAN, [REDACTED] Abilene, Texas, has the hobby of genealogy and would know if there was anyone in the family by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT. His aunt, FERN TRUCKENMILLER, who was visiting with his father in Abilene, also was in possession of information regarding the GALT family tree.



RECOVERY OF STOLEN CARS  
FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA

The below-listed individuals were contacted on April 24, 1968, at which time they advised that, to the best of their knowledge, no stolen automobiles with license plates of the State of Georgia have been recovered in their respective territories subsequent to April 4, 1968:

Sheriff DAN SAUNDERS, Martin County Sheriff's Office, and Chief of Police JAKE BRUTON, both of Stanton, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED].

Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] Pecos County Sheriff's Office, and Chief of Police STANLEY HARRISON, both of Fort Stockton, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED].

Sheriff GENE ECKOLS, Upton County Sheriff's Office, Rankin, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED].

Chief of Police CARL LOCKER, McCamey, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED].

Sheriff RAY WEATHERBY, Crane County Sheriff's Office, and Chief of Police JOHNNY LANDIS, both of Crane, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED].

Chief Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] Midland County Sheriff's Office, and [REDACTED], Midland Police Department, both of Midland, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED].

Chief of Police BOB PATTERSON, Monahans, Texas, and Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] Reeves County Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas, both contacted by SA [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] Texas Department of  
Public Safety, El Paso, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chihuahua State  
Traffic Department, [REDACTED] State Judicial Police,  
and [REDACTED] Juarez Police Department,  
all Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, contacted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Captain OLAN MILES, [REDACTED]  
and Assistant Chief JACK TOMLIN (NA), all of the Odessa  
Police Department, Odessa, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Captain DON REAVES (NA), and Deputy [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Ector County Sheriff's Office, Odessa,  
Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED]

Sheriff BUD GREGORY, Andrews County Sheriff's  
Office, Andrews, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], El  
Paso Police Department, El Paso, Texas, contacted by  
SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] El Paso County Sheriff's  
Office, El Paso, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED]

On April 25, 1968, GEORGE CONNOR, Manager,  
El Paso Wrecker Service, 428 Frederick Street, El Paso,  
advised SA [REDACTED] that the only automobile located at  
the lot of the wrecker service which had Georgia license  
plates was a 1966 Oldsmobile 98 four door hardtop, Vehicle  
Identification Number 384396M242814, 1967 Georgia License  
Plates 56A471. He said that this automobile had been

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impounded at the wrecker service lot since April 20, 1968. He noted that the Airport Police at the El Paso International Airport had placed a ticket on the automobile for over-parking on April 20, 1968, and that the automobile had been removed from the parking lot of the airport and impounded at the wrecker service lot on that date. He noted that on the rear seat of the automobile was located 1968 Georgia license plates 56A357.

The individuals listed above who were contacted on April 24, 1968, regarding the recovery of stolen automobiles from the State of Georgia, were recontacted by the same Special Agents during the period from April 26 through 29, 1968, at which time they advised that no information was contained in the files of their respective offices regarding the recovery of stolen automobiles with Georgia license plates during the period from March 23, 1968, to April 4, 1968.

COMPARISON OF FINGERPRINTS  
OF JAMES EARL RAY WITH  
UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS  
BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

On April 30, 1968, the below-listed individuals advised that they would compare the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with the unidentified latent fingerprints maintained in the files of their respective offices in an effort to ascertain if any of the unidentified latent fingerprints belonged to JAMES EARL RAY:

[REDACTED] Identification Division,  
El Paso Police Department, El Paso, Texas, contacted by  
SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Midland Police  
Department, Midland, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Odessa Police Department,  
Odessa, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED].

On April 30, 1968, [REDACTED]  
El Paso Police Department, supra, and on May 3, 1968,  
[REDACTED], Midland Police Department,  
and [REDACTED] Odessa Police Department,  
both supra, advised the contacting agents that the  
comparison of the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with  
unidentified latent fingerprints maintained in their  
respective files had been completed and that they had  
been unable to match RAY's prints with any of these  
unidentified latent fingerprints.

REPORTED ASSOCIATE  
OF JAMES EARL RAY AT LEAVENWORTH

AT ANTHONY, TEXAS

On April 30, 1968,                                     ,  
La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution, advised SA             
                                     as follows:

Two individuals by the name of                       
have been released from the Federal Correctional Institution  
in Florence, Arizona, in the past and he did not know which  
one was identical with                      Leavenworth Prison Number  
                    .                      Florence Correctional Institution  
Number           , was released from Florence in about        and  
his record was sent to the Federal Records Center, Denver,  
Colorado, in Agency Container Number           .

                     Florence Correctional Institution  
Number           , was released from Florence in        and his  
record was transferred in 1963 to the Federal Records  
Center, Bell, California, Container Number            Agency  
Container Number           , Accession Number           .

████████████████████ ACQUAINTANCE  
OF JAMES EARL RAY AT THE MISSOURI  
STATE PENITENTIARY

AT VAN HORN, TEXAS

On April 30, 1968, Sheriff ORVAL CAPEHART, Culberson County Sheriff's Office, telephonically advised SA ██████████ as follows:

He checked the records of the Clark Hotel, Van Horn, on April 30, 1968, at which time it was determined that one ██████████, white, male, American, age about 40, height about 6', weight about 175 pounds, arrived on foot at the Clark Hotel at about 7:00 p.m. on April 3, 1968. ██████████ rented Room ██████████, paid \$2 for the room, and stated to the clerk at the Clark Hotel that \$2 was all the money that he had. ██████████ spent the night in Room 7, listing the address of ██████████, Waverly, Iowa. ██████████ was not known to have made any telephone calls while at the Clark Hotel, and did not inquire as to where he could make a telephone call away from the hotel. ██████████ was alone and had no visitors while at the hotel. ██████████ left the hotel at about 10:00 a.m. on April 4, 1968, was on foot, but his direction of departure was not known by the employees of the hotel.

██████████, CHATTANOOGA,  
TENNESSEE, ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED  
WITH JAMES EARL RAY

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

On May 21, 1968, Mr. G. A. LICON, Operations Supervisor, Greyhound Bus Lines, 212 San Francisco Street, was furnished a photograph of [REDACTED] FBI Number [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED], at which time he advised that the photograph would be displayed to the employees at the bus depot in an effort to ascertain if any of the employees recalled seeing [REDACTED] at the bus depot on about April 8 or 9, 1968.

On May 22, 1968, Mr. L. I. DAVIS, Cashier, Greyhound Bus Lines, 212 San Francisco Street, advised SA [REDACTED] that the photograph of [REDACTED] had been displayed to the employees of the bus depot and that none of the employees recalled having seen [REDACTED] at the bus depot on about April 8 or 9, 1968, or at any time in the past.

SUSPECT - UNIDENTIFIED MAN OBSERVED  
ON HIGHWAY NEAR EL PASO, TEXAS,  
ON APRIL 9, 1968, WHO RESEMBLED SKETCH  
OF THE UNKNOWN SUBJECT

AT CLINT, TEXAS

On April 9, 1968, at approximately 6:00 p.m.,  
[REDACTED], telephonically advised  
Security Patrol Clerk [REDACTED] that she had  
seen a man on Interstate Highway 10 on the outskirts of  
El Paso who resembled the sketch of the unknown subject.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] in an effort to locate and interview  
[REDACTED] supra:

On April 11, 1968, the telephone directories  
for Clint, Fabens, and El Paso, all Texas, were reviewed  
and no listing was located for anyone by the name of  
[REDACTED]

The names on the mailboxes along [REDACTED] en  
route from El Paso to Clint and Fabens, Texas, were checked  
and no mailbox was located under the name of [REDACTED]

Additional inquiries were made in Clint and Fabens,  
Texas, but no information was developed regarding the  
whereabouts of [REDACTED]



SUSPECT - UNIDENTIFIED MAN OBSERVED ON  
HIGHWAY HEADED FOR NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 18,  
1968, WHO STRONGLY RESEMBLED ERIC STARVO  
GALT

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AT EL PASO, TEXAS

On April 18, 1968, at about 1:30 p.m., [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] telephonically advised  
ASAC JAY COCHRAN, Jr., as follows:

[REDACTED] had just seen a red Chevrolet convertible, 1963 or 1964, bearing Alabama license plates number [REDACTED], which was proceeding west on Interstate Highway 10 toward New Mexico. [REDACTED] followed this automobile for some distance in El Paso and observed that it was occupied by two men, the driver of which "strongly resembled" suspect ERIC STARVO GALT. [REDACTED] had seen the photograph of GALT in the "El Paso Times" newspaper that morning along with a description of GALT and the press release issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He based his identification of the individual in the above-mentioned automobile as strongly resembling GALT on the information which had appeared in the newspaper. [REDACTED] was unable to obtain the complete license number of the automobile.

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SUSPECT - UNIDENTIFIED MAN AT THE  
PARADISE LOUNGE, EL PASO, TEXAS,  
APRIL 21, 1968, WHO RESEMBLED THE  
PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

On April 21, 1968, at 8:20 p.m., Security Patrol Clerk [REDACTED] received an anonymous telephone call at the Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The caller advised that there was a man at the Paradise Lounge, Mesa and Doniphan Streets, El Paso, at that time who resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 21, 1968, at 8:40 p.m., SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] entered the Paradise Lounge, supra and observed the persons in the lounge. No one was seen in the lounge between 8:40 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. who resembled JAMES EARL RAY.

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SUSPECT - UNIDENTIFIED MAN IN THE AZTEC  
BAR, EL PASO, TEXAS, ON APRIL 23, 1968,  
WHO RESEMBLED ERIC STARVO GALT

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

On April 23, 1968, at approximately 8:00 a.m., Assistant Chief Clerk [REDACTED] received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself as [REDACTED]. This individual stated that about a half hour before a man resembling ERIC STARVO GALT had been in the Aztec Bar, 500 South Stanton Street, El Paso.

On April 23, 1968, ROSA ONTIVEROS, Barmaid, Aztec Bar, supra, advised SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that she was alone in the bar, that no customers had been in the bar that morning, that no one had used the pay telephone in the bar, and that she did not know anyone by the name of [REDACTED].

After viewing a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, she said that the individual in the photograph did not resemble anyone whom she knew.

SUSPECT - [REDACTED]

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

On April 23, 1968, [REDACTED], El Paso County Tax Office, made available to SA [REDACTED] the records regarding the 1968 Texas licenses on file in her office. It was ascertained that the 1968 Texas license [REDACTED] was registered to [REDACTED], El Paso, Texas.

The 1967 El Paso City Directory reflected that the [REDACTED], was located at [REDACTED], El Paso.

On April 24, 1968, [REDACTED], advised SA [REDACTED] as follows:

[REDACTED] son of a former college classmate of [REDACTED] in Iowa, was employed by [REDACTED], from March, 1967, to April 3, 1968. [REDACTED] departed from El Paso, Texas, on April 6, 1968, en route to Winslow, Arizona, where he planned to contact [REDACTED] Winslow. [REDACTED] planned to find work with [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was driving his white Ford Bronco with 1968 Texas license plates when he departed from El Paso.

[REDACTED] did not resemble JAMES EARL RAY, according to [REDACTED] who described [REDACTED] as follows:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Date and Place of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5'8"
Weight	125 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Light brown, thinning on top
Complexion	Fair
Driver's License	State of Iowa

[REDACTED] had no reason to believe that anything had happened to [REDACTED] and had no reason to believe that anyone had taken his automobile or his identification papers away from him.

[REDACTED]

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SUSPECT - ERIC PAY, ALSO KNOWN  
AS EARL RAY, FRIEND OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

On April 25, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] telephonically advised SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as follows:

[REDACTED] had not heard from his wife, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] since she advised him by telephone on  
March 31, 1968, that she was leaving Fayetteville, North  
Carolina, on April 1, 1968, with their two children and  
would arrive in El Paso, Texas, on April 3, 1968. [REDACTED]  
had arranged a reconciliation with his wife, who had been  
living apart from him since November, 1967, and his wife  
had agreed to return to him with their two children.  
[REDACTED] had maintained continuous contact with his in-laws,  
namely [REDACTED], Clarksville,  
Virginia, and had been advised by them that they had not seen  
[REDACTED] wife and children. [REDACTED] received a letter  
from his wife on April 25, 1968, wherein she stated that she  
was staying with her parents, [REDACTED] and  
wanted [REDACTED] to send her money in care of her aunt,  
[REDACTED] Calhoun, Georgia. The letter was postmarked  
April 22, 1968, at Saltville, Virginia. [REDACTED] just  
learned that his wife had lived with another man while  
[REDACTED] was in Viet Nam in 1966 and 1967, and [REDACTED]  
planned to divorce his wife. [REDACTED] was of the opinion  
that his wife probably went off with some man. [REDACTED]  
recalled that he and his wife planned a trip to Tampa,  
Florida, in 1964, which was called off due to his transfer  
overseas. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED]

at that time that she might have a chance to see a friend named EARL if they went to Florida. [REDACTED] subsequently questioned his wife more thoroughly regarding this, at which time his wife said that, after graduating from high school in 1957, she and her cousin, [REDACTED] made a trip to Florida, at which time she met one ERIC RAY, whom she called EARL. She claimed that EARL was much older than she.

[REDACTED] was not known to have ever corresponded with EARL. [REDACTED] wondered if his wife was possibly in contact with JAMES EARL RAY, who was possibly identical with the ERIC RAY she met in Florida.

On April 26, 1968, [REDACTED] supra, advised SA [REDACTED] as follows:

[REDACTED] had no way of determining if the information furnished him by his wife regarding ERIC RAY, also known as EARL RAY, had any basis in fact. [REDACTED] never discussed this matter with anyone other than his wife, and he had no confirming information regarding ERIC RAY or his wife's contact with ERIC RAY. His wife never said anything to him about ERIC RAY prior to their planned trip to Florida in 1964, and gave no indication that she had ever corresponded or maintained contact with ERIC RAY subsequent to 1957. If this were the case, his wife would have no way of knowing if ERIC RAY was still residing in Florida as of 1964.

On May 10, 1968, [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] as follows:

His wife, [REDACTED] was in El Paso from May 3 to May 6, 1963, and then departed for the home of the parents of [REDACTED] United States Air Force, in Bristol, Tennessee, where she planned to reside. [REDACTED] is the man his wife lived with

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while [REDACTED] was in Viet Nam, and his wife is now four months pregnant by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is currently stationed at Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville, North Carolina. [REDACTED] had few words with his wife during the period from May 3 through 6, 1968, when she was in El Paso, and he did not question her regarding ERIC RAY, mentioned above.



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SUSPECT - PASSENGER RESEMBLING  
JAMES EARL RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES  
FLIGHT 338

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on May 1, 1968, in an effort to identify a passenger by the name of [REDACTED], Area Code [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED].

It was determined that the above-mentioned telephone number was that of the United States Army Base, Fort Bliss, Texas, and that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] RA [REDACTED] who was attached to [REDACTED] Fort Bliss, Texas.

On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED] advised that he had traveled from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 6, 1968, aboard American Airlines Flight Number 338. He sat in the rear of the airplane on the left side in a seat on the aisle.

After viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, [REDACTED] stated that he did not recall seeing JAMES EARL RAY or anyone who looked like RAY while he was aboard American Airlines Flight 338. [REDACTED] noted that he was "under the weather" during the flight and, therefore, was not too alert.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on May 1, 1968, in an effort to identify a passenger by the name of [REDACTED], Area Code [REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED].

It was determined that telephone number [REDACTED] was the telephone number of the Airlines Traffic Office at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Mrs. JODY FARMER, Ticket Salesman, Airlines Traffic Office, Fort Bliss, made available the records of her office having to do with passengers who purchased tickets at that office for use on April 6, 1968. These records contained the information that one [REDACTED] had traveled on American Airlines Flight Number 82 from El Paso, Texas, to Dallas, Texas, and on American Airlines Flight Number 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Baltimore, Maryland, on April 6, 1968.

[REDACTED] Base Locator Section, Army Training Command, Fort Bliss, advised that [REDACTED] RA [REDACTED] had been transferred from Fort Bliss, Texas, to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Baltimore, Maryland, and was due to arrive there on April 7, 1968. She said that [REDACTED] was assigned to the [REDACTED] Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] in an effort to identify a passenger by the name of [REDACTED], Area Code [REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED].

On May 1, 1968, the above-mentioned telephone number was dialed, at which time [REDACTED] answered the telephone and advised SA [REDACTED] as follows:

This telephone number was that of the Family Housing Management of White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. This office handles some 800 housing units at White Sands Missile Range, and takes care of rental, repair, and maintenance matters for these housing units.

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He did not know anyone by the name of [REDACTED] connected with the Family Housing Management Office. No one by that name was employed at the office, and none of the tenants in the housing units were named [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] in an effort to identify a passenger by the name of [REDACTED], Area Code [REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED]

The Cross Reference Telephone Directory for El Paso, Texas, lists telephone number [REDACTED] as the number of [REDACTED] El Paso. This number was dialed, at which time it was learned that it was not a working number.

On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED] 112th Military Intelligence Group, Fort Bliss, Texas, advised that [REDACTED], was separated from the United States Army on April 6, 1968, and left a forwarding address of [REDACTED] Newport News, Virginia.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on May 1, 1968, in an effort to identify a passenger by the name of [REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED]

On May 1, 1968, [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] advised that telephone number [REDACTED] was listed to him and that his mother-in-law, [REDACTED] was currently located at the residence of [REDACTED] Blackwood, New Jersey.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on May 6, 1968, in an effort to

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identify the four other soldiers who accompanied [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] supra, on American Airlines Flight 338 to  
Baltimore, Maryland:

On May 6, 1968, Mrs. JODY FARMER, Ticket  
Salesman, Airlines Traffic Office, Fort Bliss, advised  
that [REDACTED] was accompanied on American  
Airlines Flight 338 to Baltimore, Maryland, on April 6,  
1968, by the following privates:

[REDACTED], RA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], RA [REDACTED]

On May 6, 1968, [REDACTED] Base Locator  
Section, Army Training Command, Fort Bliss, advised that the  
four privates mentioned above had been reassigned to the  
[REDACTED], Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

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SUSPECT -- CARL RAY, ALLEGEDLY  
OF PECOS, TEXAS

AT PECOS, TEXAS

On May 3, 1966, Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED],  
Reeves County Sheriff's Office, advised SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as follows:

There are no Rural Routes out of Pecos, and there is no such Post Office box as 868, Pecos. No record is located in the files of the Pecos Police Department or the Reeves County Sheriff's Office, as well as the Retail Merchants Credit Bureau, regarding anyone by the name of CARL RAY or the Ray Land and Cattle Company. The Pecos Telephone Directory and Pecos City Directory were checked for Pecos and the small towns surrounding Pecos, and no record was located for anyone by the name C. RAY, CARL RAY, or the Ray Land and Cattle Company.

SUSPECT - [REDACTED]

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

On May 16, 1968, [REDACTED] Identification Division, El Paso Police Department, and Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] El Paso County Sheriff's Office, were both advised by SA [REDACTED], that UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also known as [REDACTED], described as white, male, American, age 40 to 45, height 5'9", 165 to 180 pounds, dark hair, fair to medium complexion, driving 1967 Plymouth Fury III, convertible, gold in color with black top, California license UTW 102, Vehicle Identification Number PM 27 F 74238208, was wanted for questioning by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that no warrant had been issued for the arrest of this individual.

[REDACTED] advised that an All Points Bulletin would be issued for this individual and that the All Points Bulletin would be received by the Texas Department of Public Safety in El Paso for relay to its various units.

On May 28, 1968, the below-listed individuals were advised by SA [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was no longer wanted for questioning by the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

[REDACTED] Identification Division, El Paso Police Department;

Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED], El Paso County Sheriff's Office;

[REDACTED] Texas Department of Public Safety.

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY  
DISPLAYED TO WITNESSES IN  
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY CASE

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

On May 16, 1968, MARY LOU CAULLER and ROSE MARY SCHIFFINO, Tellers, El Paso Federal Savings and Loan Association, 517 North Kansas Street, were displayed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY by SA [REDACTED]. These two individuals advised that RAY was not identical with the unknown subject who robbed the El Paso Federal Savings and Loan Association in El Paso on September 1, 1967.

STOPS PLACED REGARDING JAMES  
EARL RAY, ALSO KNOWN AS.

On April 11, 1968, the below-listed individuals were advised that ERIC STARVO GALT was wanted for questioning by the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

[REDACTED] Marfa Sector, United States Border Patrol, Marfa, Texas, and [REDACTED] El Paso Sector, United States Border Patrol, El Paso, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Santa Fe Bridge, El Paso, Texas, contacted by SA [REDACTED]

The below-listed individuals were contacted on the dates noted, at which time they were advised that ERIC STARVO GALT had been identified as JAMES EARL RAY, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary. They were advised that a Federal Bureau of Investigation complaint had been filed in Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charging RAY with unlawfully fleeing from the State of Missouri to Avoid Confinement, and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was desirous of immediately obtaining any information which would lead to the location and apprehension of RAY:

[REDACTED] contacted on April 19, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mexican Immigration, Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico (covers Juarez, the Juarez Valley, and Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico); [REDACTED] Mexican Customs Service, Juarez; [REDACTED] Federal Police and Federal Prosecutor's



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Office, Juarez; [REDACTED], State Judicial Police, Juarez; [REDACTED], Juarez Police Department, Juarez; [REDACTED] Jailer, Juarez; all contacted on April 19, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] El Paso Police Department, and [REDACTED] El Paso County Sheriff's Office, both El Paso, Texas, contacted on April 23, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Customs Agency Service, El Paso, contacted on April 23, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], El Paso Sector, United States Border Patrol, El Paso, contacted on April 23, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Texas Department of Public Safety, El Paso, contacted on April 23, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Presidio, Texas, who was advised by mail on April 23, 1968.

[REDACTED], Marfa Sector, United States Border Patrol, Marfa, Texas, contacted by mail on April 23, 1968.

[REDACTED] Midland Police Department, and Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] Midland County Sheriff's Office, both Midland, Texas, contacted on April 24, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Odessa Police Department,  
and [REDACTED] Ector County Sheriff's Office,  
both Odessa, Texas, contacted on April 24, 1968, by  
SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Regional Office, Texas  
Department of Public Safety, Midland, Texas, contacted  
on April 24, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

The above-listed individuals in the United States  
were recontacted by letter dated May 9, 1968, at which time  
they were again apprised of the interest of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation in JAMES EARL RAY. In addition,  
the below-listed individuals were advised by letter dated  
May 9, 1968, of the interest of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation in JAMES EARL RAY:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Mexican Immigration Service, Ojinaga, Chihuahua,  
Mexico; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Mexican Customs Service, Ojinaga; ISIDRO CORTEZ  
GARCIA, Chief of Police, Ojinaga; DIOGENES EUSTAMANTE,  
Municipal President, Ojinaga.

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TELETYPE

FBI LOS ANG

10:45PM URGENT 5-28-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA (44-2386), AND  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, NOW ADVISES HAD CONVERSATION WITH CAUCASIAN MALE, WHOM HE REFUSES TO IDENTIFY, WHICH PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF CERTAIN EVENTS. AS CONCERNS JAMES EARL RAY NOT EARLIER RECALLED. THOMPSON SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL INQUIRED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND A CAUCASIAN MALE BY NAME OF JAMES HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL APPROACHED HIM IN EFFORT TO QUOTE GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION UNQUOTE CONCERNING THE REWARD MONEY. THOMPSON SAID THAT AS RESULT THIS CONVERSATION, HE NOW RECALLS DURING PERIOD MARCH ONE LAST TO MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST HE RECEIVED CALL FOR ERIC GALT WHILE OPERATING HOTEL SWITCHBOARD. THOMPSON SAID WHEN HE ADVISED THE CALLER ERIC GALT HAD NO TELEPHONE IN HIS ROOM, THE MAN REQUESTED HIM TO LEAVE MESSAGE FOR ERIC GALT TO CALL JAMES C. HARDIN COLLECT. THIS CALLER PROVIDED THE CITY AND OPERATOR

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NUMBER, AS WELL AS NAME JAMES C. HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID HE RELAYED THIS INFORMATION TO GALT. THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS QUITE SURE AS TO SPELLING OF NAME.

THOMPSON ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL TELEPHONE CALL THERE WAS ONE OTHER, POSSIBLY TWO, CALLS BY THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL. HE ADVISED THESE CALLS CAME FROM BOTH ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS. HE SAID SUBSEQUENT TO THESE TELEPHONE CALLS A PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES C. HARDIN CAME TO ST. FRANCIS HOTEL SOMETIME DURING PERIOD OF MARCH ONE TO SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. HE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT RESIDE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. THOMPSON DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS MALE CAUCASIAN, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE SEVEN TO FIVE EIGHT IN HEIGHT, ONE FORTY TO ONE FIFTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR COMBED BACK, NEAT, EYES POSSIBLY DARK, SLENDER BUILD, DARK COMPLEXION, SLIGHTLY ACNE SCARRED, SPOKE WITH SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT.

THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHO BROUGHT HARDIN TO HIS ATTENTION DOES NOT WISH TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF. HE SAID HE BELIEVES THIS INDIVIDUAL IS SUBJECT OF OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR SOME UNKNOWN OFFENSE. THOMPSON WAS ADVISED OF IMPORTANCE OF

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THIS MATTER AND, FURTHER, THAT HE COULD POSSIBLY BE SUBPOENAED TO PROVIDE THE ABOVE INFORMATION. THOMPSON SAID HE MADE PROMISE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL WHICH HE FULLY INTENDS TO KEEP. HE STATED IT WOULD TAKE COURT ACTION TO INDUCE HIM TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE REFUSES TO IDENTIFY SAID HE SAT NEXT TO JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL MAINTAINED HE OVERHEARD GALT CALL THE OTHER "J. C."

INDICES CHECK NEGATIVE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL.

FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED LEADS FOR NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

ONE. CREDIT AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

TWO. REVIEW OF TELEPHONE RECORDS FOR AND LISTINGS FOR JAMES C. HARDIN.

THREE. REVIEW POSSIBILITY OF ASCERTAINING ALL COLLECT TELEPHONE CALLS FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES NUMBERS FOUR SIX FOUR DASH ONE ONE THREE ONE, FOUR SIX TWO DASH NINE NINE ZERO ONE AND FOUR SIX TWO DASH NINE NINE ONE ZERO, TO ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS.

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FOUR. REVIEW OF AIRLINE FLIGHT RECORDS FROM ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS FOR LOS ANGELES DURING PERIOD MARCH ONE LAST THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST FOR NAME JAMES C. HARDIN.

LOS ANGELES FEELS THOMPSON, [REDACTED], SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT LOS ANGELES TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL WHO HE CLAIMS PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS OR TO DETERMINE IF THIS MAY BE FIGMENT OF HIS IMAGINATION. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE.

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RADIOGRAM

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1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. McDonough

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE LATELS MAY TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

RE [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES, IF NOT ALREADY COMPLETED, WILL PROCESS  
RECOVERED NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN PLYMOUTH FOR LATENT PRINTS  
AND OTHER EVIDENCE. POSSIBILITY COULD EXIST THAT THIS  
VEHICLE USED BY SUBJECT RAY. INSURE DESCRIPTION OF  
[REDACTED] AS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] APPROXIMATES THAT OF [REDACTED]  
AND IF NOT, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
ARE NOT IDENTICAL. OBTAIN CHECK FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] TO  
[REDACTED] FOR HANDWRITING AND LATENT FINGERPRINT COMPARISONS  
IN MURKIN CASE.

RE ALLEN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

THOMPSON SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED AND REINTER-  
VIEWED IF NECESSARY AND ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED ON HIM  
WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED TO LEVER TO ELICIT TRUE INFORMATION  
FROM HIM SHOULD BE EMPLOYED IF NECESSARY. INTERVIEW HIS

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1 - MEMPHIS  
NEW ORLEANS  
SAN DIEGO

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RADIOGRAM TO SAC, LOS ANGELES  
RE: MURKIN

ASSOCIATES, OTHER HOTEL EMPLOYEES, TENANTS AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN PURSUING OR RESOLVING THE RECENT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THOMPSON. UNTIL ALL OTHER AVENUES OF INVESTIGATIVE APPROACHES ARE EXPLORED TO ELICIT TRUE INFORMATION FROM THOMPSON, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR CALLING HIM BEFORE GRAND JURY AT THIS TIME. IF YOU FEEL THAT THOMPSON CAN FURNISH SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HARDIN AS TO POSSIBLY WARRANT CONSIDERATION OF HAVING AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION PREPARED, YOU SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO RESOLVE THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THOMPSON AND PURSUE IT TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND SAN DIEGO.

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NOTE:

*under false pretense*

[REDACTED] is a Ray look-alike suspect. He obtained a 1967 Plymouth on 5/14/68 and this vehicle was recovered on 5/28/68 Covina, California. Car was involved in accident with one [REDACTED] Azzusa, California, who stated driver of Plymouth identified himself as [REDACTED] and had given check to re-emburse him for damages. This check was found to have been stolen at Huntington Beach, California. [REDACTED] was shown photograph of Ray and stated driver of Plymouth not identical. It is not known whether [REDACTED] description approximates [REDACTED] and Los Angeles being instructed to run out loose ends.

Allen Thompson, Manager of St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles, which was former residence of subject, advised an unnamed individual recently inquired about the relationship between Ray and one James Hardin. Thompson recalls during period 3/1-17/68, while operating switchboard, an individual called Ray and left message to call James C. Hardin collect. Calls were subsequently received from this individual reportedly from Atlanta and New Orleans. Later a person identifying himself as James C. Hardin came to hotel during period 3/1-17/68.

Thompson advised that the individual who brought Hardin to his attention does not wish to identify himself as he may be subject of an outstanding warrant. Thompson refuses to identify this individual. Los Angeles advises that Thompson drinks to excess and Los Angeles believes he should be brought before a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles to ascertain identity of person who prompted his memory.

Los Angeles being requested to further pursue this through intense interview and other investigative avenues of approach.

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Date: 5/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1 )

MURKIN

ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, FEMALE USING NAME OF FRANCES E. RAY, ADDRESS [REDACTED], HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED QUINCY, ILLINOIS PD REQUESTING INFORMATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY RAY. CLAIMED QUINCY PD SHE WAS RELATIVE OF JAMES EARL RAY BUT DID NOT STATE RELATIONSHIP BUT DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY'S WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES.

LOS ANGELES, AT HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FRANCES E. RAY, [REDACTED] HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA.

AM COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

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- 1 - Springfield (44-561)
- ① - Bureau (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (AM)
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FBI SACTO

4:01 PM URGENT 5/28/68 CLV

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P) 3P

MURKIN. CR.

RE SACRAMENTO AIRTEL, MAY TWENTYTWO, LAST; AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS, MAY TWENTYONE, LAST, RE INQUIRY AT STATE DEPARTMENTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH HAS BEEN CONDUCTED INTO REVIEWING ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FROM APRIL ONE, LAST, TO DATE. FACTS CONCERNING THIS REVIEW FROM APRIL ONE, TO POINT WHERE THEY WILL BE REVIEWED ON DAILY BASIS AS FOLLOWS:

ALL APPLICATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS STORED ON FILM AND RETAINED SIXTY TO NINETY DAYS. THIS FILM CANNOT BE PROJECTED BUT MUST BE PROCESSED BY FILM COMPANY AT ABOUT ELEVEN CENTS EACH. FIFTEEN THOUSAND APPLICATIONS PER DAY FOR FORTYFIVE DAYS IS SIX SEVEN FIVE THOUSAND, WHICH IS SEVEN FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS, AT ELEVEN CENTS EACH. THIS IS COST TO BUREAU. THESE PRINTS DO NOT INCLUDE APPLICANT'S THUMB PRINTS, THEREFORE, IF BUREAU WENT AHEAD WITH THIS PROJECT, THE FILES OF ALL THOSE NOT ELIMINATED BY PHOTOGRAPH OR

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DESCRIPTION WOULD HAVE TO BE INDIVIDUALLY CHECKED FOR THUMB PRINT COMPARISON. IF BUREAU DESIRED TO HAVE ALL FILES OF APPLICATIONS CHECKED SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL ONE, THEY COULD BE ELIMINATED BY PHOTOGRAPH, DESCRIPTION, AND THUMB PRINT AS WELL. DMV ESTIMATES THAT SIX WELL TRAINED DMV CLERKS COULD PULL THREE THOUSAND FILES A DAY, A MONUMENTAL TASK WHEN SIX SEVEN FIVE THOUSAND FILES ARE INVOLVED. COST WOULD BE TWENTY DOLLARS A DAY PER CLERK OR EIGHT ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE WORKING DAYS. SACRAMENTO RECOMMENDS THIS PHASE NOT BE CONSIDERED DUE TO TIME AND/OR MONEY INVOLVED.

RE REVIEWING APPLICATIONS ON DAILY BASIS:

THIS CAN BE INITIATED MONDAY NEXT, WITH FIVE AGENTS CONDUCTING REVIEW OF THREE TO FIVE THOUSAND APPLICATIONS DAILY, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, FROM EIGHT TO ELEVEN A.M., AT DMV HEADQUARTERS. NOTE: RENEWALS AND JUVENILES WOULD BE ELIMINATED BEFORE REVIEW. DMV REQUESTS TO BE ADVISED LENGTH OF TIME BUREAU WOULD INTEND TO CONTINUE THIS REVIEW.

RECOMMENDATION: CONDUCT REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS ON DAILY BASIS.

OBSERVATION: METHOD UTILIZED BY SUBJECT THIS MATTER TO PROTECT IDENTITY WOULD INDICATE HE MAY HAVE OBTAINED DRIVERS LICENSE IN UNKNOWN

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NAME PRIOR TO APRIL ONE, LAST, SO AS TO HAVE NEW IDENTITY ALREADY  
ESTABLISHED.

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Date: 5/22/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (MAIL) AND DALLAS

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE SACRAMENTO TEL TO NO MAY TWENTYONE LAST.

PER RETEL, [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS N/M, BORN

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CONTACTED AND INTERVIEWED AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SHREVEPORT, LA., THIS DATE. [REDACTED] ADVISES THAT ON  
SATURDAY, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST, WHILE IN THE CONTINENTAL RAILWAYS  
BUS STATION, SHREVEPORT, TALKING TO A FRIEND, HE OVERHEARD TWO  
W/MS TALKING ABOUT WHAT HE BELIEVES TO BE THE LOCATION OF JAMES  
RAY. [REDACTED] INDICATES CONVERSATION HEARD IN THE MAIN LOBBY OF  
THE BUS STATION WHILE SITTING BACK TO BACK WITH THE TWO W/M'S  
WAS THAT, " IF HE COULD KEEP JAMES RAY STARVO HID AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HOUSE IN DALLAS, TEX., FOR AWHILE, THEY COULD GET THINGS  
ARRANGED FOR HIM."

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[REDACTED] DESCRIBED THE W/M'S AS FOLLOWS:

① Bureau (AM)  
1-Memphis (AM)  
1-Sacramento (AM)  
1-NO  
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FIRST W/M: OVER SIX FEET, APPROXIMATELY ONE NINETY LBS.,  
DARK BROWN HAIR, DARK BLUE SUIT, CLEAN SHAVEN, NO SCARS, WORE  
AN EAGLE WITH WING SPREAD RING ON RING FINGER OF RIGHT HAND.

SECOND W/M: OVER SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY LBS., SANDY HAIR,  
LIGHT GREY SUIT, BROWN NECKTIE, AND BLACK SHOES.

██████████ INDICATED THAT SECOND W/M WAS THE INDIVIDUAL HE  
OVERHEARD THE CONVERSATION FROM.

██████████ INDICATES THAT HE HAS NEVER BEEN TO THE DALLAS  
AREA BUT STATES THAT ██████████ SHOULD BE IN THE PHONE BOOK.

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ██████████ IS  
APPARENTLY MENTALLY DISTURBED BASED ON HIS PRIOR COMMUNICATIONS  
WITH BUREAU AND INTERVIEW THIS DATE.

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INDICES CHECK RE [REDACTED] REVEALS A LETTER DATED  
NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN FORTYFOUR FROM THE WAR DEPARTMENT, ARMY  
SERVICE FORCES HEADQUARTERS, EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND, CAPTIONED  
NAACP, REFERRING TO SHREVEPORT, POINTING OUT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS ONE OF THE NAACP'S ARDENT  
BACKERS.

THIS INFORMATION BEING SUBMITTED TO DALLAS AS REQUESTED  
IN RETEL FOR CONSIDERATION AS PART OF THEIR INVESTIGATION  
UNDER MURKIN. THREE ZERO TWO TO FOLLOW.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND SACRAMENTO.

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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI KAN CITY

309 PM URGENT 5-24-68 EOC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RE BUREAU AD IN PUBLICATION OF INTEREST TO SUBJECT.

[REDACTED] INMATE [REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ONLY MAGAZINE HE EVER SAW SUBJECT READ WAS TIME MAGAZINE WHICH HE SEEMED TO RECEIVE EVERY WEEK. HE ADVISED SUBJECT ALSO QUOTED U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT BUT HE NEVER ACTUALLY SAW HIM READ THIS MAGAZINE. HE SAID TYPE OF MAGAZINES YOU COULD GET INTO THE PRISON WAS VERY LIMITED AND THUS THE PRISONERS DID NOT HAVE THE COMPLETE SELECTION THEY MAY DESIRE. HE REMEMBERS RAY READING A BOOK BY NIETZSCHE, A GERMAN PHILOSOPHER. HE ALSO STATED THAT RAY WAS AN ATHEIST. [REDACTED] SAID RAY WAS IMPRESSED BY GEORGE WALLACE'S PLATFORM FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. HE REMEMBERS RAY QUOTING WALLACE AS SAYING, "I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST NEGROES, EVERYONE SHOULD OWN AT LEAST TWO". [REDACTED] ADVISED IT WAS NOT SUBJECT'S STYLE TO PUT ADD IN PAPER, WANTED "PASSIONATE WOMAN" UNLESS HE WAS DOING THIS TO GET A MESSAGE TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL.

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URGENT 5-27-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MINNEAPOLIS

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL MINNEAPOLIS, MAY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT.

ON MAY TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, (PROTECT IDENTITY) ADVISED THAT HE CAUSED HIS RECORDS TO BE SEARCHED FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT THROUGH MARCH TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE ANY RECORD OF WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDER EMANATING FROM ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS, PAYABLE TO JAMES EARL RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THIS SEARCH WAS MADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS.

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Mr. Rosen	✓
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI ST LOUIS

107 PM URGENT 5-27-68 GMC

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM ST. LOUIS 44-775

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\_\_\_\_\_ CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S  
CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S ESCAPE.

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POSTAL GUIDE AND HIGHWAY MAP FAILS TO LIST LEAMINGTON. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ TOWN IN SOUTH CENTRAL, ILL.

SPRINGFIELD IDENTIFY LEAMINGTON \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI DENVER

TELETYPE

5-29 PM URGENT 5-27-68 BID

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND MEMPHIS

44-1987)

FROM DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL MAY TWENTY FOUR, CC TO DENVER.

DENVER SEES NO REASON TO CHECK FOR COLLECT TELEPHONE CALL  
AGAINST TELEPHONE USED BY [REDACTED] IF LOS ANGELES  
SUCCESSFUL IN DETERMINING WHEREABOUTS OF BRADLEY DURING  
PERTINENT PERIOD. THEREFORE, DENVER WITHDRAWING REQUEST TO  
CHECK FOR TELEPHONE CALL UNTIL RESULTS OF LOS ANGELES  
INVESTIGATION ARE KNOWN.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reurairtel 5-20-68, submitting two registration cards of the Wm. Len Hotel, Q349 and Q350.

Six latent fingerprints of value developed on Q349 and five latent fingerprints of value developed on Q350. Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

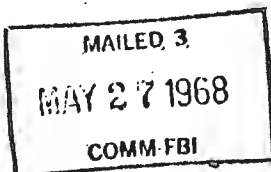
Q349 and Q350 enclosed.

Laboratory reporting separate.

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1 - Mr. Rosen

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AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

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OO Memphis

Re San Antonio airtel to Director 5/20/68

Re: Telephone Calls of JAMES EARL RAY in  
Texas During Period 12/15-17/67

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies and for  
Memphis 15 copies of an investigative insert reflecting  
investigation conducted at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, relative  
to telephone call made from San Antonio area on 12/17/67  
to Oklahoma City telephone [REDACTED] by SAs [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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1 - Bureau (Enc 2) ENCLOSURE  
2 - Memphis (Enc. 15) (44-1987)  
1 - Oklahoma City  
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66 JUN 7 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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The following investigation was conducted relating to the telephone call made December 17, 1967, from telephone number 674-9919 in the San Antonio, Texas, area to Oklahoma City telephone number [REDACTED]. This investigation was conducted on May 24, 1968, by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Miss JAN AUBERT, [REDACTED] advised that she and her mother, Mrs. IRMA AUBERT, are the only occupants of this address and that Mrs. AUBERT is the subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED], and was the subscriber to this telephone number in December, 1967. Miss AUBERT advised the telephone call received at this time on December 17, 1967, from San Antonio, Texas, was made to her by her boy friend, BUTCH LOVE. She stated LOVE is in the Air Force and on the date of this call he was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. LOVE has since been transferred to duty with the Air Force in Viet Nam, having been so transferred on December 27, 1967.

Miss AUBERT furnished the above information in the presence of her mother, Mrs. AUBERT. Mrs. AUBERT was unable to furnish any additional information.

Both Miss AUBERT and Mrs. AUBERT were exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and were unable to effect an identification. Both also advised that the name JAMES EARL RAY was entirely unfamiliar to them with the exception of news items they had seen and heard concerning RAY.

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Date: 5/27/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN

Re [REDACTED] SUSPECT.

Re Bureau airtel to Detroit, dated 5/1/68, and  
Detroit airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/3/68.Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are  
one copy each of three FD-302s re interviews with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], and [REDACTED].  
Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies each of these FD-302s.On 5/23/68 Agent [REDACTED] Alcohol, Tobacco  
and Tax Unit, Detroit, Mich., advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] supplied the information regarding  
the alleged trip to Memphis by [REDACTED] several  
days prior to the assassination of Dr. KING, is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Detroit, Mich. [REDACTED] advised that  
[REDACTED] told him he had received this information from [REDACTED]Inasmuch as it appears the information indicating  
[REDACTED] made a trip to Memphis prior to 4/4/68 emanated  
from a joke played on [REDACTED] by [REDACTED], no  
further investigation is being conducted on this matter, UACB.3 - Bureau (Enc.-3) (RM)  
1 - Memphis (Enc.-45) (Info.) (RM)  
2 - DetroitWJH/mcm  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 21, 1968

[REDACTED] Roseville, Michigan, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

On April 4, 1968, the date of the assassination of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he and his wife remained at their home until approximately 6:00 p.m., at which time they went to the Centennial Bowling Alley and Bar, Gratiot and Eight Mile Road, Detroit, Michigan. While at the Centennial Bar he and his wife first learned of the assassination of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. over the radio. They were at the bar by themselves, however, their presence was known to HARVEY, the Bartender.

He was advised that the Detroit Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had received a telephone call from an anonymous person who indicated that he, [REDACTED], had flown to Memphis the day before the assassination of KING and had been in possession of a large sum of money. He was advised that the caller also indicated that [REDACTED] had stated that he "had a job to do" in Memphis. [REDACTED] advised that he had not been out of the State of Michigan in the past 10 months and he feels that the above information is the result of a joke.

Approximately four or five days following the assassination of Doctor KING [REDACTED] was in [REDACTED] Detroit, speaking with [REDACTED] is a Negro and [REDACTED] thought that he would "have a little fun with him". When [REDACTED] asked if [REDACTED] had seen [REDACTED] replied that he had not seen [REDACTED] since the day before the assassination of Doctor KING at which time [REDACTED] had received a telephone call and had immediately taken a plane for Memphis. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that as soon as he had made that statement to [REDACTED] excused himself and made a telephone call.

On 5/9/68 at Detroit, Michigan File # Detroit 44-989  
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/15/68

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He emphasized that he had not left the State of Michigan in about 10 months, definitely was not in Memphis prior to the assassination of Doctor KING, and he has no information relating to the assassination.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 27, 1968

CARMINE POLISCHI, JR., Owner and Bartender,  
Centennial Bowling Alley and Bar, Gratiot and Eight Mile  
Road, Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed and furnished the  
following information:

On April 4, 1968, the day of the assassination  
of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he was working at  
the Centennial Bar until approximately 9:00 p.m. in the  
evening. He cannot remember any particular individual who  
was in the bar that evening and could not definitely say  
whether [REDACTED] was present that evening  
or not.

On 5/16/68 at Detroit, Michigan File # Detroit 44-989  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/22/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 27, 1968

[REDACTED], Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He was acquainted with [REDACTED] however, he has not seen [REDACTED] in approximately one and one-half months. Approximately four days after the assassination of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. he [REDACTED] became engaged in a conversation [REDACTED]. He cannot remember the name of this individual, however, he believes his first name is [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] mentioned that he had recently been double-crossed by [REDACTED] in a business deal and said that he would like to get even with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] went on to state that he had seen [REDACTED] the day before the assassination of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and at that time [REDACTED] was in possession of approximately \$4,500.00 and indicated that he and someone else were flying to Memphis and they had a "job to do". [REDACTED] did not furnish any more information regarding this alleged trip by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

5/17/68 Detroit, Michigan

Detroit 44-339

of

File #

SA [REDACTED]

5/22/68

Date dictated

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FBI

Date: 5/27/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 5/14/68,  
 which referred to [REDACTED] complainant.

Referenced Los Angeles airtel set out leads for  
 Mobile and other offices to consider interviewing Caucasian  
 subscribers to the "Tuskegee Tribune" [REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Bureau and Mobile are one copy  
 each of a subsequent letter from [REDACTED] dated 5/22/68,  
 wherein [REDACTED] named one more individual she believes  
 might possibly have knowledge of the assassination of KING.

The attention of the Bureau and Mobile is directed  
 to the last paragraph of [REDACTED] letter  
 [REDACTED]

There are no references known identical to HARVEY  
 SADLER in the indices of the Los Angeles Office.

No further action is contemplated by the Los  
 Angeles Office in this matter.

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MOBILE

AT TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing  
 former Sheriff HARVEY SADLER, for any information he might  
 have concerning the assassination of KING.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
 2 - Mobile (Enc. 1) (RM)  
 2 - Los Angeles

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Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles 90019, Calif.  
[REDACTED]

May 22, 1968

[REDACTED]  
FBI  
1340 W. 6th Street  
Los Angeles 90017

Dear [REDACTED]:

In the names I sent you two weeks ago, I overlooked the name of Harvey Sadler, former sheriff of Macon County, Ala.

Mr. Sadler was regarded as the foremost "racist" of Macon County [REDACTED]. Negroes feared him greatly and said he was allied with Governor Wallace in a number of attempts to terrorize them and keep integration out of Macon County, including an aborted attempt to hold a Klan rally in Tuskegee in 1961, the burning of the Chohaw School and the Wotawula School in 1964 and 1963.

Sadler was appointed <sup>by Wallace</sup> to fill an interim position as Sheriff in 1965. Before the appointment could be made, people of Macon County were reportedly under instructions from Wallace to "get that nigger out of there", a Negro, James Charity, who had been appointed the first Negro deputy sheriff in Tuskegee, or Macon County, history by former Sheriff Preston Hornsby, who ran for and was elected Probate Judge.

Charity was 'persuaded' to become the first Negro policeman in Tuskegee. Subsequently, Negroes elected a Negro sheriff.

I asked Sadler if he were a member of the Klan and he denied it. That was in 1965. He wouldn't say if he were a member of the White Citizens Council, or not.

I suppose he has gone back to tending his grocery, which depends on Negro trade, on the Auburn Highway in Tuskegee.

44-28811

I thought you might like to know that many Alabama Negroes feel that the King assassination was plotted by the Wallace forces to provoke Negroes to riot to further Wallace's political ambitions. Negroes feel that he is insane with political ambition.

They also feel that Rev. Abernathy is in danger, or the Poor March in danger of being turned out or stampeded to provoke bloody nationwide rioting, also to further Wallace's ambitions.

They feel that Galt or Ray made his contact here, rather, picked up his initial money here, that he was recruited through his brother in the prison, that the "bounty" story was circulated in a Missouri prison to draw attention away from the South.

I just thought I would pass this scuttlebutt along.

Sincerely yours,

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Date: 5/27/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)a AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)MURKIN  
CR  
OO MemphisRe Denver teletypes (2), 5/23/68; and Oklahoma City  
tel to Director 5/24/68.

Re: EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 2 copies,  
for Denver are 2 copies, and for Memphis are 15 copies each  
of both an investigative insert and an administrative  
insert reflecting investigation at Tulsa, Oklahoma, conducted  
by SA [REDACTED] on 5/24/68.Oklahoma City contemplates no further investigation  
re EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY unless advised to the contrary  
by the Bureau, Memphis, or Denver.JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS③ - Bureau (Enc. 4) ENCLOSURE  
2 - Denver (Enc. 4) (157-203)  
2 - Memphis (Enc. 30) (44-1987)  
1 - Oklahoma City  
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Approved: **66 JUN 7 1968**  
Special Agent in Charge

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on May 24, 1968.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

[REDACTED] Attorney, Enterprise Building, identified his client, who has been in contact with EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY, North Hollywood, California, as being [REDACTED] Tulsa, Oklahoma.

[REDACTED] who requested her identity be concealed, advised that she has been acquainted with EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY since 1937. In November, 1962, BRADLEY visited her in Tulsa and left, presumably to go to his residence in California. BRADLEY was with [REDACTED] on November 19, and 20, 1962. He left her residence in the early morning hours of the 20th. Since BRADLEY became involved in the GARRISON investigation at New Orleans, he has been trying to get [REDACTED] to furnish him with an affidavit concerning his whereabouts during November, 1962. [REDACTED] has declined to furnish such an affidavit.

She said she received telephone calls from BRADLEY on May 2, and May 19, 1968. She presumed these telephone calls were long distance from his residence at North Hollywood, California. In one of the calls he mentioned that his telephone bill was high and he would rather not make so many telephone calls pertaining to the affidavit he has been trying to obtain. [REDACTED] stated she has simply referred BRADLEY to her attorney. She said she had no information that BRADLEY has been in the Tulsa area during the recent past and she felt that if he had been in the Tulsa area he undoubtedly would have called her.

[REDACTED] further stated that she has never had any reason to think that BRADLEY would physically harm anyone. She had never known him to be engaged in any plot of any kind. Although BRADLEY is a radical anti-Communist, she has no information concerning his views on racial matters. [REDACTED] stated that when in Tulsa, BRADLEY normally stayed at the Adams Hotel.

WANDA BALLARD, Clerk, Adams Hotel, advised that a search of her records failed to reflect that BRADLEY was a guest at any time during May, 1968.

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Date: 5/27/68

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1 AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Sacramento teletype 5/21/68 and New Orleans teletype 5/22/68 concerning information furnished by [REDACTED] that subject may be at [REDACTED] house in Dallas.

There is no telephone listing for [REDACTED] in the Dallas directory. There is, however, a listing for [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]. A pretext contact on 5/22/68, at this address revealed that [REDACTED] is also known as [REDACTED]. He was out of town and not expected to return for several days.

Files of the Dallas Office reveal that on 12/30/55, [REDACTED] (protect identity) orally advised SA [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] on 12/16/55, was [REDACTED] the NAACP in Dallas, Texas.

In view of the mental condition of the source of the information that the subject may be at [REDACTED] residence and the fact that [REDACTED] has been active in NAACP affairs, no further investigation is believed warranted in this matter.

3 - Bureau  
1 - New Orleans (157-10673)  
1 - Sacramento  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Dallas  
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AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re El Paso teletype, 5/23/68; Phoenix teletype, 5/23/68;  
and Los Angeles teletype to Phoenix, Dallas and El Paso, 5/23/68.

RE: Suspect on Greyhound Bus from Tulsa, Oklahoma,  
to Dallas, Texas, 5/22/68

HAROLD ST. CLAIR, home address [REDACTED]  
Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone TE 5-5168, was interviewed by SA  
[REDACTED] at Dallas, Texas, on 5/24/68. He stated he  
was the driver of Greyhound Bus No. 1314 which arrived at Dallas,  
Texas, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, at about 9:35 PM, 5/22/68. He  
stated he believes he had about 20 passengers that night and  
he does not recall anyone fitting the description given by  
[REDACTED]. He said there were no incidents that  
he can recall during the trip, no one was loud or unruly, and  
no one called to his attention anyone making any unusual  
statements.

- (3) - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - El Paso (157-186) (Info)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Info)
- 1 - Phoenix (44-371)
- 2 - Dallas
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66 JUN 7 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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On 5/24/68, TOMMIE LEE THOMAS, [REDACTED], Dallas, advised SA [REDACTED] he is a relief Greyhound Bus driver and on 5/22/68, he took Bus No. 1314 scheduled to leave Dallas at 11:01 PM from Dallas to San Antonio. The final destination of this bus is Laredo, Texas. The bus that night was delayed in departure because of mechanical difficulties until 11:30 PM and was the only section of that schedule to be operated. THOMAS stated he did not recall anyone fitting the description of person described by [REDACTED] on the bus that night. There were no unusual incidents and he recalls nothing out of the ordinary about the trip.

On 5/24/68, A. E. GRACEY, 1905 Sussex, Garland, Texas, advised SA [REDACTED] that on 5/22/68, he drove Greyhound Bus No. 1394 which departed Dallas at about 11:15 PM en route to Abilene, Texas. The final destination of this bus was Los Angeles, California. GRACEY stated he is positive he did not have a passenger fitting the description of the person described by [REDACTED]. He stated he had about 18 passengers leaving Dallas and during the trip there were no unusual incidents or any trouble with any passenger.

1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 28, 1968

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Re: CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

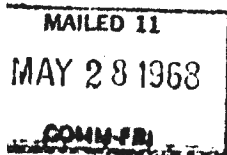
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1 - Baltimore (44-669) Enclosure (Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 28, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680527062 JK

Specimens received 5/27/68

K276 Four slips of white paper each bearing a sample laundry tape obtained from L & H Cleaners, Havre de Grace, Maryland

K277 Slip of white paper bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Camelot Cleaners, Laurel, Maryland

Result of examination:

It was concluded that neither of the machines, K276 nor K277, was used to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70.

Specimens K276 and Q277 are retained.

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1. AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: [REDACTED] COMPLAINANT

Re Bureau airtel dated 5/22/68.

On 5/24/68, [REDACTED],  
 Durham, N. C., [REDACTED] was contacted by SA  
 [REDACTED] re contents of letter to Bureau dated  
 5/20/68. [REDACTED] stated he would make contact with his source  
 on Sunday, 5/26/68, and arrange for a meeting with SA [REDACTED]

On 5/27/68, [REDACTED] reported arrangements for  
 contact with source that night.

On 5/27/68, [REDACTED]  
 Clarksville, Va., Oxford, N. C. Telephone Number [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], who requested his  
 identity protected, advised on 4/3/68, at approximately  
 9:00 p.m., he went to the [REDACTED] at  
 Stovall, N. C., where he awaited [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]. He waited for approximately 30 minutes.  
 During part of this time, he heard [REDACTED],  
 a white male, in his 60's, talking with a white farmer,  
 also in his 60's, approximately 6' and medium size, in  
 overalls. [REDACTED] was discussing the recent declaration  
 of ROBERT KENNEDY as a candidate for President.

[REDACTED] said he had not paid close attention to  
 the conversation until he heard [REDACTED] say something about  
 a man "carrying on down yonder." He then continued saying  
 in effect "that big mouth down there won't live to carry out  
 what he aims to do the day after tomorrow." He continued  
 to say "they have a man on the way down to take care of him  
 who wouldn't miss because he was a good shooter."

3 - Bureau 1 - Memphis (44-1985) (INTD)  
 2 - Charlotte

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Special Agent in Charge

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██████████ stated that from previous acquaintance with ██████████ he was aware ██████████ did not like the late President KENNEDY or his brother. At no time did ██████████ hear any mention of the name of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and he did not have any specific information as to the identity of the intended victim nor the name of the person "they" sent to shut him up. ██████████ emphasized that he had reported the information to ██████████ Creedmoor, N. C., on a confidential basis on the possibility that it might have bearing on the assassination of Rev. KING, but he, ██████████, had no additional information in the matter whatsoever. ██████████ added further that he had been the only other individual present in the store at the time of the conversation. At about the time the above comments were made, ██████████ brother ██████████, came to the store ██████████ and ██████████ left.

██████████ expressed the opinion that ██████████ was a member of the local unit of the KKK. He based this opinion on the fact ██████████ has a Citizens Band Radio in the store and one of the numbers on his list was that of the KKK.

██████████ further reported that ██████████ operated a ██████████ at Bullock, N. C., known as the ██████████. He understood ██████████ left Bullock, N. C., about two days prior to 4/4/68, driving a red Mustang. He was gone for approximately one week before returning driving a light blue Mustang. He stated ██████████ a white male, in his 30's or 40's, who, insofar as he knew, had moved to the vicinity of Bullock during the summer of 1967. ██████████ stated that he thought possibly ██████████ could have been the person referred to by ██████████ although he was unaware of any association whatsoever between ██████████ and ██████████. Furthermore, he had heard some conversation indicating ██████████ had been gone during the week of 4/4/68. ██████████

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Special Agent in Charge

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AT STOVALL AND BULLOCK, N. C.

Will conduct appropriate investigation re [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED] and keep the Bureau advised.

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6PM URGENT 5-28-68 DGB

DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. SUMMARY.

NO PERTINENT INVESTIGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT TODAY.

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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P  
 RE: MURKIN  
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Re KC tel, 5-22-68.

RE: FORMER INMATE, [REDACTED]

On 5-24-68, [REDACTED], SLMO, was contacted at his residence whereupon he advised that his name was [REDACTED] and not [REDACTED] and that he did not remember a man by the name of [REDACTED]. He said that he had a couple of former prisoners staying at his place for a short period about three or four years ago but he could not remember their names. He advised that since his wife left him and ran off with an ex-convict he wanted to forget the past. He could offer no additional information.

Several unsuccessful attempts were made on 5-24-68, in an effort to contact the residence of [REDACTED], SLMO.

On 5-27-68, [REDACTED] mail carrier for the SL Post Office, [REDACTED] SLMO, advised that he has been delivering mail for the past 10 years and that he did not recall the name of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] as residing at [REDACTED].

He stated that the house located at [REDACTED] was vacant for approximately 6 to 7 months and that it was purchased approximately 8 to 9 months ago by an elderly man and wife by the last name of [REDACTED] (phonetic). He stated that he did not know the man's name but indicated that the wife's first name was [REDACTED].

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City teletype to the Director, Et Al,  
5/21/68, re [REDACTED] and Los Angeles airtel to  
the Director dated 5/10/68 re [REDACTED]

RE: FELLOW INMATES

On 5/23/68, [REDACTED] was located and  
interviewed at which time he advised that he was not  
acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY and could not recall any  
information of value concerning him.

On the same date, [REDACTED] was  
located and interviewed and at first advised that he did  
not recall anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri  
State Penitentiary. After viewing a photograph of the subject,  
he immediately recognized it as an individual with whom he  
had worked for several months in the kitchen at Missouri  
State Penitentiary. [REDACTED] said that he occasionally spoke  
to RAY and sometime saw him in the exercise yard but  
he was never close to him in any way and they never discussed  
any personal things.

[REDACTED] said that he and the subject traveled in  
different crowds and RAY did not seem to be exceptionally  
friendly with anyone although he spent most of his time with

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inmates doing lengthier sentences. According to [REDACTED], RAY was quite friendly with a [REDACTED] and who was doing approximately [REDACTED] and must still be in the penitentiary. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] a lifer, also was friendly with RAY though he does not know to what extent.

No leads are being set forth to interview [REDACTED] since he has already been interviewed, nor [REDACTED] since it appears that [REDACTED] is undoubtedly identical with [REDACTED] and information concerning both of these inmates was set forth in Kansas City report of 5/15/68.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau dated 5/16/68  
and Chicago airtel to the Director dated 5/16/68.

RE: ASSAILANTS OF MARSHALL GOLDMAN

The following efforts were made by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to identify the individual using GOLDMAN's gas  
credit card who had been picked up by the Chicago Police  
Department but had been released; as a matter of police  
cooperation.

On 5/20/68, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chicago Police Department, advised  
that based on the information available, he could not identify  
the person allegedly using GOLDMAN's gas credit card who had  
been arrested by the Chicago Police Department and released.  
[REDACTED] suggested that appropriate personnel at Area #5  
General Assignment, Chicago Police Department, be contacted  
since the Shell Station address, 4233 Armitage Avenue, would  
fall within that area's jurisdiction.

On the same date, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Area 5, General Assignment, advised that without

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- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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knowing the name of the complainant, it would be extremely difficult to locate the case number for the original offense that is, the purchases on March 8 and 11, 1968. He said that this case number would have to be obtained since if anyone was arrested by the police department on that charge, it would have been listed within that case number. He said that either [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] might have handled the matter because they are the officers he usually assigns credit card cases to.

On 5/21/68, [REDACTED] advised that he thinks he recalls the original report from the Shell Station and would make an effort to locate it. He further advised, however, that he could not recall anyone being arrested for this offense. Subsequently, on 5/22/68, [REDACTED] advised that he was unable to locate any CB number for a fraudulent credit card purchase on the dates indicated at a Shell Station on Armitage Avenue. He also advised that he had discussed this matter with the various detectives assigned to Area 5 with negative results. He did suggest, however, that [REDACTED] be contacted.

On 5/27/68, [REDACTED] advised that he had no record nor recollection of either the original offense or of anyone being arrested and released on a fraudulent credit card use in Area 5.

Due to the manner in which the Chicago Police Department maintains its records, it would be physically impossible, based on the information furnished, in Milwaukee airtel of 5/16/68, to identify the individual supposedly using GOLDMAN's gas credit card who had been picked up and then released by the Chicago Police Department. Accordingly, for that reason and for the reasons set forth in referenced Chicago airtel, no further investigation being conducted into the identity of the assailants of MARSHALL GOLDMAN.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)  
RE: MURKIN  
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/20/68.

Telephone office, San Antonio, Texas, advised call made from pay phone 278-9024 to [REDACTED] on 12/15/67 was located in Houston Division.

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HOUSTON

Conduct appropriate investigation at telephone number [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)

RE: MURKIN  
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau, 5/21/68.

Re Telephone Calls by Subject RAY  
En route from Los Angeles to New Orleans

A call was placed from Texas telephone No. 538-9598 to Fresno, California, No. [REDACTED] on 12/17/67.

On May 25, 1968, CHARLES WILLIAM SPERLING, 463 South Lind, Fresno, advised his telephone number is [REDACTED]. He received no telephone calls from Texas on December 17, 1967, and he was the only person living at this address at that time. SPERLING advised he could not recall getting "wrong number" call during the period December 17, 1967, but it is possible he may have. SPERLING advised he is employed as a [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]. SPERLING advised he knows no one named JAMES EARL RAY.

A call was placed from Texas telephone No. 563-9747 to Fowler, California, No. [REDACTED] on 12/17/67.

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On May 25, 1967, CARL E. PISOR, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Fowler, California, advised his telephone number is  
[REDACTED] PISOR advised that he retired two years ago  
as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Fowler, California. PISOR advised he could recall no  
telephone calls from anyone in Texas during December, 1967. He  
advised he has relatives near Houston, Texas, but he would  
certainly recall if any of them had called his residence.  
PISOR advised that he had discussed this matter with his wife,  
JENNIE, and their 23 years old son, KENNETH, and neither of them  
could recall such a call.

PISOR advised that no one, other than his wife, his  
son, and himself had access to his telephone on or near  
December 17, 1967, and none of them could recall a "wrong  
number" call during that period. PISOR advised that JAMES  
EARL RAY is unknown to him.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau airtel to Buffalo, 5/22/68.

Re Correspondence Locksmithing Courses

On 5/27/68, [REDACTED], Universal School of Master Locksmithing, 1974 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, California, advised that the school did offer correspondence courses and that only two people had applied since 4/1/68. One of these was in the U.S. Army and the other was [REDACTED] Santa Ana, California.

[REDACTED] advised that students currently in residence were all there prior to 4/1/68. Upon viewing photographs of subject RAY, she advised he was unknown to her.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

Ex-convict [REDACTED] reinterviewed at his present residence, Talladega, Ala., and following is synopsis of additional information obtained:

[REDACTED] was shown all available photos of JAMES EARL RAY and picked out photo taken at bartending school as one most resembling RAY. Concerning other photo taken of RAY in California in January or February, 1968, [REDACTED] said this did not resemble RAY, but did strongly resemble a person who came to a gas station where [REDACTED] worked in June, 1967, in Reform, Ala. This person was driving a late-model red Mustang, and was accompanied by two white males, one being an ex-convict from the Missouri State Pen, FNU [REDACTED], other unknown to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had no conversation with driver of Mustang, but [REDACTED], whom [REDACTED] had known in the pen, told [REDACTED] that he and his two friends were going to Tuscaloosa, Ala., from Columbus, Ga. [REDACTED] had been released from pen few months before [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] claimed he had seen [REDACTED] and RAY in conversations in the pen on several occasions and that [REDACTED] was positive that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] knew each other.

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█████ claimed that █████ was considered to be a "stool pigeon" inside the pen. █████ came from Kennett, Mo., and had been convicted of █████. █████ claimed that RAY was living in F Hall when █████ met him through █████, and that █████ also lived in F Hall. (Review of Kansas City report dated 5/15/68 fails to indicate that RAY ever lived in F Hall; however, it is noted that in St. Louis report of 5/10/68, █████ claimed that RAY did live in F Hall.)

█████ claimed the information he was furnishing concerned JAMES EARL RAY and he did not have him confused with any prisoners with similar names such as JAMES RAYE (as claimed by █████) or JAMES WRAY.

█████ claimed that █████ once said he, █████ could get along in Mexico if he ever got there, and that he, █████, would go to some small town past Mexico City to hide out, if he ever escaped. █████ named the town, but █████ can not recall name. This claim was made in presence of RAY. █████ also claimed he had run off from an orphan's home at the age of 14, and was later "taken in" and raised by a Sheriff. █████ then became involved in allowing the escape of several prisoners being held by this Sheriff in Louisiana. Because of their close association in the pen, █████ said it was most likely that RAY and █████ would get together outside.

█████ continued to claim he had no knowledge of any convict organization in the pen, but it appeared to interviewing agents that he was possibly withholding information when pressed on this point. He said there were several poker games operated by certain convicts and that some others took bets on sporting events. One of these was █████ who operated a game with █████. █████ claimed he had seen █████ and RAY in several conversations together and that RAY usually always played in the game operated by █████ and █████.

█████ identified one █████ (ph) as a poker game operator who also was used to collect gambling debts inside the pen.

█████ identified his closest friends in the pen as █████ from St. Louis, who left in █████ after serving

on [REDACTED] (ph) from St. Louis, who is still confined, [REDACTED] from St. Louis, who was released in [REDACTED] after serving [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who is now believed to be in the Texas State Pen.

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ST. LOUIS:

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.:

Reinterview [REDACTED], as to his association with RAY, as claimed by [REDACTED] and as to all background of [REDACTED] as furnished by [REDACTED]. Obtain further identification of JAMES RAYE and/or JAMES WRAY, from [REDACTED]. From [REDACTED] ascertain what hall RAY resided in during [REDACTED] association with him. Ascertain if he knew RAY to work as a "walk boy" in any hall; if he knew RAY to participate in poker games, and, if so, who operated the game, and if RAY ever bet on any sporting events, and, if so, with whom.

Identify place in Mexico where [REDACTED] claimed he could go to and hide and get along with the people.

Upon identification of FNU [REDACTED] from Kennett, Mo., will locate and interview [REDACTED] as to his knowledge of RAY and the identities of the two persons with him in the red Mustang in June, 1967, in Columbus, Ga.

KANSAS CITY:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO.:

Will identify the persons identified by [REDACTED] as his closest friends in the pen and set out leads to have them interviewed as to the veracity of [REDACTED], their knowledge of his association with [REDACTED] and/or RAY, their knowledge of any convict organization in the pen.

Will ascertain identity of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and have them located and interviewed as to

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their knowledge of RAY, his gambling habits, and their association with him, if any. Will determine if [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are related.

Will identify FNU [REDACTED] from Kennett, Mo., and set out lead to have located and interviewed per information furnished by [REDACTED]

Will review records of [REDACTED] for any information as to his stability, reliability and veracity. Will furnish photos of all persons identified by [REDACTED] as set out above, to be used in reinterview of [REDACTED], if deemed appropriate by Birmingham.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P  
RE: MURKIN

Re SI airtel, 5-25-68.

RE: FORMER NEIGHBOR

Investigation at the Village of LaGrange, Mo., 5-29-68, by SA [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] and his girlfriend, [REDACTED], have never resided in LaGrange. One [REDACTED] stated he has known [REDACTED] in the past, last knew him he resided at Quincy, Ill., address unknown. He stated [REDACTED] Quincy, Ill., will know [REDACTED] whereabouts and believes [REDACTED] can be located through [REDACTED] Quincy, Ill. States [REDACTED] will also be known there.

## THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE AT QUINCY, ILL.:

Will contact employees of [REDACTED] in an effort to locate [REDACTED] and for info re [REDACTED] whereabouts, in order that he may be interviewed re any information he may have concerning subject or subject's family.

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TO SACS LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MURKIN; CR.

REMETEL MAY TWENTYNINE.

LATEST ARREST RECORD IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES FOR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WITH FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]  
IS NOVEMBER NINE SIXTYTHREE, SHERIFF TAVARES FLORIDA, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DISPOSITION UNKNOWN.

COPY OF PHOTOGRAPH BEING FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

5/29/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SACs, Kansas City (44-760)  
St. Louis (44-775)  
Springfield (44-561)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReSLtel 5/23/68 to Bureau, Memphis and Springfield re information furnished indicating bank of Alton, Illinois, was the bank which [REDACTED] and Ray had cased.

If not already handled, Springfield should take necessary action to see that following items are covered:

Photographs of Ray should be exhibited to the bank robbery witnesses.

Advise Kansas City of complete description of clothing found and Kansas City will determine whether any items of clothing are possibly prison issued.

Springfield also furnish Kansas City with pertinent identity of laundry marks so that Kansas City can determine if any of these marks were possibly placed on items of clothing at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Springfield should contact local sporting goods stores with respect to the cap which was found which contains a fishing emblem.

If not already handled, have Louisville attempt to identify the Mens' Style Shop, Gray and Wilson, Mayfield, Kentucky, for any information regarding purchaser of the hat.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (for info)

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Airtel SACs, Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield  
RE: MURKIN

The manufacturer of the sawed-off shotgun should be contacted for any pertinent information that firm may be able to furnish.

The bank robbery file discloses that laundries in Alton, Illinois, have been checked with respect to the laundry marks on the clothing found; however, there is no indication of laundries having been checked in surrounding areas. Be certain this is done.

Springfield request the Laboratory to compare the hair specimens obtained in the bank robbery case to hair specimens obtained in the Murkin case.

Recontact suspects and informants for any information they may have regarding Ray and whether or not he could have been involved in the bank robbery.

Recontact Ray's uncle, William E. Mayher, [REDACTED] Alton, Illinois, for any information he may have regarding the bank robbery.

All leads are to be given continuous and expeditious attention.

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Sutel daily results of investigative activity concerning this bank robbery. Such teletypes are to be submitted under the "MURKIN" caption and are to continue until the issue is fully resolved as to whether Ray was or was not involved in the bank robbery.

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1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SACs, Memphis (44-1987)  
Houston (44-1509)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re suspects [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

Reference is also made to report of SA [REDACTED]  
dated 5/17/68 at Houston.

Pages three and four of rerep set forth information furnished by Lupy Delao who operated the limousine which transported six persons from the Houston Airport during the early morning of April 5, 1968. According to Delao, three of the men were dropped at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel, two were dropped at the Rice Hotel and one was dropped at the Downtowner Motel. Investigation was conducted by Houston at the Rice Hotel, as well as neighboring hotels; however, there is no indication of any investigation being conducted at either the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel or the Downtowner Motel. Delao also advised that the two individuals he dropped at the Rice Hotel indicated at first that they intended to be dropped at the Downtowner Motel.

If not already handled, Houston should immediately conduct additional investigation at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel and the Downtowner Motel, as well as other hotels and motels near those two sites. Determine if any guests checked in following the arrival of Delta Flight 157. If such persons are located and identified, you should set out appropriate leads to interview them if they are no longer

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RE: MURKIN

in Houston. Through the records of Delta Airlines, Houston should also determine other persons who were aboard the flight and attempt to identify, locate and interview.

Memphis, if not already handled, should determine whether or not [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had reservations at the William Len Hotel. Also determine the method utilized in paying for their rooms - cash, check or credit card. Determine from car rental agencies in the area of the William Len whether any vehicles were rented during the pertinent period to individuals named [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

This phase of the investigation is to be given your continued expeditious attention so that it may be resolved at the earliest possible time.

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Date: 5/24/68

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AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

In an effort to give the widest possible circulation of Identification Orders of JAMES EARL RAY, New Orleans has determined that the Port of New Orleans has a mailing list comprising over 5,000 individuals and business firms of all types, including the shipping industry. This mailing list also includes foreign distribution.

This mailing list is not made up on the normal addressograph plates, but are gummed stickers with names and addresses which are affixed to the printed material. The Port of New Orleans utilizes a local mailing service with a special machine which does affix the stickers to the material and the Port of New Orleans has advised that they will make these gummed stickers available to use free of charge.

Inquiry at the local mailing service has determined to affix these gummed stickers to the Identification Orders, they would not charge the FBI more than \$10.00 per thousand.

Bureau authority is requested to expend up to \$60.00 in the mailing of these Identification Orders. Please advise.

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(3) - Bureau  
1 - Memphis  
2 - New Orleans  
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MAY 28 1968

C. C. Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

5/31/68

1 - Mr. Long

Airtel

To: SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)

From: Director, FBI <sup>REC-12</sup> (44-38861) -

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ReNOairtel to Bureau dated 5/24/68.

You should furnish the Bureau the type of individuals and business firms to be circularized in your referenced communication.

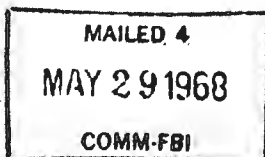
Armed and Dangerous.

1 - Memphis (Information)

NOTE:

New Orleans is requesting Bureau authority to expand up to \$60.00 in circularizing of Identification Orders of Ray to over 5,000 individuals and business firms in the New Orleans area. They are endeavoring to effect widest possible circulation. New Orleans is being requested to furnish the type of such individuals and firms.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach *D*

DATE: April 19, 1968

A. Rosen *R*

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1 - Mr. DeLoach *WJH*  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Felt

In view of current developments, there does not appear to be any need for Inspector Joe Sullivan to be in Atlanta, Georgia, or Memphis, Tennessee. We are now engaged in a fugitive investigation and all offices will have to focus their full attention to any leads which might develop as a result of our inquiries.

In view of the aforementioned, it would seem desirable to release Inspector Sullivan from his present assignment.

## RECOMMENDATION:

I have spoken with Sullivan and he has no reason for remaining in Atlanta. It is recommended he be instructed to immediately proceed to Detroit, Michigan, and en route stop by the Seat of Government for a half-day conference with Domestic Intelligence Division.

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Date: 4/27/68

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(Priority)

(MAIL)  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHARLOTTE

FROM NORFOLK (44-268)

MURKIN

RE [REDACTED]

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NORFOLK APRIL TWENTY-SIX, LAST,  
AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS APRIL TWENTY-SIX, LAST.

REBUTEL TO NORFOLK ADVISED REVIEW OF BUFILE ON KING  
REVEALED IT WAS REPORTED THAT [REDACTED] SUFFOLK,  
VA., HAD REPORTED THREE WHITE MAN FROM TYNER, N.C., HAD  
OFFERED HIM A SHOTGUN AND RIFLE TO SHOOT KING WHEN HE SPOKE  
AT SUFFOLK, VA., ON JUNE TWENTY-EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE.  
AT TIME THIS INFO RECEIVED IT WAS INDICATED [REDACTED] WAS  
CONSIDERED INTELLIGENT AND VERY DEPENDABLE. BUREAU ADVISED  
THAT ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT  
YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED]  
OR ANY OF THE THREE PERSONS WHO ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED HIM MIGHT  
BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR. REC 109/11 4047

CHARLOTTE REFER TO CHARLOTTE FILE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RE [REDACTED] AND THREE WHITE MALES, REFERRED TO 1968

1-Original to Bureau (MAIL)

1-Mail copy to Memphis

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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Per [Signature]

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THIS DATE IT WAS DETERMINED AT SUFFOLK, VA., [REDACTED]  
AND FAMILY LEFT AREA IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR AND RETURNED TO  
WIFE'S RELATIVES, CARE OF [REDACTED], TYNER,  
N.C. ONE FORMER NEIGHBOR IN SUFFOLK RECALLS [REDACTED] SAYING  
HE MIGHT GO TO FLORIDA.

CHARLOTTE CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT TYNER, N.C., TO  
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AS PER LEAD SET FORTH ABOVE BY  
BUREAU.

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Special Agent in Charge

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI SAN FRAN

9:32 PM URGENT 5/28/68 KCK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), & MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (2P)

MURKIN.

RE SACRAMENTO PHONE CALL TO SAN FRANCISCO, MAY TWO FOUR, LAST,  
AND MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU AND SACRAMENTO, MAY TWO FOUR, LAST.

REFERENCED MEMPHIS TEL REQUESTED REVIEW OF CALIFORNIA  
STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECORDS BECAUSE SUBJECT IS KNOWN TO HAVE  
CONSORTED WITH PROSTITUTES WHILE LIVING IN MEXICO DURING OCTOBER  
AND NOVEMBER, LAST. [REDACTED] BUREAU OF  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, TWO ONE FIVE ONE BERKELEY WAY, BERKELEY,  
CALIFORNIA, ON MAY TWO EIGHT, INSTANT, ADVISED HIS OFFICE CAN  
REVIEW RECORDS FOR SYPHILIS PATIENTS BUT THAT RECORDS FOR  
GONORRHEA AND OTHER VENEREAL DISEASES ARE MAINTAINED BY COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND THERE IS NO CENTRAL INDEX MAINTAINED.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM, FOR  
ANY RECORD OF TREATMENT OF THE SUBJECT UNDER KNOWN NAME AND ALIASES.

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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
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SAN FRANCISCO AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA: WILL MAINTAIN  
CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] TO OBTAIN RESULTS OF RECORD REVIEW PROMISED  
FOR MAY THREE ONE, NEXT, AND JUNE THREE, NEXT.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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VIA TELETYPE

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Mr. Callahan	_____
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1248 PM URGENT 5-20-68 ECK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987) (PLAINTEXT)  
FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (P) 2P

MURKIN

*MR. TROTT*  
*Mr. Callahan*  
*Stacy*

ON MAY EIGHT LAST BODY OF UNKNOWN DECEASED FOUND PARTIALLY BURIED IN GRAVE NEAR MAHANAY CITY, PA. BODY CLOTHED ONLY IN SHORTS AND UNDERSHIRT; POWDER, BELIVED LIME, IN GRAVE. EXAMINING PATHOLOGIST. FOUND THREE BULLETS IN CHEST CAVITY. BODY IN ADVANCED STATE OF DECAY, NO POSSIBILITY FINGERPRINTS BEING OBTAINED, PATHOLOGIST STATING OF OPINION BODY IN GRAVE SIX MONTHS. ON MAY SEVENTEEN LAST, DR. WILTON M. KROGMAN, ARCHEOLOGIST, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, EXAMINED BODY AND STATED OF OPINION BODY IN GRAVE ONLY FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. KROGMAN OF OPINION BODY IS THAT OF MIDDLE AGED WHITE MALE, FIVE FT NINE IN TO SIX FT ONE IN, MUSCULAR BUILD, ABOUT TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, DESCENDANT OF NORTHERN ITALY OR CENTRAL EUROPE. TEETH IN UPPER JAW MISSING OR DISLODGED BUT THOSE IN LOWER JAW INTACT AND CONTAIN SEVERAL FILLINGS. LOWER JAW IN POSSESSION OF PSP, READING, PA, WHO ARE RETAINING.

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ON THIS DATE PSP, READING, REQUESTED, AT SUGGESTION FBI PHILA, THAT  
TEETH BE COMPARED WITH DENTAL RECORD OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA-FUGITIVE,  
IO NO. FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO. IF DENTAL RECORD OF RAY IS AVAILABLE OR  
CAN BE OBTAINED FROM PRISON OR OTHER RECORDS, MEMPHIS REQUESTED FURNISH  
PHILA WITH RECORDS, INCLUDING AVAILABILITY OF X-RAYS AND NAMES  
OF DENTISTS SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO HAVE DENTIST COMPARE WITH  
TEETH IN LOWER JAW OF UNKNOWN DECEASED.

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Date: 5/20/68

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- AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are two X-rays and X-ray reports obtained from the X-ray Department, Missouri State Penitentiary.

Upon a review of subject's file, it was felt that dental X-rays were taken of subject's teeth in 1965; however, these are X-rays of subject's sinus cavities, but the profile has a good picture of subject's teeth. Also, it appears subject's right elbow was X-rayed; however, neither this nor dental X-rays are available. A complete search of the X-ray Department and dental laboratory at the hospital failed to reveal new additional X-rays regarding RAY. Those enclosed were furnished by Warden HAROLD SWENSON to SA [REDACTED] on 5/17/68, and are being forwarded for whatever use these may be in this case.

It is requested that when they are of no further value to the FBI, they should be returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - Kansas City  
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*Letter to [unclear] 5/31/68 [unclear]*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Mr. G. W. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Shoneyfelt

SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

May 31, 1968

Director, FBI (44-38861) —

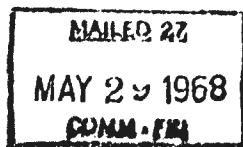
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Reurairtel 5/20/68 submitting two X-rays and  
accompanying X-ray reports obtained from the Missouri State  
Penitentiary.

The X-rays which you submitted have been  
duplicated for use by the Bureau and the original X-rays  
are returned herewith.

Enclosures (7)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)

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ReButel to all SACs 5/21/68.

Inquiry, California State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), 5/22/68, reveals that 15,000 applications for driver's licenses (includes renewals) are received each day from 140 issuing stations.

DMV advised that a recent survey indicated that it would take two people 10 working days to review film received from one issuing office for a 2-month period.

Applications, after handling, are filed by soundex, and with such a tremendous volume in question, the task of reviewing two months' applications becomes impossible.

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1 - Sacramento

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Miss Gandy	_____

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*off*  
*Mohr*

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01 PM URGENT 5-23-68 WHS

DIRECTOR (44-38861)

OM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

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RE BUREAU RAD, MAY TWENTYONE LAST.

RAY SUNDAY, MANAGER, DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU, TEXAS DPS  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, ADVISED IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO CHECK DRIVERS  
LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY SIXTYEIGHT  
CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND  
UNDER FIFTYFIVE YEARS SINCE THESE APPLICATIONS CAN BE  
OBTAINED ONLY BY NAME CHECK. IN VIEW OF THIS, LEADS SET  
FORTH IN REFERENCE COMMUNICATION CANNOT BE COVERED BY THE  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION AT AUSTIN.

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Date: 5/23/68

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AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Kansas City airtel to the Bureau, 5/17/68.

A photostatic copy of subject's Missouri State Penitentiary file was forwarded to the Bureau with referenced communication; however, some of the pages were too faint to read, thus the following seven copies, which are as legible as possible, are being furnished herewith to the Bureau.

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3 - Bureau (Encs. 7) (RM)  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - Kansas City  
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sent to ME  
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Per \_\_\_\_\_

C. C. DeLoach, Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/23/68

*Walt [unclear]  
B. [unclear]*Following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEL AIR MAIL

(Priority)

: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
M : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768)(P)  
JECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, 5/22/68.

RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] son of [REDACTED] advised on 10/68 that he had picked up his father at the airport in Augusta, Ga., and he brought his father immediately to the Paradise Motel in Screven County, Ga. He advised that he and his father had visited various cities in this area for the purpose of inspecting and investing in land to be developed into a restaurant chain. This restaurant chain will probably be known as [REDACTED].

The results of this interview have been set out in FD-302 and copies furnished to Memphis and Denver by Savannah letter dated 5/16/68.

Inasmuch as [REDACTED] did not stay in Augusta, Ga., no investigation was conducted in that city.

- Bureau
- Denver (157-203)
- Savannah

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI WASH DC

FBI ST LOUIS

805PM URGENT 5-23-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR ; MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON.

SPRINGFIELD SEE BUAIRTEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST FOR [REDACTED] ALLEGATIONS  
OF RAY BR PARTICIPATION SIXTY SEVEN.

[REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED LATE LAST NIGHT. REVEALED LOCATION OF  
BANK ROBBED TO BE ALTON, ILL., AND IDENTITY OF UN NAMED MAN WHO  
ALLEGEDLY TOLD HIM HE AND RAY ROBBED SAME AS [REDACTED] LNU. LAST  
SAW [REDACTED] WITH MAN PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN TO HIM NAMED [REDACTED] LNU  
WHEN THEY VISITED HIM NIGHTS OF MAY THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN LAST.

EX CONS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ALL KNOWN TO HAVE VISITED [REDACTED] THOSE  
DATES.

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SL FILES INDICATE BANK OF ALTON, ALTON, ILL., ROBBED BY TWO  
UNSUBS, JULY THIRTEEN SIXTY SEVEN, SEE BUFILE NINE ONE DASH TWO  
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SEVEN FOUR NINE FOUR, SPRINGFIELD FILE NINE ONE DASH THREE SIX  
NINE NINE. DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER TWO MAN COULD FIT RAY. DESCRIPT-  
ION NUMBER ONE MAN DOES NOT FIT [REDACTED] WHO IS FIVE FEET  
EIGHT, ONE FORTY LBS, SLENDER.

SSL CITY JAIL RECORD ESTABLISHED [REDACTED] IN CITY JAIL, SL, FROM  
JUNE FIVE SIXTY SEVEN TO MARCH ONE SIXTY EIGHT. COULD THEREFORE  
NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN BR, OR HAVE CONTACTED [REDACTED] AS CLAIMED  
B, IN SIXTY SEVEN.

AL [REDACTED] LED AGENTS TO ABOVE BANK. IDENTIFIED IT AS ONE HE  
SAID RAY HAD CASED IN FIFTY NINE. MO PLANNED WAS SUBSTANTIALLY  
W/ SAME USED IN ACTUAL PR. SAID HAD DELIBERATELY MISLED SA'S AS  
EX TO AMOUNT OF LOOT AND LOCATION TO GAIN TIME TO BE SURE HE WOULD  
[REDACTED] BE IN CLEAR. HE AND RAY PLANNED TO STAY WITH WEEK FOOD SUPPLY  
DA AT ROOMING HOUSE IN ALTON WHICH HE DESCRIBED AND LED SA'S TO  
AT ONE TWO ZERO NINE FOURTH STREET.

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VIEW OF ABOVE, [REDACTED] BEING CONSIDERED KNOWN UNRELIABILITY.

HER OFFICES RECEIVING REFERENCED AIRTEL BEING ADVISED BY AIRTEL.

JERRY RAYNES, JOHN LARRY RAY, CAROL PEPPER.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS INDICATE NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PORTS TO LOCATE FELLOW PRISONERS, [REDACTED] AND LOOK ALIKE  
SOLUTIONS CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

RE PG 1 LINE 10 WD 6 SHOULD BE ARE

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VIA TELETYPE

MAY 24 1968

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLAINTEXT)

NR -----4-----4/03 PM EDT SHR

URGENT 5/24/68

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, CLEVELAND 44-565 AND WASHINGTON FIELD

WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON

FROM MIAMI 44-1854 2 P

*D. Boyd - 4134*  
*Shirley*  
*McKenna*  
*McKenna*

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS

THREATS AGAINST SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, MIAMI, FLA. FOLLOWING  
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPES (TWO) TWO BUREAU, MAY TWENTYTHREE,  
SIXTYEIGHT.

INDIVIDUAL NAMED [REDACTED] REFERRED TO IN REFERENCED TELETYPES  
IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED], FORMER KLANSMAN,  
KLAVERN SIX, UKA, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., AND RICHMOND, VA., AREA.

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[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED, MIAMI, THIS DATE AND ADVISED HE HAS  
BEEN "SHOOTING HIS MOUTH OFF" SYMPATHIZING WITH INDIVIDUALS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR KING'S DEATH EVER SINCE APRIL FOUR. STATES HE  
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TELETYPE TO:  
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*Bruce T. [unclear] in Kennedy's office*  
*5-24-68 WFO*  
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IS OF OPINION ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, H. RAP BROWN AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL SHOULD ALSO BE SHOT. STATES THAT HE BELIEVES BOBBY KENNEDY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE RACIAL UNREST IN THIS COUNTRY AND THAT HE SHOULD ALSO BE STOPPED, BUT NOT THROUGH VIOLENT MEANS. STATES HE IS A FORMER KLANSMAN AND BELIEVES IN THE SUPREMACY OF WHITE RACE. STATES EVEN THOUGH HE MAKES THESE STATEMENTS, HE HAS NO INTENTION OF PERPETRATING ANY SUCH ACTION AND IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH ANYONE WHO WOULD DO SO.

RECORDS [REDACTED], MIAMI, FLA.,

INDICATE [REDACTED] AT WORK ON PERTINENT DATE.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE NOTIFY OFFICE OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. OF ABOVE THREAT.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADVISED.

LHM FOLLOWS.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CLEVELAND ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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Date: 5/28/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38361)  
 FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)  
 SUBJ: MURKIN  
 (OO: FBI)

Re Bureau radiogram 5/21/68 and Jacksonville  
 airtel to Bureau, 5/24/68.

Re: DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU CHECKS FOR ALL  
 DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS - MONTHS OF  
 APRIL AND MAY, 1968.

On 5/27/68, a conference was held with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the Department of Public Safety,  
 Drivers License Division, Tallahassee, Fla., to make a  
 more thorough and exhaustive study of details in reviewing  
 all drivers license applications in the State of Florida  
 for the months of April and May, 1968, and a more  
 accurate determination of numbers involved.

[REDACTED] explained his figure of 900,000  
 drivers licenses issued in a year that he had previously  
 furnished was erroneous and that was the number of  
 examinations given, rather than the number of applications  
 received or licenses issued.

He advised this figure is high since several  
 examinations are sometimes given to the same individual  
 and a student or inexperienced driver will be given a  
 visual and written examination before being issued a  
 restricted license or learner's permit and thereafter  
 return for a road test examination each of which is  
 counted as an examination. The survey now reveals the  
 following information:

③ - Bureau  
 2 - Tampa  
 2 - Miami

1 - Memphis

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DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS

MONTHS: APRIL AND MAY, 1968

STATE OF FLORIDA

Number of applications for drivers licenses:

70,000

(Source: [REDACTED])

LOCATION OF APPLICATIONS:

1. Tallahassee:

April - filed 27,000 (3 counties not yet reported  
out of 67).

May - 3,000 (none filed since 5/24/68).

All filed alphabetically.

May (unfiled) - Unknown

2. Drivers License Examination Stations

April - 5,500

May - 5,000

Information furnished by [REDACTED] from a sampling  
of Inspection Stations throughout the state.

3. County Judge's Office

to be forwarded to Tallahassee.

April - 4,000

May - Unknown, approximately 26,000  
most of which will be in Tallahassee  
before 6/15/68.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

1. AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

a) Applications already filed: (Approximately 30,000)  
Motor Vehicle Bureau personnel would have to pull individual files from the list of names contained on the Motor Vehicle Bureau form DL 16 as described in referenced Jacksonville airtel. (Names of all applicants for drivers licenses appearing at the 110 examining points throughout the state of Florida). It is noted that not all individuals contained on this list have passed the examination and therefore their applications are not on file in Tallahassee. A copy of these DL 16's for month of April are on file at Tallahassee.

FBI personnel would thereafter review these individual applications for elimination purposes.

b) Applications Not Filed to Date

All applications received on or after 5/27/68 are being held by MVB and will not be filed. A review of these applications could be made by FBI personnel prior to filing.

2. AT THE 110 EXAMINING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Number - 10,500.

In the event an application is made for a drivers license, this application would not be forwarded to Tallahassee and would be kept at the Inspection Station in following instances:

1. Individual takes only the visual examination and written test.
2. Takes neither the written or road test.
3. Fails either the written or road test.

These applications are retained for a period of 90 days and thereafter destroyed.

The above applications are filed alphabetical and would be reviewed by FBI personnel from name on the DL 16 on which no application was located in Tallahassee.

### 3. AT COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

These applications were sent from Inspection Station on individuals having passed their tests and will be forwarded to MVB, Tallahassee, usually once a month and will be reviewed at Tallahassee prior to filing.

#### COST INVOLVED

Other than Bureau personnel...

Approximately \$3,000

Including 5 Xerox copies each of the 3,000 DL 16 forms.

Five employees working from 7-9 p.m. each night for about 30 days pulling files for review by Bureau personnel and the refiling of these files.

#### BUREAU PERSONNEL

[REDACTED] estimated that it would take five FBI personnel about 40 days to complete the project as he feels that a person cannot examine more than 20 applications an hour.

Bureau personnel would be supplied space and could work days on this project.

#### AT 110 EXAMINING STATIONS

Undetermined.

#### ALTERNATIVE

Review of licenses filed at the County Judge's Office as set forth in Jacksonville airtel to Bureau 5/24/68 after obtaining DL 16 from the 110 examining stations.

In this regard [REDACTED] pointed out that for the month of April only a copy of the licenses would be available at the County Judge's Office where as in Tallahassee, the applications would be filed. This application contains additional information such as the license tag and where the person was previously licensed to drive.

[REDACTED] further advised that his experience has been that a lot of county judge's offices have not kept good records as to the filing of these drivers licenses and in many cases he has found where they are several months in arrears with their filing. He said all the licenses for the month of April will be in file at Tallahassee in the next few days but those for May will not be complete until around the end of June.

RECOMMENDATION

Bureau is requested to approve the payment of approximately \$3,000 to the Department of Public Safety, Tallahassee, Fla., for necessary expenses incurred by them in carrying out the above project.

[REDACTED] has requested a decision as to whether he should retain stops with all the applications that are coming in for May and those retained for April be reached as soon as possible. A delay of any length of time would cause his office to "bogg" down with non-filed applications.

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Date: 5/24/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJ: MURKIN  
(OO:Memphis)

Re Bureau radiogram dated 5/21/68 regarding Drivers License Bureau checks for all drivers license applications for months of April and May, 1968.

████████████████████, Department of Public Safety (DPS), Florida Highway Patrol, Tallahassee, Florida, advised on 5/23/68 that approximately nine hundred thousand new Florida drivers licenses were issued in the State each year. For the months of April and May there would be approximately 150 thousand new drivers licenses issued.

The following is the procedure for the issuance of new drivers licenses in the State of Florida:

There are 110 examining points in the State. An applicant appears at one of these examining points and is furnished an application, a xerox copy of which is attached. After an applicant has successfully passed his tests, the application and the fee go to the County Judge's Office. At the County Judge's Office, the Florida drivers license is issued. There is an original and two copies of this license. The applicant receives the original and a copy with the application is forwarded to the DPS at Tallahassee. The third copy is filed at the County Judge's Office.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)  
2 - Tampa (Enc. 1)  
2 - Miami (Enc. 1)  
1 - Memphis (Enc. 1)  
2 - Jacksonville

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The County Judge's Office forwards the copy of the license and application about every thirty days; some of the larger counties are more prompt, others go as long as two months before forwarding same. The licenses at the County Judge's Office, as are those at the DPS in Tallahassee, are filed alphabetically and there is no numerical order of the record. The Department of Public Safety examining points file once a month, usually on the 5th, Form DL 16, which report lists the name of the applicants for drivers licenses for the previous month and if the fee has been paid. There is no other information on this DL 16. A copy of this form remains at the examining point. At this time, the only possible reasonable check that could be made would be as follows:

1. Contact made with the senior examiner, who is an employee of the DPS, at the 110 examining points throughout the State of Florida.
2. With the senior examiner, go to the County Judge's Office and examine all Florida drivers licenses that they have not as yet forwarded to Tallahassee.
3. With a copy of the DL 16 kept on file at the examining point, check the names alphabetically with the drivers licenses on file at the County Judge's Office. For the month of April the DL 16 would be complete, while the month of May would only be partially completed and not complete until around 6/5/68.

Each FBI Field Division in Florida, if the above system is practical, could cover their own leads after checking out the drivers licenses, which would save considerable paper work by one Division.

The above procedure is the only way that a complete search could be made at this time since it will be the end of June or the middle of July before such a search can be made at the DPS at Tallahassee.



In addition, it is to be pointed out that a search of the names of the DL 16 in the County Judge's Office would be much faster than a search at DPS, Tallahassee, as it would mean fewer licenses to be checked.

It should be noted that not all the names on the DL 16 will be found to have drivers licenses as many applicants file and don't return, while others fail to pass.

[REDACTED] advises the following counties have not forwarded their license returns for April:

Bradford, Citrus, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Taylor.

The following counties have already made returns through 5/13/68:

Broward, Dade and St. Johns

[REDACTED] advised because of the present work load at the drivers license division of the DPS, it would be impossible for them to pull that many files during the regular work day. The Major explained that their personnel would have to be the ones to pull the files because of their new mechanical and electrical filing system although the FBI personnel could review the licenses.

The Major explained that some plan would have to be worked out to have their personnel work nights, which would mean time and a half or double time, as far as pay is concerned.

He was unable to estimate the length of time, the number of personnel, or cost involved to review these licenses.

Due to the above, and since most counties still have their applications for May, it is suggested that necessary

information be obtained through examining points and County Judge's Offices rather than attempt to handle the review at the State Capitol, Tallahassee.

For the Bureau's information, both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Jacksonville, Florida, have advised no identification is necessary to obtain a license and therefore a great number of licenses are issued using false names and addresses for faulty identification purposes. Duval County alone had between 3,000 and 5,000 applications submitted for the month of April according to [REDACTED].

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1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) -

MURKIN

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REJKAIRTEL FIVE TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT PROJECT TO REVIEW DRIVER'S  
LICENSE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA WILL BE AT COST OF THREE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BUREAU, YOU SHOULD NOT INSTITUTE CHECK  
OF DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTY-EIGHT.  
YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE  
MAINTAINED CONCERNING SUBJECT AND HIS KNOWN ALIASES IN  
EVENT APPLICATION FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE IS MADE UNDER THESE  
NAMES. ADVISE BUREAU IF REVIEW OF RECORDS INVOLVES ANY  
UNDUE PROBLEM OR WILL INVOLVE EXTENSIVE UTILIZATION OF  
PERSONNEL.

AIR MAIL TO MEMPHIS, MIAMI AND TAMPA.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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NOTE:

The Bureau by radiogram dated 5/21/68, to All SACs instructed each field division covering state capitals to cause a check for all driver's license applications by review for the months of April and May, 1968, as subject may have obtained a driver's license in a state using a name not known to this Bureau.

Jacksonville now advises that due to system as maintained by the State of Florida it would cost the Bureau \$3,000 in initial cost to make appropriate review. In view of the cost and the fact that this is a project-type lead and it has not been positively established that subject would make application for driver's license in another state, this project in Florida is not being authorized at this time. It is known that subject currently has valid Alabama driver's license under name of Eric S. Galt. Jacksonville is being instructed to insure that appropriate stops are maintained concerning any future license to be issued under the subject's true name or known aliases.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM DENVER (157-203) 8 P

MURKIN

DURING DETAILED INTERVIEW ON MAY TWO FOUR LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOLD A LENGTHY, RAMBLING  
AND APPARENTLY HIGHLY IMAGINATIVE STORY ABOUT MEETING A YEAR AGO,

[REDACTED] ONE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHO SHE SAYS BECAME INVOLVED IN A CONSPIRACY TO KILL KING.  
SHE CLAIMED SHE WOULD NOT HAVE FURNISHED THE INFORMATION EXCEPT THAT  
[REDACTED] RECENTLY TOLD HER HE WAS GOING TO MARRY ANOTHER WOMAN.

SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS A HEAVY AND CONSISTENT DRINKER WHO FREQUENTLY  
CONSORTED WITH OTHER WOMEN IN DENVER AND A MEMBER OF A HEAVY DRINKING  
GROUP WHICH INCLUDED [REDACTED] AND OTHER PERSONS,  
MOSTLY NEIGHBORS, WITH WHOM SHE BECAME ACQUAINTED WHEN ONE OF THE GROUP,

[REDACTED] A DIVORCEE, MOVED INTO THE APT. NEXT DOOR.  
SHE MET [REDACTED] AT A PARTY GIVEN BY [REDACTED] IN MARCH OR APRIL LAST YEAR BUT  
DID NOT START DATING HIM "HOT AND HEAVY" UNTIL LAST SEPTEMBER. THROUGH  
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SHE MET [REDACTED]

CLOSE FRIEND OF [REDACTED] AND A HEAVY DRINKER, ALSO.

IN ABOUT OCTOBER LAST YEAR, [REDACTED] BEGAN INTIMATING HE WAS IN SOME TYPE OF ORGANIZED CRIME SYNDICATE, BUT NEVER BECAME SPECIFIC AS TO MEMBERS OR ACTIVITIES. ALSO TOLD WAR STORIES ABOUT HIS LIFE IN THE MARINE CORP DURING COMBAT. HE CLAIMED HE HAD KILLED MANY MEN. SHE WAS NEVER SURE WHETHER KILLINGS WERE WHILE IN MARINES OR IN CONNECTION WITH SYNDICATE, BUT LATER WAS TOLD HE WAS NEVER IN COMBAT. SHE SAID MAJORITY OF TALKING DONE AFTER [REDACTED] HAD BEEN DRINKING AND HE WAS CAPABLE OF DRINKING ONE TO TWO BOTTLES A DAY FOR FOUR OR FIVE DAYS. HE CLAIMED TO BE AN MARINE CORPS PILOT WHO ONCE CRASHED INTO A SCHOOL AND WHO LATER FLEW GUNS TO CASTRO IN CUBA BEFORE CASTRO TOOK OVER, WHILE IN THE EMPLOY OF ONE [REDACTED] WHO HE DESCRIBED AS "MR. BIG" AND WHO SPENT PART OF HIS TIME IN KENYA, AFRICA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUPPOSEDLY CANNOT RETURN TO U.S. AS [REDACTED] SAYS THERE IS CONTRACT OUT ON HIM AND WOULD BE KILLED THE MINUTE HE ENTERED. [REDACTED] ALSO REFERRED TO [REDACTED] AS A "MR. BIG" AND INFERRED [REDACTED] WAS INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

IN LATE NOVEMBER LAST, [REDACTED] TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN INVITED TO ACAPULCO, MEXICO, BY [REDACTED] AND HIS WIFE, [REDACTED] AND SHE WAS INVITED, TOO. SAID IT WAS BUSINESS TRIP BUT NOT CONNECTED WITH [REDACTED] SHE PAID FOR TRIP FOR THE TWO OF THE, LEFT DENVER DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT AND ARRIVED ACAPULCO SAME NIGHT. RETURNED TO DENVER JANUARY TWELVE LAST.

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ET [REDACTED] THERE AT HOUSE, CASA JOSETTE, IN LAS BRISAS AREA OF TOWN. [REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] OF ASHDOWN, ARK, WHERE [REDACTED] HAS RELATIVES. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] LEFT ACAPULCO TWO OR THREE DAYS BEFORE SHE AND [REDACTED] DID.

[REDACTED] GAINED IMPRESSION THE THREE MEN ATTENDED MEETINGS DURING MORNINGS, THOUGH NO ONE SAID SO, AND THAT MEETINGS RELATED TO CRIMINAL PLANS. SHE DID NOT KNOW WHO ELSE MIGHT HAVE BEEN PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] ONCE SAID HE HAD SEEN [REDACTED] ON THE STREET. SHE SAID [REDACTED] RETURNED TO THE HOUSE ONE DAY UPSET. AFTER LUNCH HE AND SHE WENT TO PLACE CALLED LE CLUB AND STARTED DRINKING. [REDACTED] CLAIMED [REDACTED] WAS SOBER, THOUGH, WHEN SHE TRIED TO DRAW HIM OUT. [REDACTED] ASKED HIM WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT AND CLAIMED TO KNOW HE WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] SAID "THEY WANT ME TO DO A JOB. I DON'T WANT TO DO IT. AS YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET OUT OF THIS FOR THREE YEARS, BUT THEY NEED A TECHNICIAN." [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT "THEY" HAD THREATENED TO HARM [REDACTED] CHILDREN: THAT "THIS IS ONLY WAY THEY COULD GET TO ME." [REDACTED] CLAIMED TO BE FRIGHTENED, SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO DO "IT", AND FOR HER NOT TO WORRY. HE WAS NOT GOING TO LET "THEM" HURT HER OR CHILDREN.

SHORTLY AFTER GROUP'S ARRIVAL IN ACAPULCO, YACHT, [REDACTED] IN ARROR. THEY LEARNED IT BELONGED TO [REDACTED] HEAD OF [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] SHE HAD IMPRESSION [REDACTED] NOT ABOARD. AFTER LUNCH THE DAY [REDACTED] WANTED TO TAKE SMALL SAIL BOAT OUT, SO HE AND SHE DID. [REDACTED] CIRCLED THE YACHT AND TOOK PICTURES OF IT AND SOME CREWMEN AT RAIL. THE  
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VED AND CREWMAN WAVED BACK. SHE HAD HEARD THAT [REDACTED] WAS ABOARD. THINKS [REDACTED] MENTIONED IT. FELT [REDACTED] WANTED TO CIRCLE IT BECAUSE OF THE AT. [REDACTED] LATER TOLD HER HE RENTED SAIL BOAT BECAUSE HE WAS SUPPOSED TO IDENTIFY A CREWMAN AND THE CREWMAN WAS SUPPOSED TO IDENTIFY HIM.

NEXT DAY ALL SIX TOOK SPEED BOAT TRIP AND ON TRIP AGAIN CIRCLED YACHT. TOOK MORE PICTURES OF YACHT AND CREWMEN. ON TRIP TO ACAPULCO [REDACTED] TOOK SEVEN ROLL PICTURES TWENTY PICTURES TO ROLL. WHEN GOT BACK, HAD THEM DEVELOPED AT NEARBY DRUGSTORE IN DENVER. [REDACTED] PICKED THEM UP, PAYING ABOUT THIRTYFIVE DOLLARS. SHE SAW THEM AND BELIEVES ALL WERE THERE. [REDACTED] SAID WAS GOING TO KEEP AND WOULD HAVE PRINTS MADE FOR HER. RECALLS THEY SHOED THEM TO [REDACTED]

IN MARCH WHILE AT [REDACTED] APD, [REDACTED] PASSED OUT DRUNK. SHE TOOK THE PICTURES AND NEGATIVES AND LEFT. THINKS HE MUST HAVE LOST THE NEGATIVES AND SOME AIRLINE TICKETS FOR HER AND HER CHILDREN OUT OF HER PURSE WHEN GOT OUT OF CAR AT HER APD. NEXT MORNING DISCOVERED LOSS AND LATER NOTICED THAT ALL PICTURES OF CREWMEN OF YACHT WERE MISSING.

AFTER RETURN TO DENVER, SHE TRIED TO DISCUSS [REDACTED] COMMENTS IN ACAPULCO WITH HIM. HE TOLD HER "FOR GOD'S SAKE DON'T BRING THAT UP." THEY EVENTUALLY HAD WORDS AND DID NOT SEE EACH OTHER FROM JANUARY WENTYSIX TO FEBRUARY NINE.

SHE SAID DUE TO NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE SHE WENT TO HER ATTORNEY [REDACTED] SHORTLY AFTER THEIR RETURN AND DISCUSSED THE MATTER BRIEFLY WITH HIM. SHE SAID HE LAUGHED AND SAID IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT SHE WAS WORRIED HE WOULD MAKE ONE TELEPHONE CALL AND WOULD FIND OUT THAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT. SHE SAID [REDACTED] KNEW THAT SHE HAD SEEN HER ATTORNEY THE VERY NEXT DAY AND TOLD HER SHE WAS IN DEEP TROUBLE. THAT SAME DAY [REDACTED] PICKED UP THE PICTURES AND THEY TOOK THEM OVER TO [REDACTED]



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TO SHOW. THEY ALL DRANK A LOT BUT NO ONE WAS DRUNK. AFTER [REDACTED] WIFE WENT TO BED, BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STARTED IN ON HER ASKING WHY SHE WENT TO [REDACTED] AND TELLING HER SHE WAS GOING TO GET HERSELF, HER KIDS KILLED. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HER HOUSE WAS "BUGGED" AND THAT THEY KNOW OF ALL HER CONVERSATIONS. HE SAID HE AND [REDACTED] HAD TO MAKE A CALL TO DALLAS AND GET [REDACTED] OUT OF TROUBLE. THEY ASKED HER TO GO TO THE CAR AND WAIT WHICH SHE DID FOR AWHILE. WHEN SHE CAME BACK IN THEY BOTH LECTURED HER SOME MORE AND GOT HER TO PROMISE SHE WOULD NOT TALK FURTHER. AFTERWARDS [REDACTED] AGAIN CALLED DALLAS AND GAVE THE TELEPHONE TO [REDACTED] WHO TOOK IT INTO THE NEXT ROOM OUT OF EARSHOT AND TALKED FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. [REDACTED] LATER TOOK HER HOME STILL LECTURING HER.

[REDACTED] SAID AFTER THEIR FIGHT ON JANUARY TWENTYSIX SHE NEXT SAW [REDACTED] ON FEBRUARY NINE LAST AT A PARTY GIVEN BY [REDACTED] SHE AND [REDACTED] MADE UP AND NO MENTION WAS MADE OF PAST EVENTS UNTIL AFTER [REDACTED] RETURNED FROM LUPROCK, TEXAS, IN EARLY MARCH WHERE HE HAD GONE TO BE WITH HIS MOTHER WHO WAS HAVING AN OPERATION. HE WAS TENSE WHEN HE RETURNED AND WHEN ASKED WHAT WAS WRONG, TOLD HER THAT HE HAD HIS PROBLEMS AND DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. HE SAID CRYPTICALLY THAT HE HAD TO DO IT AND HE DID NOT WANT TO. HE WOULD NOT SAY WHAT IT WAS BUT IN RESPONSE TO HER PROBING SAID THAT IT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN SOON, WOULD MAKE NATIONAL HEADLINES AND WOULD BE JUST ABOUT AS BIG AS KENNEDY'S DEATH.

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HE SAID THAT ON MARCH TEN, [REDACTED] MOTHER DIED AND HE WAS GETTING  
Y TO GO TO NEW YORK WHERE FUNERAL WAS TO BE WHEN ON MARCH THIRTEEN,  
SISTER IN LAW [REDACTED] CALLED FROM LURBOCK, TEXAS, TO TELL HIM  
HIS TWIN BROTHER, HER HUSBAND, HAD BEEN KILLED IN VIET NAM. HE  
TO LURBOCK. [REDACTED] CALLED HIM FREQUENTLY ASKING WHEN HE  
RETURNING TO DENVER. DURING THE CALLS SHE LEARNED HE AND  
[REDACTED] HAD GONE OFF SOMEWHERE FOR A WEEK. THE NIGHT OF THE DAY ON  
M MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS ASSINATED, WHILE OTHERS WERE AT HER HOUSE  
AGAIN CALLED HIM. SHE SAID HE WAS AT HIS SISTER IN LAWS AND WAS  
COMPLETELY, OUT OF HIS MIND, DRUNK." SHE SAID HE SCREAMED AT HER  
HAVING A NASTY MIND REGARDING [REDACTED] AND HIM. IN SUBSEQUENT  
HE WAS CALMER INDICATING HE HAD A LOT TO DO IN CONNECTION WITH  
STATES.

SHE SAID [REDACTED] RETURNED TO DENVER ON MAY FOURTEEN LAST AND WAS  
R PLACE THAT NIGHT "FAIRLY WELL DRUNK" BY NINE O'CLOCK. BEFORE [REDACTED]  
RETIRED SHE TOLD HIM SHE WAS SCARED AND ASKED HIM IF HE HAD A HAND  
IN KING'S DEATH. SHE SAID HE REPLIED "WHAT DO YOU THINK, OF  
E." SHE ASKED HIM IF JAMES EARL RAY DID THE SHOOTING AND HE  
ED ASKING HER WHAT MADE HER THINK RAY DID IT. SHE SAID SHE  
ATED RAY WAS PROBABLY DEAD AND [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS NOT. SHE ASKED  
F THAT HAD BEEN A PICTURE OF RAY ON THE YACHT SHE HAD TAKEN. HE  
ED IT WAS. SHE ASKED WHERE THE PICTURES WERE. HE REPLIED "YOU  
THINK I WOULD LEAVE THEM AROUND, DO YOU?" HE ENDED THE  
RVATION BY SAYING HE WOULD NEVER LET "THEM" HURT HER.  
THE NEXT NIGHT WHILE THEY WERE OUT WITH [REDACTED] AND PER BOY  
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FRIEND, [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE WAS GOING TO MARRY [REDACTED] THAT HE THOUGHT HE OUGHT TO BE A FATHER TO HER SIX CHILDREN. [REDACTED] SAID SHE WALKED OUT AND WENT HOME, BUT THAT SHE HAS SEEN [REDACTED] A FEW TIMES SINCE. SHE SAID THAT ON MAY TWENTYTWO SHE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED] WHO WANTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED] HE ASKED HER TO TRY TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AS IT WAS AN EMERGENCY. SHE WAS TO TELL [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING, "EMERGENCY TEACUP" AND [REDACTED] WOULD KNOW WHAT IT MEANT. [REDACTED] CALLED LATER AND SHE GAVE HIM THE MESSAGE. HE HAD HER REPEAT IT THREE TIMES, SWORE AND COMMENTED "WONDER IF MINE WILL BE AS BIG AS THE OTHER." SHE FELT THE MESSAGE FRIGHTENED [REDACTED] AND SHE HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM HIM SINCE. EARLIER SHE HAD ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HAS BEEN REPRESENTING [REDACTED] IN A COURT MATTER INVOLVING THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILDREN OF [REDACTED] BY [REDACTED] EX-WIFE AND HER PRESENT HUSBAND.

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE FILES OF DENVER OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFORMATION [REDACTED], OR [REDACTED] CONNECTED WITH ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. SOURCE OF DENVER OFFICE IDENTIFIES [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH PERSON SAME NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

IN ORDER TO BETTER EVALUATE VALIDITY OF INFORMATION MEMPHIS  
WANTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT RAY, USING NAME GALT, WAS ACTUALLY  
ENDING PARTENDING SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER  
NINEEIGHT TO JANUARY TWELVE LAST.

DETAILED FD THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOWS.

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ORE THEY RETIRED SHE TOLD HIM SHE WAS SCARED AND ASKED HIM IF HE  
A HAND IN KING'S DEATH.

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FBI MEMPHIS

TELETYPE

1200 PM URGENT 5-25-68 LLH

TO DIRECTOR AND DENVER

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN

RE DENVER TELETYPE MAY TWENTYFOUR LAST.

FOR INFO OF DENVER SUBJECT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, FROM ABOUT OCTOBER NINETEEN LAST UNTIL ABOUT NOVEMBER THIRTEEN LAST AT WHICH TIME HE RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES. HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE RESIDED CONTINUOUSLY AT LOS ANGELES FROM NOVEMBER THIRTEEN UNTIL ABOUT MARCH SEVENTEEN EXCEPT FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER SEVENTEEN - TWENTYTWO LAST, DURING WHICH PERIOD HE TRAVELED TO NEW ORLEANS AND RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES.

INASMUCH AS [REDACTED] HAS INDICATED HE IS INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, DENVER SHOULD INTERVIEW [REDACTED] SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS, AND CONDUCT WHATEVER INVESTIGATION IS NECESSARY TO COMPLETELY RESOLVE THIS MATTER.

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FND DM TO BE ADVISED

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cc. Long sfo

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